



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
June 2, 2020

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 held online through Cisco Webex with the following members in attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Mentzel – Chairman
Ron Chew – Ind. Assoc. of School Bus Drivers
Dr. James Hanna – Pub. Sch. Superintendent
Adam Ervin – Indiana School for the Deaf &
Indiana School for the Blind
Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sgt. Chris Kath – ISP
Kelly Moore – Ind. Assoc. of Sch. Bus
Dist.
Julia Goon – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.
Todd Edwards – Ind. Trans. Assoc.
Loren Evans – IASBO

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Randall Boone– Ind. Dept. of Revenue
Dr. Joseph O’Neil – Governor’s Council on
Impaired & Dangerous Drivers
Terry Butler – Ind. School Boards Assoc
Melissa Lechner – BMV

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

COMMITTEE SECRETARY PRESENT:

Lisa Callihan – Office of School Transportation

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION PRESENT:**

Mike LaRocco – Office of School
Transportation

The meeting was presided by Chairman, Michael Mentzel. The committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum of voting members was present for voting purposes.

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Guests that were present: Ryan Campbell-MacAllister
Kevin Feldman-Midwest Transit
Tyler Nohe-MacAllister
Zack McKinney-Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Reggie White-DOE
Don Gilroy-DOE
Matt Lomas-Midwest Transit
Nate Kreilein

Approval of Minutes

Dwayne Vandiver made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 minutes with Dr. Hanna seconding the motion. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

ITEMS OF ACTION

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Notice of filing of re-adoption of most of the specs. Mike laRocco advised the committee that these were approved.

Legislative update. Mike LaRocco explained all of the new legislation for the year that effects school transportation.

COVID – 19 Issues:

Plexiglass shields. The committee agreed that these do not meet specifications.

Hand sanitizer stations. The committee agreed that these do not meet specifications.

Temperature scanners. These cannot be mounted.

Suspension of second semester bus evacuation drills. Mike made the committee aware of this.

Pre-service classes moving to online in Moodle. The class is in the process of being recorded and we hope to have it ready next week.

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Triangle specifications. Brownsburg Schools have requested the committee allow safety triangles to be mounted in exterior compartments. 575 IAC 1-9-29 says that triangles must be located in an accessible location in driver's compartment. After discussion, the committee agrees to allow Mike to change the language to accommodate the request.

NTSB Final Report – Rochester fatal crash 2018. Mike discussed the NTSB Final Report probable cause and recommendations.

Annual Safety Meeting:

Opened Monday, May 18th.

Six segments – legislative update, NTSB Rochester report review, ELDT, autism, drug test clearinghouse, little known CDL laws

Correspondence

Yellow card revocations.

Talia Morton-Indiana State Police
Joshua Villavecencio-Merrillville Community Schools
James Johnson-Indiana State Police
Hope Parrett-Indiana State Police
Cynthoria Williams-Indiana State Police
Ronald Gibson-Appeal denial

Next meeting date: June 2, 2020 at the Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division.

Adjourn Chairman Mike Mentzel adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date