**Board Memo**

**DATE:** 10/12/2023

**AGENDA ITEM DETAILS:**

**School/Department**

Transportation Department and Student Services Department

**Product Vendor or Grant Issuer**

Everdriven Technologies

**Product or Grant Name**

Everdriven Technologies Transportation Services

**Date/Term (Beginning and End Dates/Year)**

11/1/2023 – 9/1/2024

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY & STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 4D: Boone County Schools will provide safe, clean, learner ready facilities.

**DESCRIBE USE OF CONTRACT/PURCHASE/AGREEMENT**

This is an agreement between Boone County School District and Everdriven Technologies. In a collaborative effort between the Transportation Department and the Student Services Department, we request the consideration and approval for the agreement between Everdriven Technologies and the Boone County School District for alternative transportation services.

Rationale: Everdriven Technologies Transportation Services will be used on an as needed basis to service students whose transportation requirements cannot be met with district transportation without impacting a larger number of students due to the distance or geographical location. This could include students who fall under McKinney Vento Homeless Youth, students placed in foster care and students attending Rise Academy. While every effort to accommodate students in the above groups through district transportation by expanding routes or by picking up students prior to the start of a route and then dropping them off at the end of a route, there is the potential for situations that cannot be accommodated with these strategies or that would require students to spend an extended amount of time on a bus before or after school and in some instances both.

For example: During the 2022-23 school year we had students who had been displaced to another county. In order to provide the federally required transportation services for these students, they were picked up before 6:00 am so that the bus could then continue to the regular route. At the end of the middle and high school route, the elementary aged student remained on the bus and the driver continued with the elementary route and delivered the student to school. The elementary student had spent over 2 hours on the bus before getting to school. In the afternoon the scenario was similar for the older sibling. They were picked up at the middle or high school, rode the driver’s route and remained on the bus for the elementary pick up. The elementary route was completed and then the students were then delivered to their temporary home in another county. Other options in situations such as this are to pull a driver or office staff member who may be covering a route from their assigned route to transport students which results in the need to double additional routes.

Having the option to utilize an alternate transportation solution would result in not having to double additional routes which impacts a large number of students or having students who are already facing barriers spend extended periods of time on a bus.

**FUNDING FOR PURCHASES AND OTHER REQUESTS:**

**Total Cost**

This is an as needed service and the cost is specific to the unique needs of the student(s) being transported. A fee schedule is attached to the agreement. There is no charge unless the service is used. For informational purposes an example of costs for current services is attached.

**Funding Source**

Students attending Rise Academy – Transportation Funds

**\*If more than one funding source, list below along with amount or percent for each source**

McKinney Vento students and foster care students – ESSER and Transportation Funds set aside for misplaced students

**IF THIS IS A GRANT, ENTER AMOUNT TO BE AWARDED:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend the Board approve the agreement with Boone County School District and Everdriven Technologies, as presented.

**CONTACT PERSON: (submitter)**

Kim Best, Assistant Superintendent of Operations