

O. U. T. BOARD

MINUTES
July 9, 2008

Board members in attendance;

Jack Howard, Jim Windham, Donna Gurley, Rebecca Bertrand, George Price

Also present;

City Planner Tim Akers, Director of School Services – Oxford School District
Sonny Brownlee, Oxford Eagle reporter Sue Lynn Mills

OHS Bus Facility;

Introduction of Mr. Brownlee to Board followed by Board thanking him for allowing possible temporary use of bus facility behind OHS for our purposes. Jim Windham expressed our needs and emphatically thanked Mr. Brownlee.

Mr. Brownlee presented issues as viewed by Oxford School District;

How many buses?

Times buses will be leaving and returning to facility?

Liability issue for School District?

Contract end date?

Friday home football games at OHS and parking conflicts (Lafayette game!)?

SRO's (Safety Resource Officers) at OHS concern for impact on campus security

Student assigned parking – 50 spots in close proximity to bus facility

School starts on Aug 6th

Fencing?

Open discussion followed on all of the above.

McDonald Transit input deemed necessary on these issues.

Agreed on future meeting at Bus Facility during week of 21 July. Board members Jack Howard and George Price along with Tim Akers to meet with Sonny Brownlee, Bill Hovious – OHS principle, and Mary Ann Connell – School District Attorney.

Charter Service Request

Intend to put ad. in Oxford Eagle to notify all charter service operators of intent. Comply with FTA stipulations to operate as charter using funds from FTA.

Oxford Board of Aldermen

Chairman Jack Howard to appear before Aldermen on Tues July 15, 2008 to present this Board's recommendation to award McDonald Transit the O.U.T. Management Services contract.

September Meeting Date Change

Board agreed to change meeting date in September from 10 Sept to 17 Sept due to schedule conflict for Tim Akers.

This is also thought to be a better date relative to the Presidential Debate (26 Sept) and start of charter service.

New Business

Rebecca Bertrand suggested that we have some static displays of buses and schedule material for University functions such as Parents Weekend and any other significant opportunities for both student and parent awareness.

Board endorsed this idea and is open to all such suggestions.

Chairman Howard thanked Sue Lynn Mills of the Oxford Eagle for her excellent reporting on O.U.T. Board meetings. The Board wished Ms. Mills the best in her future endeavors and stated that she will be missed by the community.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Gurley and seconded by George Price.

Submitted by;

Jack Howard