

**Minutes  
 Indiana State School Bus Committee  
 April 18, 2006**

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 with the following members in attendance:

<b><u>Voting Members</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Voting Members</u></b>
Michael Benway, Chairman	Mark Clawson
Ron Chew	Brent Alspach
Gary Lake	John Perkins
John Rahn	Clifford Zehr
Shayne Merritt	Kent McDaniel-absent
Alfred Stout	Pete Baxter, Committee
Claudia Mellott	Administrator
Joel Silverman	

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following visitors in attendance; Mr. Dave Benjamin, Education Consultant, Division of School Traffic Safety/Emergency Planning. The chairman inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. With none being made, Mr. Stout made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Chew. Motion carried unanimously.

In Items of Action, the administrator reviewed Public Law No. 107-2006 (Senate Enrolled Act 305) which amends the power of the State School Bus committee to include adoption of rules establishing construction and equipment standards for a special purpose buses. Presently there are three safety issues that needed to be addressed regarding a special purpose bus: 1) prohibit a trailer hitch; 2) require a service door or an emergency door lock to conform with Committee rule; and 3) require standard emergency equipment (first aid kit, fire extinguisher, re-reflectORIZED warning triangles, seat belt webbing cutter). After a brief discussion, Mr. Merritt made a motion to accept the recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Rahn. Motion carried unanimously.

In first item of discussion the administrator reviewed proposed changes to the Standard School Bus Driver Contracts.

In the next item of discussion, the administrator displayed a metal cabinet that could be used to secure oxygen tanks during transport.

In items of information the administrator informed the committee that the Division of School Traffic Safety has been researching alternative delivery methods for the Annual Safety Meetings and Pre-Service School Bus Driver Training Workshops.

With no further business to discuss Mr. Stout made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Chew. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Michael Benway, Chairman  
Tobi Gummer, Secretary