

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

March 13, 2018

10:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cathy Allen - IDOT
Bill Beck – Durham Transportation
Kevin Duesterhaus – IL SOS
Stephanie Grant – IL SOS
Josh Keeley – IL SOS
Tim Imler - ISBE
Diana Mikelski – Township HS D211
Dave Richards – IAPT Central
Charlie Semple – IAPT Southern
Mike Slife – Rockford Public Schools # 205
Matt Snyder ROE # 39
Mike Stier - ISBE
Derrick Berlin – IAPT Northern
Patrick Johnson – ISTA
Julie Wollerman – ROE # 3
Jeff Smith – ROE # 16

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Benish – Cook Illinois
Tammi Kestel – ISP
Mark Morten - ISBE
Corrie Ray – ROE #12
Mike Medin – Cook Illinois
Chip Pew – Operation LifeSaver
Mike Reinders – IAPT President
Kim Rentner – Tyler Technologies
Grant White - IDOT
Beth Derry – ROE # 48

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Mike Stier.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12, 2017 MINUTES:

Bill Beck made a motion to approve the March minutes, Charlie Semple seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Cathy Allen introduced Grant White in his absence and explained that he will be acting in Dan Thompson's place for the near future. Any concerns regarding the testing stations can be directed to him at 217-785-1181.

Kevin Duesterhaus introduced Stephanie Grant (Kevin's assistant) and Josh Keeley (supervisor within Safe Ride) as members of the IL SOS as future attendees.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY 19 Transportation – ISBE and Governor Recommendations – Tim Imler

Tim gave a status update on the Boards recommendations for 100% funding for Vocational and Special Education Transportation for the FY19 state budget. He went on to explain what Governor Rauner's recommendations are and the differences. 84% regular and vocational transportation and 87% special education transportation. Tim asked for any questions or comments.

Tim gave a brief synopsis on EBF as it relates to the five grant programs that were affected; General State Aid, Special Education Personnel, Special Education Funding for Children Requiring Services, Special Education Summer School, and English Learner Education. These grants were consolidated and rolled into new funding. Funding will not be held up by the Comptroller and will be distributed twice a month. Transportation was not affected.

Legislation – Mike Stier

Mike presented an outline of Bills for 2018 that are currently in legislation. HB4334 amends the Vehicle Code regarding finger prints for permits. HB5195 Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code in regards to hazardous activity in the 1 ½ mile limitation for transportation. HB5653 Amends the School Code in regards to complaints against school bus drivers and reporting to SOS. SB2482 Amends the Vehicle Code in regards to requirements / use of eight-way light systems to transport persons 18 years of age or younger in connections with a licensed youth camp or licensed child care facility.

Drivers Permit Restrictions – Patrick Johnson

Patrick summarized proposed SB3003 Amending the Illinois Vehicle Code in regards to Mexico being considered a "state" for the purpose of obtaining a school bus drivers permit. It also contains language specifying the regulations regarding offenses under the Criminal Code of 2012, felonies under the Cannabis Control, Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act and the Liquor Control Act of 1934 to limit the time frame those offenses can negatively affect an individual from obtaining a school bus driver permit. HB 5662 was discussed regarding the proposed amendment for the time limitation a bus can remain in idol within a 60 min period and the effects that may have on the students requiring additional time loading and unloading based on disabilities or special education needs verses the environmental concerns. Tim stated he felt safety supersedes.

Tim discussed Part 252 regarding Drivers Education Contracts to Private Facilities and the requirements for Instructors. Requiring the instructors to be SOS & ISBE certified.

In addition Tim stated that at the March Board of Education meeting a modification of rules will be presented to include the possibility of "Virtual Instruction" limitations, when Districts can provide an additional opportunity for the in class portion of Drivers Education requirements to be met. Whereas

when certain circumstances may arise in which a student cannot be in class for the 30 hours of instruction such as death in the family, home hospital and medical conditions allowing the students to complete the requirements through a means of virtual instructions.

SOS Updates – Kevin Duesterhaus

Kevin advised the board of the Real ID Act that has a tentative completion date of January 1, 2019. The purposes for a Real ID License is that it would be a Unified Federal License. Conversation regarding this included the benefits related to interstate travel. SOS is shooting for an Oct 1, 2018 rollout date.

Kevin asked that he have time on the June Agenda. Specifically the revised pre-trip inspection check list to amend the rules. The Federal mandate is to make the daily pre trip inspection “randomized” due to concerns that lack of routine in the check list has created expectations in the inspections and important checks such as “under the hood” knowledge is being under emphasized. The new standards will be rolled out July 1, 2018.

National Registry II- Should be out by 7-1-2018 but has been pushed back (Electronic filing/medical card).

IDOT Updates – Cathy Allen

Supplemental Warning Lighting is not in compliance with the CFR. She has been in contact with one of the vendors, but no response. She asked that Mike Slife and Dave Richards to reach out to the vendor and follow up with a statement from them that these light do comply with the CFR. The amendment of the Administrative Rules are still in Progress – nothing yet.

Instructor – General Guidance – Mike Stier

Mike stated that some of the ROEs have ask about a Job Descriptions for School Bus Driver Instructors and advised that we are developing general guidance for instructor qualifications. Mike also advised that an old form, “Approval Application for Special Education Transportation for Community Based Instruction” is now on the web site.

Uber / Lyft / Truancy Officers / Medical Vans, etc. Transporting Students – Mike Stier

Mike presented to the committee questions regarding transporting students by Uber, Lyft, Medivan and Truancy Officers and that if it was home to school to home on a regular route a school bus driver permit is required. The question also came up as to if personal vehicles are used. Cathy Allen stated that it does not make a difference as to who owns the vehicle if a school bus driver permit is required, the vehicle used is required to meet the IDOT inspection lane standard and testing. Mike Stier also stated that a permit is required for curriculum related trips as well in these first division vehicles. Such as a job coach transporting a student to a jobsite or Communittee Based Educations (CBE) trips. Both Kevin of IL SOS and Cathy of IDOT added the expectations of the agencies they represent in regards to the rules that apply.

OLD BUSINESS:

Athletic and Field Trip Trips – Text Attendance / Folder for Attendance – Charlie Semple

Charlie advised the board why a plan needs to be in place to track attendance of students at activities. The need for schools to have roosters and/or sign in sheets not only on the bus but with coaches and school personnel, EMS recommends this for quicker assessment in emergencies. Matt Snyder stated that the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents (IARSS) discussed this and felt it was an excellent idea and some have decided to implement this and make it a standard routine.

Statewide Transportation after Hours Contact List – Charlie Semple

Julie Wollerman of ROE #3 shared how her ROE created an online PDF of “After Hours Contacts”. The list makes it easy when there are issues that may arise and the closest contact to the issue would be the most beneficial choice. Julie is going to check with IARSS to see about making this a statewide list available to the districts to have and use.

Summer Training for Instructors – Mike Stier

Mike advised of the upcoming training for Instructors will be held in East Peoria on June 18, 2018. He explained that the training would be presented both in person and if needed via an online training session. He also stated that IAPT will be holding an optional Reasonable Suspicion Drug and Alcohol training class following the Instructor Training and that is would be a good continuing education class for the instructors to attend. Following that same week IAPT will be hosting their annual conference in East Peoria.

Upcoming IPTAC meeting 2018 dates

June 12, 2018 (Tuesday) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Beck and seconded by Kevin Duesterhaus. Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 pm. Next IPTAC meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2018.