



# Chenango Valley Central School District

221 Chenango Bridge Road  
Binghamton, New York 13901

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Committee:** Transportation

**Start Time:** 6:00

**DATE:** September 17, 2012

**MEMBERS:**

Stuart Elliott  
(Please Print)  
Maurice Roberts  
Sue Ticknor  
Beth Donahue

Present / Absent

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**OTHERS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSSION:** We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of 5 year and 10 year bus purchasing plans. At the November vote, we are recommending the purchase of two 35-passenger busses and one 66-passenger bus. The most urgent need of the department is the hiring of two to four new drivers. Each day is a challenge in covering the necessary bus routes. The mechanics and Sue Ticknor, trans. director, are routinely needed to drive busses. Sue Ticknor, especially, needs to remain in the office. The driver situation will most likely remain desperate until salary benefits improve.

Another issue is trying to accommodate parents who want their <sup>young</sup> children dropped off and/or picked up at

**SIGNED:**

Stuart W. Elliott

(Chairperson Signature)

**End Time:**

7:00

Cont'd. DISCUSSION: multiple locations each week. This greatly complicates driver responsibilities and increases the likelihood of errors. Perhaps the Board needs to look into restricting drop-off/pick-up locations to only two per week.

A third major issue is that of morale within the workforce in the Transportation Dept. Members feel unappreciated and disconnected from the rest of the CV educational community. These are hardworking individuals who are essential to the workings of the school district. This has been a major concern for many years, yet very little has apparently been done to recognize their contributions. The committee has committed itself to come up with some ideas to ~~correct~~ increase feelings of professionalism and appreciation.

Finally, the Transportation Committee is ~~recommending~~ supporting Sue Ticknor's idea to print a mini-newsletter of bus garage highlights along with mileage reports submitted to the Board each month.