

Butte-Silver Bow Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2016

I Call to Order

Cathy Maloney called to order the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee at 10:00 on July 20, 2016 in the County Superintendent of School's Office, Courthouse – Room 315.

II Roll Call

Members Present:

Cathy Maloney, County Superintendent of Schools/Chairperson

Donna Maesar, Deputy County Superintendent of Schools/Secretary

Jed Hoopes, School District #1, Transportation Director

Gayle Clark, School District #1, Transportation Secretary/Divide School District #4 Clerk

Maury Cook, Ramsay School District #3, Principal

Cindy LaSalle, Ramsay School District #3, Clerk

Dennis Clague, School District #1, Business Office Director (on behalf of Carol Wold, School District #1, Rural Trustee)

Guests:

Doug Butori, Ramsay School District #3, Bus Driver

III Approval of minutes from Last Meeting (Special Meeting 9/8/2015)

Minutes were approved as read from the July 20, 2016 Meeting.

A motion was made by: Maury Cook – Seconded by: Jed Hoopes - APPROVED

IV Open Issues

a) Ramsay School bus stop issues in the Little Basin Creek area – Ramsay continues to use the Thatcher turnaround to transport students to and from Ramsay School. Status of the Copper Mountain bus turnaround is unknown, although Doug Butori indicated it is not necessary to have the road paved, the dirt road is adequate for the buses to use. Ramsay School is waiting for the Copper Mountain changes to be made. They are hoping by

next school year (2017-2018) the road will be completed and ready for buses to use it. Doug Butori recommended Ramsay school buses only have one bus stop in the Basin Creek area. He would like to keep the route "as is" until Copper Mountain makes the necessary changes needed – then eliminate the Thatcher turnaround. Cathy will draft a letter to Dave Schultz Public Works Director requesting a status update on the Copper Mountain Complex.

b) Jed Hoopes requested that the Butte-Silver Bow Transit System consider changing bus routes to better accommodate High School and Middle School students. The transit System should work closely with Jed Hoopes and Gayle Clark on the route changes. Cathy will contact Gary Keeler, Transit Director with a request that he consider altering bus routes to better serve students of the County.

c) Jed Hoopes requested the County maintain rural roads better, especially plowing the snow in winter months. Jed is requesting Brown's Gulch, Roosevelt Drive, Basin Creek, German Gulch, and Fairmont roads be maintained more than once a month. Tom Loggins, Maintenance Director told Jed he was instructed by the Council of Commissioners to only plow the rural roads once a month.

d) School District #1 bus routes and maps were submitted by Gayle Clark for the 2016-2017 school year, there may be changes that will be corrected and resubmitted at the Special Transportation Meeting to be held in October.

School District #3 bus routes and maps were submitted by Cindy LaSalle for the 2016-2017 school year.

e) Correspondence received:

1 - Jed Hoopes received a letter dated June 23, 2016 from Beaverhead County High School Superintendent Gary Haverfield requesting School District #1 allow Beaverhead County permission to continue using the Melrose Post Office as a pickup point for Beaverhead County High School students inside School District #1's transportation boundary for the 2016-2017 school year.

2 - Maury Cook Ramsay School District Principal sent a letter to School District #1 Board of Trustees dated July 7, 2016 requesting they allow Ramsay school buses to cross through School District #1 route of travel to transport Ramsay students.

3 – Jed Hoopes sent a copy of a letter to School District #1 Board of Trustees dated July 6, 2015 requesting permission for Ramsay School District to again transport Ramsay students across an existing Butte School District route of travel.

4 - Jed Hoopes sent a letter to School District #1 Board of Trustees dated July 8, 2016 recommending Beaverhead County High School be allowed to extend their bus route stop into the Butte-Silver Bow County School District located at the Melrose Post Office.

f) The Transportation Committee will hold their Special Meeting on October 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m to finalize all bus routes and any other issues.

V Other items not on agenda

No other items mentioned.

VI Adjournment

Cathy Maloney adjourned the meeting at 10:30 – July 20, 2016.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Gayle Clark – Seconded by Cindy Lasalle – APPROVED

