



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
December 1, 2020

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 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
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:

Adam Ervin – Indiana School for the Deaf &
Indiana School for the Blind

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:

**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
Brett Kuchciak-1st Light Safety
Dan Fillenwarth-Lumin-air
Jack Fillenwarth-Lumin-air
Zachariah Mckinney-Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Reggie White-DOE
Mike Brady
Steve Gress
Roger Harvey

Approval of Minutes

Terry Butler made a motion to approve the September 1, 2020 minutes with Dwayne Vandiver seconding the motion. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

Mike LaRocco advised the committee that Adam Ervin would no longer be the representative for the Indiana School for the Deaf & Indiana School for the Blind on the committee. He is awaiting information on who the new representative will be.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Proposed 2021 Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Ron Chew makes a motion to accept the Proposed 2021 Meeting Date but allow them change if needed. Melissa Lechner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Emergency Triangles

The committee discussed allowing for the expansion to allow emergency triangles to be mounted in an outside compartment. Chairman Mentzel calls for a vote to allow the expansion of emergency triangles to be mounted in an outside compartment located on the passenger side and must be labeled. Committee takes a vote and vote passes. Note-this is an expansion of allowance and not a change to current requirements.

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Tourniquet Specification

At the September 1, 2020 meeting, Dan Goris asked the committee to change the specifications to add tourniquets to the first aid kit. The committee tabled this to allow Dr. O'Neil to gather some information for the committee. The committee discussed this issue and decided to leave this as a local decision. Note-if a school chooses to train it's staff on the proper application of a tourniquet they may carry it and/or additional first aid equipment in/on the school bus.

Lighted School Bus Sign and Stop Arm – Pilot Program

Zachariah McKinney from Hamilton Southeastern Schools spoke to the committee about his district's participation in in the pilot program for the lighted school bus sign and stop arm. The committee discussed the proposed specification wording for the allowance of the lighted school bus sign.

Chairman Mentzel called for a motion to accept the new wording. Melissa Lechner made a motion to accept and Terry Butler seconded the motion. Motion passes. The new wording is highlighted below:

575 IAC 1-9-16 Color and lettering

(m) All buses must have the words "School Bus" printed in block letters at least eight (8) inches high between the warning signal lamps on the outside of the bus body. **This may be retroreflective and/or lighted.**

575 IAC 1-9-51 Lamps and signals; stop arm

(a) Each bus must have a stop signal device to indicate that the bus is stopped. The device must meet the following specifications:

(1) The stop signal device must be a flat octagon-shaped device, approximately eighteen (18) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, exclusive of the mounting brackets, and meet Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) specifications J-1133.

(2) Both sides of the device must be a bright red with a one-half (1/2) inch white border. The word "STOP" must be printed on both sides in white block-letters at least six (6) inches high. The sign, including the letters, must be reflective and must not lose more than twenty percent (20%) of its reflectivity when wet. **The sign may be lighted.**

Safe Gates Pilot Program Request

The committee discussed the request from a contractor for a pilot program for Safe Gates LED light and reflective arm that extends the stop arm. The committee discussed this allowance. The committee denied this request since extended stop arms are not authorized for use in Indiana.

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Luminaire UV light Air Purification Pilot Request

Dan Fillenwarth presented the committee with the Luminaire UV Light Air Purification system. He explained the use and how the system would be mounted in the bus. He also advised the committee that there have been multiple districts in Indiana that have approached their company interested in participating in the pilot program. The committee decided there needed to be input from the dealers and if it would affect the OEM warranty. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Tourniquet Specification

The committee addressed this in the Items of Action portion of the meeting. The tourniquets can already be on the bus, but the committee agrees that the drivers need to have proper training if the district is going to put the tourniquet on their bus.

Correspondence

Yellow card revocations.

Austin Moxley-Indiana State Police request
Erica Ball-Indiana State Police request
Patricia Kreig-Perry Township Schools
Lori Arnett-Plainfield Schools
Erica Leonard-Illinois Central Schools

Next meeting date: March 2, 2021 at the Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division or virtual if needed.

Adjourn Chairman Mike Mentzel adjourned the meeting at 11:19 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date