



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
December 2, 2014

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the Department of Education office in Indianapolis, Indiana with the following members in attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Baxter – Chairman
Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.
Dr. Joseph O’Neil – Governor’s Council on
Impaired & Dangerous Drivers
James Hanna – Pub. Sch. Superintendent
Ron Chew – Ind. Assoc. of School Bus Drivers
(via conference call)

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Keri Washabaugh – BMV
Carl Brown – Indiana School for the Deaf &
Indiana School for the Blind
Joey Dallas – Ind. School Boards Assoc.
Claudia Koerner – Ind. Dept. of Revenue

COMMITTEE SECRETARY PRESENT:

Carrie Duthie - IDOE

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Perkins – IASBO
Sgt. Chris Kath – ISP
Clifford Zehr – Ind. Assoc. of Sch. Bus
Dist.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Clawson – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.
Kent McDaniel – Ind. Trans. Assoc.

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION PRESENT:**

Mike LaRocco – Office of school
Transportation

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Mr. Baxter called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Carrie Duthie called roll. Chairman Pete Baxter opened the meeting by thanking Mr. John Perkins for chairing the September 2, meeting. Three guests were present:

Shawn McCoy
Denis Wiger
Jacob McBurnie

Brigade Electronics
Midwest Transit
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The September 2, 2014, meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. O'Neil moved to approve the minutes as read, Dr. Hanna seconded the motion to approve; motion carried.

ITEMS OF ACTION

2015 Meeting Schedule – The Committee meeting dates for 2015 were approved to be the first Tuesday of the month as noted: March 3rd, June 2nd, September 1st, and December 1st.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Initial Rule HEA 1303 – school district name and railroad crossing warning on the back of the bus – Mike LaRocco advised the Committee that the letter height would have to remain at 4” to 6” as required by the signed law. The final draft was submitted to the SBA on November 5 and we are waiting their response.

Child Alert notification specification – The Committee discussed the “snooze feature” IC buses have available and is this within current specification for this safety feature. The snooze feature can be programed at the factory for a 1 minute to 90 minute snooze delay. Can this feature be allowed by specification to help buses to meet the anti-idle policy? Is this considered an override to the warning system? Final discussions included to restrict the maximum delay to 2 minutes and assurance that the school district cannot reprogram the snooze feature to extend the delay time. Move this item to Items of Action for the March 2015 meeting.

Brigade Electronics / 360 Camera System Demonstration – Shawn McCoy from Brigade Electronics provided a brief demonstration of the company’s 360 Camera System that allows several cameras mounted on the roofline of the bus to provide a 360 degree view of the bus on a display monitor for the driver. Dr. Hannah offered the use of a school bus to allow a “real world” school bus application. Mr. McCoy will provide the results of the trial to the Committee in a future meeting.

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Mike LaRocco – Office of School Transportation Update:

- **Webber Transportation** – Mike LaRocco and Chris Kath briefed the Committee on the recent situation with Webber Transportation’s buses failing ISP inspection.
- **Gary Schools** – Mike LaRocco provided a briefing on the current state of school transportation at Gary Community Schools and the impending loss of services by Illinois Central School Bus.
- **ASM Numbers** – As of today, 13,508 Indiana bus drivers have completed the 2014 Annual Safety Meeting.
- **Legislative Issues** – Current status of school transportation issues being addressed in the legislative session. A document outlining each issue is provided in member’s binders.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to review for this meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Department of Education in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Without further business to discuss, Mr. Vandiver made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Hanna; motion passed.

Chairman

Secretary

Date