

Scotland Board of Education
Scotland, Connecticut
Transportation Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Scotland Elementary School

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Attendance: Present at the meeting were: Dr. Baran, Mrs. Smardon, Dr. Sears, Mr. Perry, Mr. Savino, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gable, and Mr. Morressey
3. Discuss propane versus diesel buses
Dr. Baran discussed the results of his investigation into various school systems in Connecticut that have transitioned from diesel to propane buses. He indicated that respondents indicated that propane buses ran smoothly, started well in cold weather, the cab of the bus heated up faster than diesel buses, maintenance was more economical in that less motor oil is used, and filters do not have to be changed as regularly. Three respondents indicated that drivers would have to be trained in the operation of propane buses in that there is no need to press forcefully down on that accelerator of a propane bus. The various communities that have transitioned to propane buses had various arrangements for purchasing the fuel. A thorough discussion followed with representatives from Hocon Autogas elaborating on issues such as price per volume, fluctuation in the market, purchasing arrangements, delivery, location and construction of the fueling station.
4. Discuss proposed bus contract.
After Mr. Savino and representatives of Hocon Autogas left the meeting at 7:52 p.m. the BOE committee discussed the present proposal by Savino Transportation and instructed Dr. Baran to contact Mr. Savino with the BOE counter proposal.
5. Possible action on bus contract (Action Anticipated)
No action was taken
6. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.