



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
September 5, 2017

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at the Indiana Department of Education, 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
Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.
Terry Butler – Ind. School Boards Assoc.
Melissa Lechner – BMV

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rex Steffey – Ind. Dept. of Revenue

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.
Rick Allen – IASBO

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Clawson – Ind. Twnshp. 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.

Six guests were present:

Kelly Moore – Kerlin Bus Sales
Ryan Campbell – MacAllister Trans.
Denis Wiger – Midwest Transit Equip.
Dave McDonald – Rosco Vision Systems
Josh Terebinski – Rosco Vision Systems
Tracey Commander - BMV

New Chairman, Michael Mentzel, was introduced to the Committee.

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Approval of Minutes

The June 6, 2017, meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Carl Brown moved to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Notice of Intent for Rulemaking – Seat Belt Cutter and Rear Lights – we received approval from the State Budgeting Agency on the fiscal analysis for the rules. Additional discussion was conducted on the seat belt cutter and brake lights on the rear of the bus specification changes. Mr. Rick Allen made a motion to approve the Seat Belt Cutter and Rear Light specification changes as written. Mr. Ron Chew seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The public meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 9:30am at the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division office, Indianapolis, Indiana, immediately prior to the Indiana State School Bus Committee meeting. Dr. O’Neal moved to hold the public hearing as noted. Mr. Carl Hanna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Rosco Vision Systems presented the 360 degree camera system for viewing blind spots on the outside of the bus via a monitor located in the student mirror above the driver. Rosco requested to provide a pilot proposal and would provide 4 systems at no charge to participating school districts. Mike LaRocco will work with Dave McDonald to set testing parameters and specific details of the pilot program. Mr. Dwayne VanDiver moved to allow the pilot program to proceed per upcoming parameters. Melissa Lechner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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 would like to review this allowance. Mr. Mike LaRocco will provide specific language at the December Committee meeting.

South Bend Community Schools with Sound Off systems requested a pilot program for the testing of the Sound Off lighted signage to be mounted in the center of the rear of the bus. Provided materials were presented and discussed. Issued died for lack of supporting motion. Mr. Mike LaRocco will inform South Bend Community Schools.

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CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence to report

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at the Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Chairman

Secretary

Date