ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ILLINOIS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 12, 2018 10:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cathy Allen - IDOT

Bill Beck - Durham Transportation

Kevin Duesterhaus - IL SOS

Stephanie Grant - IL SOS

Tim Imler - ISBE

Diana Mikelski - Township HS D211

Dave Richards - IAPT Central

Corrie Ray - ROE #12

Mike Slife - Rockford Public Schools # 205

Mike Stier - ISBE

Julie Wollerman - ROE # 3

Jeff Smith - ROE # 16

Tina Mitchell - ISBE Staff

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Benish – Cook Illinois

Derrick Berlin – IAPT Northern

Patrick Johnson – ISTA

Tammi Kestel – ISP

Josh Keeley – IL SOS

Mark Morten - ISBE

Corrie Ray – ROE #12

Mike Medin – Cook Illinois

Chip Pew – Operation LifeSaver

Mike Reinders – IAPT President

Kim Rentner – Tyler Technologies

Charlie Semple – IAPT Southern

Matt Snyder ROE # 39

Grant White - IDOT

Beth Derry – ROE # 48

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Mike Stier.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2018 MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

INTRODUCTIONS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

IPTAC By-Laws and Public Participation Guidelines - Tim Imler

Kevin Duesterhaus asked the question, "Where does the task force stand?" Tim advised that there were no recommendations in the form of bills presented that were related to the task force. There was a bill regarding regulations of the 2 way radios. Cathy Allen went on to provide clarification related to past and present use of the radio as it applied to the written law.

Tim advised the Committee of upcoming notification regarding the formal bylaws for procedures and guidelines of the Open Meeting Act. More information will be sent to the committee to review before the next IPTAC meeting.

Part 120 Rules revision FY 19 - Tim Imler

The Document https://www.isbe.net/Documents/120ARK.pdf was provided to the Committee for reference. Tim advised the Committee that the last time the Part 120 Rules were amended was in 2004 and needs updated. The majority of the content of the changes would be related to the claim side for current allowable costs. Previously GPS software was not an allowable expense. The new rule will allow the cost for the service to be included on the Pupil Transportation Claim.

In addition, the costs for uniforms are now being considered an allowable cost. Previously items such as helmets, arm bands and vest with reflective fabric for transportation staff were allowable cost. Some Districts have been including the cost for items not previously considered such as shirts with embroidered logos. Discussion included the need of such items for the purpose of quick identification of staff members by students and others in emergency situations. Tim asked that suggestions and comments be forth coming prior to the publication of the proposed amendment. Committee member, Bill Beck was quick to point out that as a contracted employee who might work for more than one school, may be required to change uniforms throughout the day to meet each districts individual policy, if not governed by the state. Further discussion included a Zero lease/interest payment rule. There is a need for calculating an interest rate for claims across the board. Some schools that lease transportation services are not showing this expense.

Mike informed the Committee that DCFS and the IL State Board of Education have reached an agreement regarding the cost of transportation for Gen Ed students in the DCFS Foster Care System. Where DCFS will provide 50 % of the additional costs of transportation to keep a student in the school of origin, if it's in the best interest of the student.

Tim advised the Committee that provisions for the Homeless for assistance with bills such as rent and utilities are now being considered as allowable costs.

Legislation – Mike Stier

HB5195 – Serious Safety Hazard (Criminal Activity) – amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. The Bill has passed both houses and is awaiting further action. Discussion included the governing individuals responsible for determining if an area qualifies as hazardous based on criminal activity. At this time that responsibility is being charged to the local law enforcement agency and the IL State Board of Education, with qualifying events to determine validity based on multiple events.

HB4334 – Fingerprint – Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. No action reported at this time.

HB5653 – Driver Complaint – Amends the School Code. No action reported at this time.

HB5662 – Anti Idle – Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. No action reported at this time.

SB2482 – Youth Camp Child Care Facility Bus Use – Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a bus that meets certain requirements for school buses under the Code may be used to transport person 18 years of age or less. The Bill passed both houses 5/28/18 and is awaiting further action.

SB3003 – Disqualifying Offenses for Permit - Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Adding Mexico to the definition of "state". Provides that an applicant for a school bus driving permit cannot have been convicted of committing or attempting to commit specific offenses under the Criminal Code of 2012. The Bill passed the Senate on 4/26/18 with a final action deadline extended to 5/31/18 then was not called for a vote.

Cathy Allen added that HB2040 –Noise Suppression Switch has been amended to include Soring Eagle Academy use of the MFSAB.

SOS Updates – Kevin Duesterhaus

Real ID - Kevin updated the board on the Real ID Act. October 1, 2018 is the goal to complete the programing and to be compliant by January 1, 2019 with a tentative effective date of October 1, 2020. Requirements to obtain and maintain a Real ID were discussed. It was pointed out that an individual could not hold both a Driver's License and a Real ID Driver's License.

National Registry II – (Electronic filing of paper Medical Cards) had a roll out date of 7-1-18 but has been pushed back to 2020 at this time. The current system (medical certification of the CDL) requires extensive monitoring regarding the definition on the card of either intrastate vs interstate. There are many instances of incorrect applications and the need to restart the process when incorrectly established by the individual. Original documentation is required with each application process.

Pre-Trip – Changes have been made to the Pre-Trip inspection list for bus drivers. Drivers are required at License Facilities to open the hood. If they are unable to do so they will fail the testing. They are randomly required to identify specific elements of the engine. While Kevin was not at liberty to discuss the specific elements required for identification he did point out that information on the CDL study guide of the S.O.S. web site is helpful. Further discussion, as always, is the inconsistency of examiners regarding the Bus Drivers Permits at Facilities. Kevin stated that any issues would be better addressed if the Drivers would get the examiners name.

OLD BUSINESS:

Summer Training for Instructors – Mike Stier

Mike advised of the upcoming training for Instructors will be held in East Peoria on June 18, 2018. Following that same week IAPT will be hosting their annual conference in East Peoria.

Upcoming IPTAC meeting 2018 / 2019 dates

September 18, 2018 (Tuesday) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm December 4, 2018 (Tuesday) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm March 12, 2019 (Tuesday) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm June 11, 2019 (Tuesday) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Beck and seconded by Julie Wollerman. Meeting was adjourned at 11:33 pm. Next IPTAC meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2018.