

MINUTES

(ii) **CLASSIFIED:**
MOTION: lafrate/DiMeo

THAT the confidential action items from the Private Session held June 7, 2023 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2023:282 DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

a) TRUSTEE MOTION: Finding Transportation Efficiencies Thru School Bell Time Review (E. Crowe)

- Whereas** *in the report to the Joint Board Consortium dated December 2014, staff stated the bell times would ensure that school bus routes operate as efficiently as possible and would allow for the re-*
- Whereas** *a process for School Bell Time Management was developed and presented to the Joint Board Consortium dated June 2015. It recommended that parents were notified no later than December for changes to be implemented the following September;*
- Whereas** *the implementation of the process was postponed indefinitely, ie never implemented, because Student Transportation Services wanted to implement new routing software which would make modeling easier;*
- Whereas** *the new transportation funding model did not address transportation funding shortfall.*
- Whereas** *the Board has a deficit and other Boards have found significant savings by undertaking a system wide review. For example, Durham DSB and Durham Catholic DSB saved \$1.9M in 2017 and took 48 buses off the road after implementing a system-wide bell-time review. In 2022-23 they undertook a second study to find further savings since school demographics and riderships had changed.*

LET IT BE RESOLVED

THAT Student Transportation Services undertake a region wide bell time review to identify transportation efficiencies;

THAT a report outlining an implementation strategy comes to the Board in the fall of 2023.

Trustee E. Crowe explained that the intent of her Motion is to do the review and bring the changes to the board so that the Board can approve before December 2023 so that communities can be notified.

2023:283 INFORMATION ITEM(S): NIL

2023:284 NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

2023:285 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

**2023:286 ADJOURNMENT: 10:31 PM
ON MOTION: Saggese/Barbieri**