

## Bigfork School District #38

### NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

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#### Contracting for Transportation Services

If the Board enters into a contract for transportation services, the contractor shall operate such equipment according to District policy and the rules and regulations of the Board of Public Education. The contract shall be in effect for not more than five (5) years. Prior to entering into the first such contract, the District shall determine that the cost of contracting for the ensuing term will not exceed the projected costs of operating its own system. Before any transportation contract to a private party or contractor is awarded, the trustees shall:

1. Secure bids by advertising for a twenty-one-(21)-day period (three (3) consecutive weeks); or
2. Negotiate a new contract with the present contractor, provided the new contract does not exceed by more than twelve percent (12%) per year the basic costs of the previous contract.

No money shall be expended unless a contract with a private carrier has been executed. The Board Chairman shall sign such contracts on behalf of the District.

The District reserves the right to own, operate, and to choose with respect to any other form of transportation, whether it be regular school, co-curricular, extracurricular, or District business programs, the means of transportation that best fits the needs of the District at that particular time, as judged by the Board.

Legal Reference: § 20-10-102, MCA School bus requirements  
§ 20-10-107, MCA Power of trustees  
§ 20-10-125, MCA Bid letting for contract bus – payments  
under transportation contract  
10.7.108, ARM Bus Contracts

#### Policy History:

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