



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
January 6, 2018

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 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
Dr. James Hanna – Pub. Sch. Superintendent
Carl Brown – Indiana School for the Deaf &
Indiana School for the Blind
Dr. Joseph O’Neil – Governor’s Council on
Impaired & Dangerous Drivers
Terry Butler – Ind. School Boards Assoc.
Melissa Lechner – BMV
Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Mentzel – Chairman
Rex Steffey – Ind. Dept. of Revenue

COMMITTEE SECRETARY PRESENT:

Amanda Smith-IDOE

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sgt. Chris Kath – ISP
Todd Edwards – Ind. Trans. Assoc.
Randall Boone

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Clawson – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.
Rick Allen – IASBO
Clifford Zehr – Ind. Assoc. of Sch. Bus
Dist.

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION PRESENT:**

Mike LaRocco – Office of School
Transportation

The meeting was presided by Mike 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.

Two guests were present: Ryan Campbell – MacAllister Trans.
Denis Wiger – Midwest Transit Equip.

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Approval of Minutes

The December 5, 2017, meeting minutes were reviewed. Terry Butler moved to approve the minutes as written. Dr. O'Neil seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Public Hearing Date – The committee discussed scheduling a public hearing required by the Attorney General because of an issue from seatbelt action. Ron Chew motioned for hearing to be held at the STAI conference on June 19, 2018. Dwayne VanDiver seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

HB1165 – Lap/shoulder bents. Different funding options, liability protection for the driver, passed Education Committee, died in Ways and Means Committee.

HB1377 – Lap/shoulder belts. Mandate lap/shoulder belts, no hearing.

SB303 – Education matters. Depth perception change to 48 seconds of arc, change in capacity allowance for “appropriate district owned vehicle” to 8 capacity including the driver, change in law to reflect same requirements for homeless and foster care transportation. This is the only one still alive in the legislature, has passed the Senate and is working its way through the House.

HB1315 – Ball State takeover Muncie Schools. Part of this bill would allow Ball State University to takeover Muncie Schools. The part relevant to school transportation is that under this law Ball State University would not be obligated to follow the requirements under IC 20-27 which is the main governing statute for school transportation.

Gary – Gary successfully posted an RFP and received competitive bids. Their router and the corporation have separated.

Muncie – IDOE staff spent 16 days in Muncie Schools in August and September because transportation was not prepared properly, causing the corporation to close school for 2 days. Some of IDOE's findings were that they had drivers with improper licensure for their assignments. The vendor prior to Auxilio was also allowing this practice so it was not a new issue.

South Bend – They have opted for choice schools for all. They bus students to one school and leave students unattended until the school start time while they bus the rest of the students to the schools they belong to.

Internal Transportation – Evansville, HSE, Ft. Wayne all do their own internal transportation.

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FMCSA Clearinghouse – Will house records of drug and alcohol violations for commercial motor vehicle drivers. Concern about how quickly a license will be shut down and if it will be able to be undone if a clerical error is made.

CBD Oil – A Summer Safety Study group will be discussing this. CBD Oil will show up on a drug test. Unless prescribed cannabidiol, the bus driver will be required to perform the return to duty protocol.

CORRESPONDENCE

Specification certification letters – Letters from Blue Bird, IC Bus LLC, Micro Bird, Starcraft Bus, Thomas Built Buses Inc., Titan Bus Inc.

Denial letter – National Express driver report decal.

Yellow Card Revocations – Richard Hughes, Centerville-Abington School Corporation

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2017 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Chairman

Secretary

Date