



**Transportation Issues Study Committee
The 182nd Meeting
September 26, 2011**

**Next Meeting: November 16, 2011, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
CC- 3 and 4, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)
Roseville, Minnesota 55113**

Present:

Jan Vanderwall, Roseville Area Schools
Kelly Wosika, MDE Program Finance/Transportation
Shelly Jonas, Minnesota School Bus Operators Association (MSBOA)
Sergeant Chad Dauffenbach, Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), Minnesota State Patrol (MSP)
Sergeant James Senenfelder, MSP
Keith Paulson, Anoka-Hennepin School District
David Peterson, St. Paul Schools
Tom Keliher, MSBOA Lobbyist
John Thomas, Eastern Carver County Schools
Fred Lenz, St. James Bus Service
Doug Grisim, Lake City Bus Lines

Summary: The summary of the April Transportation Issues meeting was approved. The summary of the July Transportation Issues meeting was approved with the clarification to the standard cost allocation method and exemption.

Office of Student Transportation Safety: The Office of Student Transportation Safety Stakeholders (OOPTS) meeting was held immediately before the Issues Committee Meeting. Nothing to report.

Minnesota Department of Education: The Pupil Transportation Annual Report and the Transportation to Integration and Desegregation Schools or Programs Report were due to MDE on August 15, 2011. In a couple of weeks, the Data Verification Report will be posted to the MDE website to facilitate districts on the year-end reporting process.

Kelly provided a write-up on the new legislation that allows for the transportation of a student to a curricular field trip on a lift bus to be included in special education transportation.

It was mentioned that the new legislation to amend Minnesota Statute 123B.92 is unclear. There seems to be a notion that a new contract needs to take place in order to be exempt from the standard cost allocation. It was explained that the new legislation does not require that a new contract be agreed to. Rather, the law refers to the year-end standard cost allocation process that a

district has to do. There is an exemption from the standard cost allocation if certain conditions are met. The conditions are very limiting.

Miscellaneous: Shelly mentioned that the insurance requirements in the MDE model contract are not in align with what is normally provided in school bus contractor insurance policies. Typically a school bus contractor's insurance policy has an umbrella of four million while the model contract states a five million dollar umbrella liability. John said he will look into this and get back to the group.

Dave mentioned that he reviewed DPS's legislative initiatives for the 2012 session. He did not see anything controversial.

Future Meetings: Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Adjourn: 11:25 a.m.