

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ILLINOIS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 9, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cathy Allen
Bill Beck
Kevin Duesterhaus
Ray Gawron
Brad Hulick
Tim Imler
Jamie Johnson
Clayton Naylor
Corrie Ray
Mike Slife
Mike Stier
Julie Wollerman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jean Anderson
Tom Beck
John Hawkins
Patrick Johnson
Tammi Kestel
Paul Losos
Debora McCleary
Mike Medin
Jim Nelson
Chip Pew
Mike Reinders
Charlie Semple
Matt Snyder
Dan Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Ray Gawron.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 MINUTES:

Julie Wollerman made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Beck.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

FY15 Transportation Appropriations – Tim Imler

Tim stated that ISBE is proposing level funding for the FY16 state budget. Regular transportation proration will be close to the FY15 estimate. Jamie is currently working on corrections. Bill Beck inquired about September's payment to districts, and Tim stated that district should have September & December payments by June 30, 2015.

16th National Congress (NCST) – Mike Slife

There is a team in place now and waiting for registration. Team consists of Kevin Duesterhaus, Cathy Allen, Patrick Johnson, John Benish, Don West and Anthony Mendoza.

School Bus Accident Requirements – Mike Slife

Cathy stated that Paragraph B is not enforced regarding the reporting of accidents within 50 feet of a school bus.

Transportation Shared Services Report – Mike Slife

Question was asked if there would be reimbursement for those with shared transportation bus contracts. It is still unknown how it will be handled. (Public Act 98-0907)

NASDPTS School Transportation Conference – Mike Slife

Mike attended the conference in November. Seatbelt issues and unarmed bus drivers were a few of the topics covered. Mike stated that there are videos showing different scenarios and guidelines for handling this type of situation. He will be showing the videos at training this summer as well.

School Bus Driver Training Curriculum Updated –Mike Slife

The committee was able to meet and discussed updates that need to be made to the bullying & gang related sections. Mike is hoping to meet again in March.

ROE Transportation Meetings – Mike Stier/Mike Slife

IAPT has suggested offering meetings again. ROEs will offer to see if anyone is interested.

Other Business – Mike Slife

Kevin Duesterhaus stated that a new federal law will become effective July 8, 2015. For 2016, the Secretary of State's office will be implementing a system to help prevent fraudulent address issues. Drivers will be issued a receipt after testing and the license will be sent via mail to applicant's home. Kevin will discuss further details at the March IPTAC meeting.

Cathy Allen discussed that while wheelchair decals are not required on buses, IDOT is requesting they be placed in particular spots such as rear window bottom corner and/or on the glass on lift gate/door.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Beck and seconded by Julie Wollerman.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2015.