



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
December 5, 2017

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at the Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division office, Indianapolis, Indiana 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
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
Rex Steffey – Ind. Dept. of Revenue

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY PRESENT:

Carrie Glisson – Office of School Transportation

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sgt. Chris Kath – ISP
Clifford Zehr – Ind. Assoc. of Sch. Bus
Dist.
Todd Edwards – Ind. Trans. Assoc.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Clawson – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.
Rick Allen – IASBO

**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.

Six guests were present:

Kelly Moore – Kerlin Bus Sales
Ryan Campbell – MacAllister Trans.
Denis Wiger – Midwest Transit Equip.
Kelly Bauder – IDOE
Robert Downin – Clark Pleasant Comm. Schools
Mike Gaborcik – Fogmaker North American

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Approval of Minutes

The September 6, 2017, meeting minutes were reviewed. Terry Butler moved to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Notice of Intent for Rulemaking – The public hearing was held at 9:30 am this date and location. Four people attended the hearing:

Kelly Moore – Kerlin Bus Sales
Ryan Campbell – MacAllister Trans.
Robert Downin – Clark Pleasant Comm. Schools
Mike Gaborcik – Fogmaker North American

No public comments were received in person at the meeting. Three comments provided via email to Mike LaRocco were review and discussed by the committee.

After the public hearing and reviewing written comments, the committee further discussed and revised the Additional Brake and Backup Lights specification. Ron Chew moved to accept the specification as amended. Melissa Lechner seconded the motion. Motion passed. IDOE attorney, Kelly Bauder, will review if the specification can be reordered without further rulemaking. She will also review

The specification on Seat Belt Cutter was reviewed. Dr. Hanna moved to accept the spec as written. Carl Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2018 Meeting Dates – the 2018 meeting dates were confirmed as the following:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 – ISP Commercial Motor Vehicle Div office
Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – STAI Conference (to be confirmed with Lynn Hower)
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 - ISP Commercial Motor Vehicle Div office
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - ISP Commercial Motor Vehicle Div office

Rex Steffy moved to accept the meeting dates as published. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Fire Supression Specification change request – Mike Gaborcik, of Fogmaker suggested specification changes to 575 IAC 1-9-30 to allow the inclusion of suppression systems for school buses. After discussion the topic was tabled to be added to the specification review process scheduled for summer 2018.

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Mobile data terminals – Sgt. Chris Kath proposed to allow GPS units to have active view screens while the bus is in motion. After discussion, Rex Steffy moved to accept as proposed. Dr. O’Neil seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mike LaRocco will begin rulemaking.

VW Settlement – Terry Butler reviewed the results of the VW settlement with a reward of \$41M to be allocated through IDEM. School districts can apply for grants for use of the money to be used for clean fuel school transportation options. South Shore Clean Cities will assist in writing grants for the money.

Blue Card Extensions – The IDOE has experienced two separate incidents where school bus drivers/school districts/bus companies are working the system by requesting blue cards for specific bus drivers and the driver never completes the training for the yellow card and has been issued a new blue card for the past 4 years. The committee discussed the issue and reviewed the current statute and determined that school districts/bus companies can request 1 initial blue card. If the driver cannot complete the training in the year allowed, the district may obtain a new blue card at the next available Preservice Class. The driver will not be allowed to drive a school bus until the new blue card has been obtained. Mike LaRocco will communicate this to the school districts.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence to report

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2017 at the Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Chairman

Secretary

Date