

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

December 10, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean Anderson
Kevin Duesterhaus
Tim Imler
Patrick Johnson
Paul Losos
Cinda Meneghetti
Jim Nelson
Mike Reinders
Mike Stier
Julie Wollerman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cathy Allen
Bill Beck
Tom Beck
Ray Gawron
John Hawkins
Jamie Johnson
Tammi Kestel
Debora McCleary
Mike Medin
Clayton Naylor
Chip Pew
Charlie Semple
Matt Snyder
Dan Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Cinda Meneghetti.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 MINUTES:

Julie Wollerman made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kevin Duesterhaus.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

John Benish, Jr., Cook Illinois Coop., Chicago
Dawn Johnson, Lakeview Bus Lines, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY14 Transportation Appropriations – Tim Imler

*Regular transportation pro-ration 74%, 205.8 million approp. (level-funded) Special Education transportation approp. 440.5 million, 97% pro-ration, last year was 99%.
First quarter driver's ed. payment has been released. Second quarter will be released at the same time as mandated categoricals. Possible funding of 43 million for FY15.
Comptroller currently processing September 19th vouchers. (hopefully they can have Sept. out by the end of the year).

Legislation – Cinda Meneghetti

Kevin Duesterhaus, Secretary of State, Tim and Cinda met with non-public special ed. schools and one public school regarding the use of white activity buses. Exception: 9-12 districts may use them for curricular activities. Schools discussed how they would like to use the buses for all grades, Pre-K thru 12th.

*Discussed safety/seat belts on buses and charter buses.

January 1, 2014 the new law for hands-free cell phones for drivers will go into effect.

Part 456 – Nonscheduled Bus Inspection Proposed Amendments – Cathy Allen

*(Stricter Rules)

ROE procedures for school bus driver training – Cinda Meneghetti

Cinda is putting together updated procedures. (dvds) Will County ROE inquired regarding 8 hour training course. Cinda stated that dvds can be used as additional training but not as a substitute for training.

Instructor/SB Driver Electronic System – Cinda Meneghetti

Cinda has not received any negative feedback. She asked if anyone has had any issues.

School Bus Driver Training Curriculum Updated – Cinda Meneghetti

Patrick is working on this, Jean stated she would assist also.

Other Business – Cinda Meneghetti

Kevin Duesterhaus discussed still need 80,000 CDL medical card code corrections still need to be submitted. Kevin also stated that drivers have to take test in Division 1 vehicles.

Motion to adjourn was made by Julie Wollerman and seconded by Kevin Duesterhaus.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42.