



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
September 1, 2020

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 held online through MS Teams with the following members in attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Mentzel – Chairman
Ron Chew – Ind. Assoc. of School Bus Drivers
Dr. James Hanna – Pub. Sch. Superintendent
Adam Ervin – Indiana School for the Deaf &
Indiana School for the Blind
Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.

Randall Boone – Ind. Dept. of Revenue
Dr. Joseph O’Neil – Governor’s Council on
Impaired & Dangerous Drivers
Terry Butler – Ind. School Boards Assoc
Melissa Lechner – BMV

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

COMMITTEE SECRETARY PRESENT:
Lisa Callihan – Office of School Transportation

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sgt. Chris Kath – ISP
Kelly Moore – Ind. Assoc. of Sch. Bus
Dist.
Julia Goon – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.
Todd Edwards – Ind. Trans. Assoc.
Loren Evans – IASBO

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Todd Edwards – Ind. Trans. Assoc.

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION PRESENT:**

Mike LaRocco – Office of School
Transportation

The meeting was presided by Chairman, Michael Mentzel. 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.

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Guests that were present: Ryan Campbell-MacAllister
Kevin Feldman-Midwest Transit
Kevin Pharr-Edwards Electrical & Mechanical
Dan Goris-Jac-Cen-Dell SCR
Eric Storey-Safety Vision
Joe Funyak-IEE Sensing
Reggie White-DOE
Kelly Bauder-DOE

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Hanna made a motion to approve the June 2, 2020 minutes with Dwayne Vandiver seconding the motion. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

ITEMS OF ACTION

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

COVID – 19 Issues:

Plexiglass shields - NHTSA guidance. The committee was provided the NHTSA guidance on the usage of plexiglass shields or barriers. The committee discussed the use of barriers and are not in favor of allowing the use of barriers.

Hand sanitizer stations. The committee re-visits allowing mounted stations and are not in favor of allowing hand sanitizer stations.

Temperature scanners. Eric Storey from Safety Vision and Kevin Pharr from Edwards Electrical and Mechanical gave a presentations on mounted temperature scanners. The committee discussed the information and are not in favor of allowing mounted temperature scanners. Joe Funyak gave a presentation on a Life Detection Assistance System. The committee discussed this and agreed to allow a pilot program. The LIDAS would be in addition to the child alert system.

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First aid kit. Dan Goris gave a presentation requesting the addition of a tourniquet to be a part of the first aid kit. After discussion, the committee decided to table this for the next meeting. Dr. O'Neil will review the tourniquet.

Railroad decal. The committee discussed the verbiage of the size and color of the current spec for the railroad decals that are allowed on the back of the bus. They agreed to add the term "reflective" to the spec and Mike is going to contact the manufacturers about the available sizes and will get back with the committee.

Triangle specifications. The committee agrees to leave the specification as is.

The committee also discussed the allowance of air sterilizations and a mounted UVC system. The committee did not approve the usage of these systems.

Suspension of second semester bus evacuation drills.

Online Pre-service Class:

Opened Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

Eighteen segments – with the exception of Segment 14 – Fights and Bullying on the Bus which has been blocked for "**violating YouTube's Terms of Service.**"

Mike gave the committee updates on the online pre-service class.

Correspondence

Special purpose bus use-Mike advised the committee on the reason this memo was sent out. There are/were districts that were still confused and not appropriately using the special purpose buses.

Stop arm use-Mike addressed that stop arms are used for loading and unloading students only and not for meal delivery.

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Yellow card revocations.

Larry Rocha-Warsaw Community Schools
Trisha Leimbacher-Duneland School Corp.
Ivy Bailey-Portage Township Schools

Next meeting date: December 1, 2020 at the Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division or virtual if needed.

Adjourn Chairman Mike Mentzel adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date