


ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016



1) Call to Order

2) Pledge to Flag

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Elementary:

- SBU and its Women's Soccer Team hosted Unified Soccer on 10/11
- Allegany Fire Department demonstrated Fire Safety on 10/13 and are judging Fire Safety projects on 10/21.

- Our first field trip of the year occurred on 10/14 as our Kindergarten journeyed to State Park.
- Our Pee Wee players and cheerleaders are heading to the Super Bowl this weekend! ALES will have a Pep Rally on Friday.



Middle-High School

- Homecoming was a success. Thank you, Gator Community!

2016 Cattaraugus County Fair Show Results:

- Beef- Grand Champion Market Steer and Reserve Champion Beef Showman- Josh Carter (9)
- Dairy-Grand Champion Guernsey-Brooke Andera (11)
- Dog-Master Showman (Grooming & Handling)-Mikayla King (9)
- Goat-Reserve Champion Market Goat-Elle Strade (6)
- Grand Champion Showman-Brooke Andera (11)
- Reserve Champion Showman and Best Jr. in Show-Nate Andera (9)
- Horse-Alegainer Trophy and Shitonka Award-Sidney Gleason (7)
- Livestock-4th Place Livestock Showman-Brooke Andera (11)
- 7th Place Livestock Showman and 7th Place Master Showman-Nate Andera (9)
- Sheep-Highly Commendable Market Lamb-Griffin Klice (9)
- Swine-Reserve Champion Market Swine-Sarah Carter (6)
- Livestock Skillathon
- Senior-2nd Place-Josh Carter (9)
- Senior-4th Place-Griffin Klice (9)
- Dairy-Guernsey Summer Yearling Heifer-, Milking Shorthorn Jr. Two Year Old Cow-1st place, Showmanship 15 & 16 year old 3rd place, Master Showmanship-3rd place, Showmanship 15 & 16 year old-5th place-Brooke Andera (11)
- Goat-Alpine Doe (2-3 year old)- 5th place and Intermediate Showmanship 13th place-Nate Andera (9)
- Nubian Doe Kid (5-9 months)-6th place and Senior Showmanship-4th place-Brooke Andera (11)
- Horse-2nd Place Drill Team-Morgan King (9)
- Youth Building
- Mikayla King (9th grade), Sidney Gleason (7), Brooke Andera (11)

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

9 of our finest high school students made it into the Sr. High Area All State honors groups:

Women's Choir:

- Maddie French
- Madison McClelland
- Erica Volz

Mixed Choir:

- Olivia Feightner
- Daveen Horton
- Sydney Sider
- Aline Wintermantel
- Daniel Wymer

String Orchestra:

- Alice Li

- Daniel Kelly was selected to participate in the upcoming Roberts Wesleyan College Honor Band (Oct 21-Oct 23rd).
- Emmy Li was selected to participate in the Jr. High Area All-State Full Orchestra (Nov 4 & 5th)
- Michael Cook, Sara Miller, Emmy Li were selected to participate in this year's Buffalo State College Honor Band (10/22 & 10/23)
- Alice Li was selected to participate in the String Orchestra in this year's Sr. High Area All-State Music Festival at SUNY Fredonia (11/18 & 11/19)

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Questions
Consent Agenda
Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT





SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Transportation Meeting 10/12/16
- Lead Testing

Lead Testing Resources:

<https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi?Dockey=P100HGM8.txt>

<http://www.cattco.org/drinking-water-testing-schools>

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/toolkit_leadschools_guide_3ts_leadschools.pdf



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DISCUSSIONDISCUSSION

- Final Reading Policy 7220 – Graduation Option/Early Graduation/
Accelerated Programs
- Final Reading Policy 7222 – Diploma or Credential Options for Students with
Disabilities
- Transportation Meeting 10/12/16
- Water Testing



ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CSD

Transportation Meeting

October 12, 2016

Carrollton Municipal Building



9-12-16 MEETING

- Questions
 - Why were these changes made?
 - What was given consideration before making these changes?
- Concerns
 - Only Limestone routes were combined
 - PK-12 on the same bus
 - Amount of time on the bus



