



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
September 2, 2014

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

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.
Dr. Joseph O’Neil – Governor’s Council on
Impaired & Dangerous Drivers
James Hanna – Pub. Sch. Superintendent
Carl Brown – Indiana School for the Deaf &
Indiana School for the Blind
Joey Dallas – Ind. School Boards Assoc.
Claudia Koerner – Ind. Dept. of Revenue

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pete Baxter – Chairman
Ron Chew – Ind. Assoc. of School Bus Drivers
Shannon Dickson – BMV

COMMITTEE SECRETARY PRESENT:

Carrie Duthie - IDOE

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Perkins – IASBO
Sgt. Chris Kath – ISP (via conference call)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Clawson – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.
Clifford Zehr – Ind. Assoc. of Sch. Bus
Dist.
Kent McDaniel – Ind. Trans. Assoc.

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION PRESENT:**

Mike LaRocco – Office of school
Transportation

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Acting Chairman, Mr. John Perkins, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Carrie Duthie called roll. Four guests were present:

John Barrington
Roger Bradford
Jacob McBurnie
Gary Clevenger

MacAllister Transportation
Kerlin Bus Sales
Midwest Transit
IDOE

The June 3, 2014, meeting minutes were reviewed. Carl Brown moved to approve the minutes as read, Dr. Hanna seconded the motion to approve; motion carried.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Initial Rule HEA 1303 – School District Name and Railroad Crossing Warning on the back of bus – After discussion, the Committee agreed to allow the Office of School Transportation, Indiana Department of Education to generate the school district name abbreviations to be used in conjunction with the district number on the back of the school bus. The wording for the rule was submitted as:

575IAC 1-9-16 color and lettering

Authority: IC 20-27-3-4

Affected: IC 20-27-9

(o) The school corporation name, as assigned by the Department of Education, Office of School Transportation, must be placed on the rear emergency door between the upper and lower windows for all buses with a body build date of July 1, 2015, or after. The characters must be four (4) to six (6) inches high and can be in two consecutive lines. On Type D rear engine buses, the name shall appear in a corresponding location on the engine access cover.

This motion was presented by Mr. Dwayne Vandiver, seconded by Dr. Joseph O’Neil; motion passed.

The committee reviewed proposals for wording of 575 IAC 1-9-60 Railroad Crossing Sticker it was recommended that 1.) there be a separate spec for bus with yellow background and 2.) to add a body build date. These recommendations will be added to the rule language.

This motion was presented by Mr. James Hanna, seconded by Mr. Joey Dallas; motion passed.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Seat Belt Instruction and Bus Evacuation Rule –Mr. LaRocco reviewed with the Committee the final proposal of the rule LSA Document #13-541 for Section 1. 575 1-10-1 and 1-10-2 and that the rule was approved and signed on September 14, 2014 at 10:20am.

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Mr. LaRocco will distribute the revised 575 IAC rules to all committee members and others that may want a copy as soon as it is published.

Legislative Issues for 2015 – Mike LaRocco reviewed the four (4) legislative issues being reviewed by the Office of School Transportation, Indiana Department of Education for the upcoming legislative session:

1. IC 20-27-7-8 Inspection Requirements
2. IC 20-27-3-7 Standards of construction and equipment
3. IC 20-27-7-1 Annual inspection of buses
4. IC 20-27-9-5 Use of special purpose bus

See attached copy for details.

This item was tabled until the December 2nd meeting of the Committee.

National Congress of School Transportation (NCST) – the Congress will convene May 17 – 20, 2015. Mike LaRocco is the Chair for the Indiana State Delegation and he has 3 open positions available for interested persons who want to attend.

Notice of Intent to Discontinue School Bus Service – Danville Community Schools has provided intent to give notice at their December 2014 board meeting.

Active Shooter Video – Sgt. Chris Kath presented the most recent Active Shooter video

Guest Request – Jacob McBurnie of Midwest Transit requested the Committee to review the Child Alert Notification Systems rule and proposed to change the rule allowing the ACCESSORY option so this is not a work around option for the driver. He suggests removing the words “or a device may be placed in standby mode when key is in accessory.” Mike LaRocco will provide the Committee proposed language for the December 2 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to review for this meeting.

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The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the Department of Education in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

Chairman

Secretary

Date