

BHPSNJ TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM - BRIEF TIMELINE

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DEFINITIONS

COURTESY BUSING - BUSING THE DISTRICT PROVIDES TO STUDENTS THAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, FOR FREE.

SUBSCRIPTION BUSING - BUSING THE DISTRICT PROVIDES TO STUDENTS THAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, FOR A FEE.

2021

Dr. Varley is questioned about a transportation study and whether or not the BHPD contributed to discussions surrounding the mass reconfiguration of our schools, she is contradicted by several township officials on her claims.

As part of this massive overhaul of our schools, COURTESY BUSING provided to students at the Early Childhood Center was taken away.

The District took a firm stance that there were NO HAZARDOUS routes in town.

As a result of the reconfiguration and realignment, parents were offered a subscription busing price of \$500/student, a reduced rate (of \$1,000) for the first year only.

UCVTS bussing was severely curtailed.

Subscription busing routes to MKM, MP, and CMS were canceled.

Ms. Khanna, Ms. Akiri and Dr. Foregger & NJ21st Contributors attended meetings, attempted to inform the District through public comments and emails; and published articles expressing their concerns.

The Board of Education did not object, nor did the Mayor or any of the Town Council Members then or currently serving.

No one from the PTO showed up to a public meeting to object.

BOE Member Cianculli did not take this "child safety issue" to social media.

2022

Ms. Khanna sounds the alarm, again, on the highly problematic trajectory of the District's transportation approach.

2023

Weeks before the 2023-24 school year, students who signed up for subscription busing at CMS, MKM, and MP were told there was no seating/availability.

No students who received courtesy (free non-mandatory) busing were affected.

Multiple parents and NJ21st Contributors write to the District and obtain responses that are either factually incorrect or do not answer any of the questions families have.

Board member Stanley and the Business Administrator publicly remark that the number of students who receive Courtesy bussing is 200.

However, the total number reported to the Department of Education was 337.

Board members Foregger and Khanna publicly express their concerns with the inequity about parents having to pay for bussing while others received it for free with no clear criteria.

Through elected officials and paid district employees, the community learns that no one knows how many students receive courtesy (free, non-mandated) busing and that NO CRITERIA FOR FREE BUSING EXISTS.

Dr. Foregger suggests charging everyone a reduced rate for non-mandated busing to eliminate the inequity.

A controversial transportation survey is administered to students without parental notification or consent.

A NJ21st contributor informs the public of this ethical and legal violation, and as a result, faces a removal from her volunteer role at our schools by new leadership running our PTO's headed by BOE candidate Terrero.

Board member Bradford requests a "relook" at courtesy bussing as an additional revenue source. The BOE Majority saddles the incoming BOE with Transportation Consultants the NEW BOE would have no hand in vetting.

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes reaffirm the Townships Position of "No Hazardous Roads" with a plan (under the Penna-Stanley-Cianculli BOE) to "phase-out" Courtesy Busing.

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Dr. Varley sends her resignation letter the day after Christmas.

2024

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A resident who filed suit against the NJDOE to get information regarding the Transportation debacle wins.....he is yet to get the information.

Consultants hired by prior BOE claim meeting with the township, BHPD and using a rubric to "score" every road in town, but neither the rubric nor the scoring were made public or provided to the whole Board.

The policy committee, headed by Pam Stanley, creates a Transportation policy as a result of the consultants "work" designating their own list of "Hazardous Roads" and designees for courtesy busing.

The policy does not mandate anything - only displays the roads the Board could decide to bus for free.

Again, no criteria or reasoning for the roads listed after \$30,000 worth of consultant work.

The acting Superintendent provides the Board with three options for busing.

The majority vote to cancel all courtesy busing and only offer subscription busing for those who aren't state mandated to receive busing.

PTO Officers, Political Machine operatives, and Political Clubs come out in droves to talk about the transportation decision (after being silent on this issue for years) in preparation for the coming election.

These special interests deliberately mis-characterize NJ21st's positions in public and on "community" forums.

A video involving multiple PTO officers and BOE candidate Terrero (during her role as BH PTO President) is posted on social media - despite her attempt in having another PTO Officer removed for sharing an opinion she disagreed with based on by-laws Ms. Terrero advanced when she took on the role of PTO President.

The BOE President "likes" this video and comments on how scared she was watching it.

Board member Stanley calls the transportation ordeal "uncomfortable."



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