9-12-16 MEETING

- Conclusion
 - District would look at possibilities of group stops to decrease the amount of time on the bus
 - District would consider splitting routes PK-5 and 6-12

I. CURRENT ROUTES

- There are always adjustments in the first weeks of school

Route	PK-5	6-12	Riders	AM time	PM time
#10	19	26	34	67 min	54 min
#11	25	33	48	49 min	50 min
#12	32	30	49	58 min	57 min



COMPARISON TO 2015-2016

Route	AM time	PM time
#21	58 min	59 min
#22	58 min	50 min
#4	48 min	44 min
#5	60 min	55 min



II. SEPARATE ELEM. & SECONDARY

- Route #10 remain
- Children on #11 and #12 split
- Result in approximately 80 minute ride
- 51 kids grades 6-12;
44 kids PK-5
- Combined stops saves 4-7 mins.



III. GROUP PICK-UP

- Sight lines
- Sidewalks/ Snow banks
- Streetlights
- Student age



IV. BUS MONITORS

- Cameras considered a monitoring device
- Pattern of misbehavior
- After interventions prove to be unsuccessful





V. TECHNOLOGY

- Wireless internet access
- Handheld devices for entertainment to assist with “shortening the ride”

Thank you for your
continued support.



Dr. Karen Geelan, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Roy Rogers, Director of Transportation

Mr. Michael Watson, School Business Executive

Background

In June-October, 2010 ALCS contracted with Transportation Advisory Services (TAS) for an efficiency study covering the following areas:

- Management options (District-operated, fully contracted program, or management contract)
- Policy and procedures
- Program operations
- Financial
- Labor
- Fleet utilization, maintenance, reporting and costs
- Facility
- Routing

TAS was also engaged by the District in 1996. At the time of the 2010 study there were 1,348 students in the District. Since then there has been an enrollment decrease of about 7.5%. The decrease in student population resulting in a decrease in ridership, coupled with a prolonged shortage of drivers precipitated the formation of the transportation study group.

Some are critical that we have “empty buses going through the district, or more than one bus on a route.”

Our purpose is to answer the question, “Is there a better way to do it?”



Committee

Cathy Andera

Sean Conroy

Bill Fancher

Louise Kucharski

Tricia Lindberg

Lynnette Privette

Christina Talbott

Ashley Bialaszewski

Geoffrey Dodd

Randy Henderson

Matthew LeBlanc

Dean Mesi

Terri Rogers

Also: Kim Brink and Ruth Wahl

Roy Rogers

Mike Watson

Karen Geelan

Scope of Work

1. Defining the Problem – Much of the preliminary work of the committee involved establishing our current realities. Mr. Rogers briefed the committee regarding the fleet, routing, planning, routines and operations, maintenance and repair issues, and explained how some of the “myths” of the transportation department came to be.

One common concern raised by the public is empty buses traveling on our roads. The committee examined ridership and capacity percentages for all routes.

Due to the excessive use of mechanics and staff from the buildings and grounds department to drive buses, the committee looked into staffing practices. Regionally it has been difficult to recruit and hire qualified drivers.

Mr. Rogers explained how routing is determined and how some of our current practices came to be.

2. Change Implications- Each of the proposed changes and the hybrid combination were considered. The committee investigated impact to resources: cost, savings, staffing, fleet, scheduling, routing and traffic patterns.



	General Change Implications
Double-trip	<p>Buses make two trips around the district. First pick up and drop off to one campus, and then pick up and drop off to the other. The number of miles on each bus is significantly increased, but there is a decrease in the number of drivers and in the number of needed buses.</p> <p>Due to the size of our district there needs to be more than one hour between campus start times.</p>
Single Run (Combine)	<p>Buses would pick up all students (PK-12) on the same bus. Students would be delivered to one campus and then travel to the other. The time on the bus for some students would be increased by 15-20 minutes.</p> <p>More bus runs would be needed; however a smaller fleet and fewer drivers would be needed.</p>