

Kimberly School District #414
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FY26

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

AGENDA # 11-1

2ND READING ADOPT POLICY 3360 EXTRACURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION STUDENT FEE

At the Board's direction following the first reading of Policy 3360 last month, Trustee Carlson and District Office Administration met to develop an alternative method of recovering a portion of the district's unfunded extracurricular transportation costs.

The district's current transportation funding structure was reviewed, including options that would minimize the financial impact on individual students while promoting fiscal responsibility. Recovering approximately one-third of the district's estimated \$123,925 annual general fund subsidy for extracurricular transportation would result in a recovery target of approximately \$40,000 annually.

To accomplish this, the alternative proposal establishes a flat participation fee of approximately \$40 per activity at the high school level and \$20 per activity at the middle school level. At the high school level, the transportation fee could be assessed to clubs, athletic teams, and departments rather than directly to individual students. Clubs, teams, and departments would determine how to fund the fee through their existing budgets or approved fundraising activities.

Because most middle school programs do not have established fundraising programs or activity budgets comparable to those at the high school, transportation fees for many middle school activities would likely need to be assessed directly to participating students unless another funding source is identified.

The attached alternative policy reflects this approach by establishing a flat transportation program fee that is generally passed on to sponsoring clubs, teams, and departments rather than individual students.

The Board is asked to consider both policy options before determining the most appropriate direction for the district:

- **Option 1:** Adopt the original policy introduced last month, which establishes a tiered transportation fee structure assessed directly to participating students based on transportation usage.
- **Option 2:** Adopt the alternative policy, which establishes a flat transportation program fee generally assessed to sponsoring clubs, teams, and departments, with administrative flexibility for middle school programs or other activities that do not have an established funding source.

- **Option 3:** Direct the administration to develop a hybrid approach that combines elements of both proposals.
- **Option 4:** Take no action and continue funding extracurricular transportation through existing district resources.