



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
September 1, 2015

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at Indiana Mills Manufacturing, Inc. in Westfield, 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.

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

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.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Clawson – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.
John Perkins – IASBO
Kent McDaniel – Ind. Trans. Assoc.

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION PRESENT:**

Mike LaRocco – Office of school
Transportation

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

Three guests were present:

Kelly Bauder
Roger Bradford

IDOE
Kerlin Bus

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The June 2, 2015, meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. O'Neil moved to approve the minutes as read, Mr. Vandiver seconded the motion to approve; motion carried.

The committee was made aware that at this time, that John Perkins had retired from Indianapolis Public Schools, but will continue to represent IASBO on the committee.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Request for variance to specifications - Nick Meyerrose, Transportation Director for Brownsburg Community Schools requested to Mike LaRocco the modification of a wheel chair lift equipped bus to seal the lift door and add a cargo area in place of the wheel chair securement area. After discussion it was decided for Mike to deny the request. Mr. Meyerrose has the option to appeal the decision to the full committee.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Product Review – Mike LaRocco showed the committee a flyer from Field Cargo Systems that provides a fully encapsulated system for school bus seats to be used for transporting cargo.

Final Rules – The rule outlining the district name on the rear of the bus and the railroad crossing label has been approved and published with an effective date of January 1, 2016.

Evacuation Drills – A large amount of schools are not reporting their evacuation drills in DOE Online. Mike LaRocco will send a letter reminding the school districts of the law and will follow up with a reminder to school superintendents. Chairman Baxter asked for a report could be available for public review on a website. Mr. LaRocco will check with IDOE Communications to determine if this can be or should be available for public viewing.

Revocation of standard certificates – Mike LaRocco shared a draft (see attached) of language for a rule for Revocation of standard certificates by the committee. After review, the committee requested specific examples or criteria for the criteria “circumstances endangering the safe transportation of students as determined by the department.” The committee requests additional language outlining length of revocation for 1st offence, 2nd offence, etc. How can the certification be reinstated? What mechanism will be used to identify drivers with revoked certificates?

CORRESPONDENCE

None to review for this meeting.

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The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the Indiana Department of Education, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

Chairman

Secretary

Date