

***Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District***

***School Administrative Unit #63***

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TO: The WLC School Board  
FROM: Bryan Lane  
DATE: 4/9/2021  
RE: Bus Contract

Mr. Brown of Steve's Bus Company is refusing to sign the contract the District has presented to him giving him a one-year extension to the current contract.

In a memo to the Board on November 4 that was discussed at the November 10, 2020 meeting, the board voted to give Steve's Bus Company a one-year extension of the bus contract at daily rate of \$277.78 This dollar figure is what Mr. Brown presented as his figure.

With five buses:

Daily rate	# of buses	# of school days	Annual contract
\$277.78	5	176	\$244,446.40

The contract also indicates that for each day of the contract below 180 days, the District will compensate Steve's Bus Company 55% of the daily rate even though no services are provided:

55% of daily rate	# of buses	# of days below 180	Additional fee
\$152.78	5	4	\$3,055.58

This should bring the contract amount to \$247,501.98 excluding field trips and athletics.

Mr. Brown communicated to Mr. Mullin that he refused to sign the contract. I reached out to Mr. Brown seeking an explanation for his refusal to sign the contract. In an email of 4/9/21, Mr. Brown indicated he had miscalculated:

"The district is going to pay 244711.90 for 2020-2021 I based my 2.5% increase on that figure not taking in to consideration the 6 days that are now 4 days at 55%. And for 2021-2022 with the the 4 days at 55% the district will pay 247502.00 not 250002.00 leaving a 2500.00 shortage . I am looking for 2.5 % increase from what we got paid in 2020-2021 . The contract needs to be 252530.00 so that Steve's School Bus Service can get the 2.5 percent increase I want."

In a subsequent email on April 9, Mr. Brown indicated:

"Mr. Lane I am sorry for the trouble but I will not sign the contract for less than 252530.00."

The approved budget for daily bus transportation, calculated on the numbers Mr. Brown provided, is \$247,046. Mr. Brown is insisting that the contract be \$5,484 over the approved budget before he will agree to it.

I remind the board that you have already voted to waive the requirement of a performance waiver which would have increased the contract dollar figure that Mr. Brown would agree to.