



## Transportation Issues Study Committee

May 22, 2013

***Present:***

John Thomas, Eastern Carver County Schools

Derrick Agate Sr., Hopkins Schools

Kelly Wosika, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

Keith Paulson, Anoka Hennepin Schools

Fran Wilke, Minnetonka Schools

Shelly Jonas, Minnesota School Bus Operator Association

Linda Andert, Columbia Heights Schools

Jan Vanderwall, Roseville Area Schools

David Peterson, St. Paul Schools

Denny Coughlin, School Bus Training

Arlen Hviding, Spring Lake Park Schools

Roberto Reyes, MDE

Chuck Corliss, Center for Efficient School Operations

Lieutenant Brian Reu, Minnesota State Patrol

Dianna Stair, Office of Minnesota Secretary of State

Mark Kretschmar, Mounds View Schools

Brad Lundell, Minnesota Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT) Lobbyist

***Summary:*** The summary of the April Transportation Issues meeting was approved.

***Minnesota Department of Education:*** Kelly Wosika provided information on Special Transportation Services (STS) under the Department of Human Services. Basically, if the family

wants the student to receive the level of service of STS, they would need to work through their health program provider. When school districts provide transportation, it would be under the discretion of the district's policies.

Kelly Wosika provided a draft version of the document Transportation of Charter School Students. Also the form and instructions for reporting desegregation integration transportation for FY 2013 was discussed.

**Office of Student Transportation Safety:** Lieutenant Brian Reu mentioned [the video on Stop Arm Violations done by 12 News Northwest Community Television](#). Even with the number of stop-arm violations, the safest mode of transportation to-and-from school is the school bus.

Lieutenant Reu would like to get the message out about school bus safety by updating the brochures that are distributed by the Department of Public Safety and making an online version. He would like to see them distributed to driver's ed programs, post offices, Department of Motor Vehicle Offices and to school districts.

The School Bus Training Manual has been updated and is going to be distributed at the [Train the Trainer Conference in July](#).

The School Bus Rodeo will be held Saturday, June 1, 2013, at the Arden Hills Exam Station from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

There was a discussion about the Nation School Bus Safety Standards Conference and who should attend.

**Legislation:** Brad Lundell gave an overview of the bills that have passed this legislative session. The cost allocation bill that modifies how districts report their transportation expenditures was passed in legislation. The stop arm violation language did not pass. The anti-bullying amendment did not pass. There were some changes to the integration revenue law. The way students are weighted for funding formulas in various grade levels has changed.

David Peterson mentioned that the homeless children who are entering kindergarten may be provided transportation if they attend the same school as their siblings that have been identified as homeless.

Districts may provide transportation to students who attend a post-secondary institution and or who are participating in an articulated program at a post-secondary institution.

**Miscellaneous:** Roberto Reyes gave an overview on the McKinney Vento Homeless Act and how the federal law requires districts to provide transportation to students that are experiencing homelessness. [The document entitled Transporting Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness is available on the National Center for Homeless Education website](#). It provides information on how to implement the law.

A subcommittee was formed to craft a best practice document on providing homeless transportation so it can be shared with districts.

Diana Stair provided a summary of the legislative changes that refer to the Safe at Home Program's address disclosure of information. Both Chapter 5B and Chapter 13 were modified to provide directive when a Safe at Home participant gives notice of their actual address.

David Peterson became Chair of the State and National Association Committee (SNAC), of the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Service (NASDPTS). This position makes him one of the 10 NASDPTS board members.

NASDPTS is the national transportation association for state transportation leadership, and primary consists of the state transportation directors from each state.

David was vice-chair, but became to chair when the previous chair resigned on May 14th, so he is filling out the term (for five months).

**Adjourn:** 11:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** June 26, 2013, MDE Conference Center A, Room 3 & 4, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.