



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
December 4, 2018

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division office, Indianapolis, Indiana with the following members in attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Chew – Ind. Assoc. of School Bus Drivers
Adam Ervin – Indiana School for the Deaf & Indiana School for the Blind
Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.
Terry Butler – Ind. School Boards Assoc.
Randall Boone – Ind. Dept. of Revenue
Dr. Joseph O’Neil – Governor’s Council on Impaired & Dangerous Drivers
Melissa Lechner – BMV

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Mentzel – Chairman
Dr. James Hanna – Pub. Sch. Superintendent

COMMITTEE SECRETARY PRESENT:

Lisa Callihan – Office of School Transportation

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sgt. Chris Kath – ISP
Clifford Zehr – Ind. Assoc. of Sch. Bus Dist.
Todd Edwards – Ind. Trans. Assoc.
Rick Allen – IASBO

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Clawson – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PRESENT:

Mike LaRocco – Office of School Transportation

The meeting was presided by Michael LaRocco. 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.

Guests that were present:

Ryan Campbell – MacAllister Trans.
Denis Wiger – Midwest Transit Equip.
Jacob McBurnie-Midwest Transit Equip.
Kevin Feldman-Midwest Transit Equip.
Kelly Moore-Kerlin bus Sales
Nate Anderson-Bus Safety Solutions
Scott Geyer-Bus Safety Solutions
Mary Adams-Bus Safety Solutions

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Approval of Minutes

The September 11, 2018, meeting minutes were reviewed. Terry Butler moved to approve the minutes with the specified changes. Ron Chew seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The November 13, 2018, appeal hearing minutes were reviewed. There were changes made to an incorrect date and members that were or were not in attendance. Ron Chew motioned to approve the minutes with the changes and Melissa Lechner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Proposed meeting dates for 2019:

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 – STAI Conference in French Lick. Otherwise Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Ron Chew moved to approve the meeting dates to include June 25, 2018 at the STAI Conference. Adam Ervin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Proposed Pilot Program – Extended Stop Arms (Mary Adams)

Bus Safety Solutions presented their extended stop arms in their request for approval of a pilot program in Indiana. Sgt. Kath advised the Committee that the extended arm could violate Indiana's law of crossing the center line. Ron Chew moved to have the item put on the March agenda to allow the Committee to seek clarification from the Attorney Generals' Office. Dwayne Vandiver seconded. Motion passed.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Yellow Card Revocation Appeal Hearing – Cindy Donell

Mr. Larocco gave a brief summary of the appeal hearing for those that were not in attendance.

Illuminated Destination Signs – Interpretation

The Committee agreed that more information is needed in regards to whether the sign would meet the Committee Specifications.

Bus Stop Fatalities – October/November Indiana and Nationwide

Correspondence

Gardian Angel Light System

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The Committee determined that at this time the Gardian Angel Light System does not meet specifications in Indiana. It will be looked at during the spec review.

BESI Barrier Cover Allowance Letter

Mr. LaRocco advised that at this time barriers are allowed as long as the pockets face the driver's seat.

Memo – Bus Stop Guidance

This memo is waiting for approval from the legislature to be sent to districts.

Yellow Card Revocations-

Karen Brown – Noblesville Schools

Shanna Martin – Delaware Community Schools

Maria Hopper – North Gibson Schools – Video

Joandre McAtee – First Student – Boone Grove

Mr. LaRocco advised the Committee that Maria Hopper had contacted him requesting an appeal hearing but also requested an extension on an appeal hearing until after the first of the year. The Committee determined that it is not in their practice to grant extensions and will follow with that status quo and not grant this extension.

Yellow Card Reinstatement – Talisha Nichols, Failed Drug Test

Specification Certification Letter – Thomas and Titan

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Next meeting date is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Division, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date