

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE)
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)

Thursday, June 6, 2019
State Board Room (4th Floor), John A. Hannah Building

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. – Hannah Building – State Board Room
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The subcommittee meets prior to the regular meeting to review and discuss agenda items in preparation for the regular meeting. PTAC representatives are welcome to attend. Topics covered include:

- a) Curriculum and Training
- b) Management and Best Practices
- c) State and National Issues

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon – Hannah Building – State Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by Ken Micklash.

II. ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

All members and guests were asked to sign in. Members were introduced, and the guests were Karen and Matt Losch, Excel Consultant Group, LLC and Tracey Moore, Ingham ISD. Members in attendance included:

Michigan Department of Education

Ken Micklash
Kevin Walters

State

Carol Reagan (Primary)

State Police

MC Sgt. Danielle Stewart (Primary)

Transportation

Rob Pearson (Primary)

Michigan Assn. for Pupil Transportation

Howard (Mac) Dashney

Michigan Assn. of ISD Administrators

Kim Hooper (Primary)

Michigan Assn. of School Boards

Jennifer Smith (Primary)

Michigan Assn. of School Bus Officials

Jill Segal (Primary)

Representing:

Private Contractors – Dean Transportation
Fred Doelker (Alternate)

Rural Michigan Directors
Kevin Doty (Primary)

Special Education Transportation Directors
Patricia Hifko (Primary)

Urban Michigan Directors
Carl Ingram (Primary)

Guest

Karen Losch, Excel Consultant Group, LLC

Matt Losch, Excel Consultant Group, LLC

Tracey Moore, Ingham ISD

III. APPROVAL OF February 7, 2019, MEETING MINUTES

Howard (Mac) Dashney moved, and Kim Hooper seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

IV. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carol Reagan requested to add an item concerning targeted Secretary of State messaging in August related to school bus safety. Fred Doelker moved, and Kevin Doty seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed.

V. OPENING COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

A. MDE Initiated - Micklash

1. Sgt. Danielle Stewart, Michigan State Police, reported 14,732 busses have been inspected. 2,957 to be completed by August 31, 2019. Michigan State Police have a full staff of school bus inspectors.
2. Kim Hooper, Wayne RESA, was presented a certificate of recognition from Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of the MDE. Mr. Hooper will be retiring on June 30, 2019, after serving as transportation consultant for the past 18 years with Wayne RESA. During that time, he has supported MDE on PTAC, the Training Agency Association of Michigan (TAAM), and National Congress on School Transportation. He has also been a member of the Michigan Association of School Transportation and Michigan School Business Officials serving in leadership roles with both organizations.
3. Mac Dashney, Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation (MAPT), Senior Consultant, presented an overview of recently passed legislation involving pupil transportation. He also explained coordinated school bus purchasing programs MAPT is involved with throughout the state.

VI. PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS/ITEMS PRESENTED TO PTAC

A. Curriculum and Training - Coaster/Richardson/Micklash

1. Supervisor Continuing Education – Update

Mac Dashney provided an update in the absence of Bill Coaster. Next supervisor curriculum is being developed. Part of the training curriculum will include a presentation by Thrun’s Law firm and will also include training involving the Entry Level Training Program as required by new Federal Rules.

2. Beginning School Bus Driver Safety Education Curriculum – (No items)
3. Continuing Education School Bus Driver Safety Education Curriculum - Update

Fred Doelker requested that the issue of human trafficking be considered for inclusion in the next continuing education training cycle.

B. State and National Issues

1. Federal Motor Safety Carrier Administration Minimum Requirements for Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle.

Tracey Moore, Ingham ISD, TAAM Chair of an ad hoc committee, reviewed this issue to determine what edits are needed to the current Michigan Beginning School Bus Driver Curriculum to meet the theory requirements. An overview of the committee’s activities was presented.

VII. FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PTAC TO CONSIDER

A. Curriculum and Training – (No items)

B. Management and Best Practices – (No items)

C. State and National Issues

Carol Reagan, Michigan Department of State, presented an updated version of a school bus safety video which will be played in all Secretary of State offices during the month of August 2019. It will focus on school bus safety during the pick-up and drop-off of students while the overhead and hazard warning lights are being used.

VIII. ASSIGNMENTS FOR SUBCOMMITTEE WORK

A. MDE Initiated

1. To Curriculum and Training – (No items)
2. To Management and Best Practices – (No items)

3. To State and National Issues – (No items)

B. PTAC Initiated

1. To Curriculum and Training – (No items)

2. To Management and Best Practices – (No items)

3. To State and National Issues

National Congress on School Transportation 2020 Michigan delegation will meet today following the PTAC meeting. Members that have volunteered to serve as Michigan delegates are Lori Richardson, Donna Korzeniewski, Kevin Doty, Carl Ingram, Kellie Dean or Fred Doelker, Daryl Hofstra, and Ken Micklash.

IX. OTHER ISSUES

A. Next meeting is October 3, 2019.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m. by Ken Micklash.