Present:
Phillip Penn, Presiding Board Member
John Vecchitto
Eleanor Parente

Also Present:
Susan Laone, Director of Facilities and Operations
William and Lauren Fenlon, Complainants/Parents of the student

I. Call to order
Presiding board member, Phillip Penn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Business
A. C.G.S. Section 10-186 Student Transportation Hearing and action regarding same. The action may qualify for executive session.

The committee heard the complaint of William and Lauren Fenlon held in accordance with the provisions of 4-176e through 4-180 and inclusive of 4-181a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The purpose of the hearing was to obtain as many facts as possible and to give all officially interested persons an opportunity to speak.

All persons who provided testimony did so under oath administered by the presiding board member, Phillip Penn.

Complainant Lauren Fenlon, who lives on Doe Meadow, addressed the committee regarding the bus stop assigned to her son. Mrs. Fenlon initially reached out to Marion at All-Star Transportation regarding a high school bus route for Lewis Mills, which included picking up a high school student in front of their home, yet her son, a first grader, was required to walk to the stop sign.

Phillip Penn stated that the issue was to determine whether the designated bus stop was safe for her child.

Complainant Bill Fenlon expressed his concerns regarding the drop off which translates to his child having to cross the street.

Susan Laone, Director of Operations for Region 10, conducted an investigation which included following procedural policy. Ms. Laone stated the bus stop is .1 miles from the complainant’s home and that the speed limit was noted as being
25 miles per hour. The bridge on Vineyard Road was under construction for the 16/17 school year necessitating a change in the bus route. It was noted at that time that the bus stop would be altered for one year and one year only and then revert back to its original formation.

Mr. Penn fielded questions from the board members and then called for final comments from all parties.

Before closing the meeting Mr. Penn stated should the complainants be aggrieved by the findings of the Board of Education, which would be made within ten days in writing, an appeal may be made to the state board of education by the aggrieved party within twenty days of mailing the findings.

III. Adjourn:
The hearing adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
John Vecchitto, Secretary

[Date]

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RSD10 Chair