SCHOOL BUSES

I. Use of Buses

The use of school buses for purposes other than transporting children to school for regular school hours is permitted with prior approval of the Superintendent and in accordance with regulations pertaining to extracurricular activities, athletics, and field trips. No school bus may be used for personal purposes.

The School Board may enter into agreements with its appropriating body, or any state agency or any federal agency established or identified pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 3001 et seq. providing for the use of the school buses of the Division by such body or agency for public purposes, including transportation for the elderly. Each such agreement shall provide for reimbursing the School Board in full for the proportionate share of any and all costs, both fixed and variable, of such buses incurred by the School Board attributable to the use of such buses pursuant to such agreement. The appropriating body, or state or federal agency, shall indemnify and hold harmless the School Board from any and all liability of the School Board by virtue of use of such buses pursuant to an agreement.

II. Custody of Buses

School bus drivers may be granted permission to park buses at their homes when the Superintendent/Designee determines such action to be feasible, economical, or practical.

III. Replacement Schedule

A replacement schedule for all buses shall be established to assure the Board that any bus considered unsafe or which has reached its expected useful life, will be required to meet at least one of the following criteria before being replaced: (1) be at least 13 years of age; (2) have accumulated 100,000 miles; and/or (3) be in need of a one time repair considered unjustified in terms of expected life after the repair, regardless of age. Buses retired under this program may be disposed of by auction or sale with the approval of the Board.

IV. Transportation Expenses

Transportation expenses for field and athletic trips and other supplemental transportation services will be billed to schools and shall be reimbursed to the Transportation Department. Expenses for summer school buses and extracurricular activity buses operated outside of the approved school calendar shall also be reimbursed to the Transportation Department.

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