



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
June 2, 2015

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at the Department of Education office in Indianapolis, Indiana with the following members in attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Baxter – Chairman
Dr. Joseph O’Neil – Governor’s Council on
Impaired & Dangerous Drivers
James Hanna – Pub. Sch. Superintendent (via
conference call)
Ron Chew – Ind. Assoc. of School Bus Drivers
Carl Brown – Indiana School for the Deaf &
Indiana School for the Blind
Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.
Melissa Lechner – BMV

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Claudia Koerner – Ind. Dept. of Revenue
Joey Dallas – Ind. School Boards Assoc.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY PRESENT:

Carrie Glisson –IDOE

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sgt. Chris Kath – ISP
Dennis Wiger representing Clifford Zehr –
Ind. Assoc. of Sch. Bus Dist.
Kent McDaniel – Ind. Trans. Assoc.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Clawson – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.
John Perkins – IASBO

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION PRESENT:**

Mike LaRocco – Office of school
Transportation

Mr. Baxter called the Public Hearing for LSA Document #14-350 (copy attached) to order at 9:00 a.m. No guests were present. Mike LaRocco shared the 3 comments submitted by email.

Mr. Baxter called the committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Three guests were present:

Todd Thornicroft
Patty Waites
Jim White

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The March 3, 2015, meeting minutes were reviewed. Carl Brown moved to approve the minutes as read, Dr. O’Neil seconded the motion to approve; motion carried.

The new committee member representing the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Melissa Lechner was introduced.

The committee was made aware of Ed Kerlin’s passing. Mike LaRocco will send a note of condolence from the committee.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Initial Rule HEA 1303 – school district name and railroad crossing warning on the back of the bus – the final rule was read. The committee reviewed the submitted name abbreviations provided by Mike LaRocco. The rule was amended to include: 2” height restriction, date of implementation to be body build date of January 1, 2016, and rewording of the placement location. A motion to approve as amended was provided by Dr. Hanna and seconded by Dr. O’Neil. The motion carried. The rule will be submitted for the fiscal impact study for review and approval and then on to the Attorney General and Governor’s office for signature.

Child Alert notification specification – The Committee discussed the initial proposed rule for the delay feature allowed for IC buses. A motion was made by Dr. Hanna to accept the rule as written, seconded by Carl Brown. The motion carried.

First aid kit specification – Mike LaRocco made a proposed first aid kit inventory change based on information from the Indiana Department of Health. The committee agreed all gloves and bags must be latex free. Mike LaRocco will survey school districts for data on gloves and hazard bag usage in bio hazard kits vs in first aid kits. Dr. Hanna moved to accept the initial proposed rule as amended, Carl Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Product Demonstration - Todd Thornicraft of Doran Manufacturing presented glow in the dark adhesive tape to mark emergency exits in school buses.

Reflective tape specification language – language in statute says “may” and should say “must”. This change will be reflected in the final printing.

Frame Cracks – Sgt. Chris Kath informed the committee that one school district found 2 of the 2007 Thomas Built buses had frame cracks. ISP Troopers provided inspections of all buses and found no additional cracks. Sgt. Kath is working with Kerlin Bus who found a 2006 bus with

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cracks. Troopers have been advised to be vigilant in inspections to look for frame cracks. Mr. Baxter encouraged Sgt. Kath to inform NHTSA Office of Defects and Investigation.

Revocation of Standard Certificates – Mike LaRocco inquired if the committee wanted to provide language for possible reasons the revocation of state issued Standard Certificates. Mr. LaRocco will provide a language draft for review at the next meeting.

Legislative Update – Mike LaRocco provided the committee with the current legislative update.

NCST – Mike LaRocco provided a brief overview of the congress which met in Des Moines, Iowa in May 2015. Bus specifications and operational guidelines were discussed and updated.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to review for this meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at IMMI, 18881 US-31, Westfield, IN 46074.

Without further business to discuss, Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. O’Neil; motion passed.

Chairman

Secretary

Date