

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

March 7, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Beck
Beth Derry
Patrick Johnson
Corrie Ray
Kim Rentner
Charlie Semple
Mike Slife
Jeff Smith
Mike Stier

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cathy Allen
Tom Beck
Derrick Berlin
Kevin Duesterhaus
James Fleischman
John Hawkins
Tim Imler
Tammi Kestel
Paul Losos
Debra McCleary
Mike Medin
Mark Morten
Jim Nelson
Pat O'Brien
Chip Pew
Mike Reinders
Matt Snyder
Dan Thompson
Julie Wollerman

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 am by Mike Slife

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2016 MINUTES:

Bill Beck made a motion to approve the December minutes, Beth Derry seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Bus Accident Reporting – Mike Slife

Mike asked the committee about deleting the School Bus Accident form. Many people do not fill out these forms. If police are called to the scene, there will be an accident report on file. IDOT collects crash data information.

Off Duty Police Officers Driving Buses – Mike Slife

There is a good number of off duty police officers that drive school buses. The question that came up was if they were allowed to carry a weapon, while off duty, on the bus. It was stated that buses are a weapon and drug free zone. In the end, the decision is going to be left up to the District level.

U.S. HOUSE BILLS HB529, HB1802, HB2374, HB3377, HB3896 AND U.S. SENATE BILLS SB075 AND SB1431

Mike Slife indicated that all of these bills are in regards to seat belts on school buses.

U.S. HOUSE BILL HB 536 – MIKE SLIFE

This House Bill will amend Illinois School Code at Section 5/29-3 and provides that, effective immediately, the definition of a serious safety hazard would include using a pattern of criminal activity as defined by the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act. Provides that the amendatory Act does not apply to the Chicago school district.

U.S. HOUSE BILL HB433 – MIKE SLIFE

This House Bill will create a new section to the Vehicle Code at 625 ILCS 12-822 and allows school boards the ability upon request to the IL Department of Transportation to put a decal on a school bus or multifunction school activity bus (MFSAB) that provides notice that trespassing on the bus is prohibited. The Criminal Code of 2012 penalties for criminal trespass would be included on the decal.

U.S. HOUSE BILL HB2912 – MIKE SLIFE

This House Bill provides the Secretary of State will create a 5-year pilot program, in cooperation with the State Police, for the operation of school buses on the shoulder of State Highways for the transportation of students to and from school related events.

U.S. HOUSE BILL HB 3172 – MIKE SLIFE

This House Bill would reduce the inspection of school buses, 15 passengers or less, from two times a year to once a year.

HJR22 – MIKE SLIFE

This would provide school transportation task force for MFSAB.

U.S. HOUSE BILL HB3517 – MIKE

This House Bill provides that if the regular and vocation transportation claims for reimbursement are prorated due to the insufficiency of State funds, the district may charge the parent or guardian for the difference except for students identified as low income per paragraph (H) of Section 18-8.05.

U.S. HOUSE BILL HB3293 AND U.S. SENATE BILL SB2028 – MIKE SLIFE

Bills are both similar in that they will reduce the registration requirements for school buses that are used for other purposes other than school bus transportation.

U.S. HOUSE BILL HB3914 – MIKE SLIFE

This House Bill would create passing a school bus fine increase while loading and unloading students.

U.S. HOUSE BILL HB261 – MIKE SLIFE

This House Bill would allow districts to pay for housing instead of transportation if the cost is lower. The money to come from transportation claim.

Pre-Trip Form – Mike Slife

The pre-trip form in the training book had previously been taken out. It was stated by Kim Rentner that the form is a very good visual tool to use for bus drivers. Mike Slife will start the proceedings of getting this form back on the website

ISBE WEBSITE – MIKE SLIFE

Mike informed the committee that because of the new website at ISBE, all previously bookmarks anyone may have had are gone.

UPDATING OF FORMS – MIKE SLIFE

The Transportation for Students with Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs and Transportation for Infants, Toddlers and Pre-School Children had been sent out in a previous email to see if any changes needed to be made. Changes will now be made online.

OTHER BUSINESS

SCHOOL BUS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING – MIKE SLIFE

The school bus instruction training will be held at South Eastern High School in Springfield, IL on Monday, June 19, 2017. There will also be an instructor for first aid training. The training video will be online but the date unknown at this time. Mike indicated it usually takes a 1 or 2 days to get the video uploaded onto the website.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Beck and seconded by Patrick Johnson.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am. Next IPTAC meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2017.