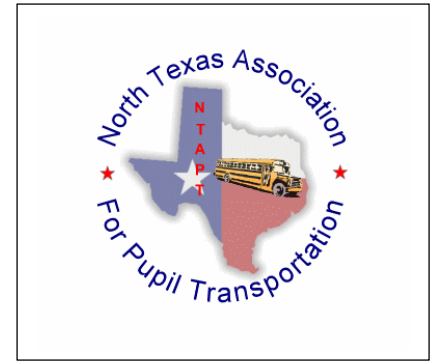


## **October Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting**

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Greenville ISD Fletcher 1 Civic Center  
5501 US Hwy 69  
Greenville, Texas 75402



Meeting was called to order by NTAPT President Tammy Loveless.

Tammy introduced our Host Greenville ISD Transportation Director Laura Carter. Laura also welcomed everyone to Greenville ISD and introduced the Greenville ISD Superintendent Donald R. Jefferies. Superintendent Jefferies welcomed everyone to Greenville, thanked everyone for doing a great job of safely transporting students daily and he shared a short Greenville ISD Transportation story.

NTAPT President Tammy Loveless introduced the Vendor Sponsors:

Heavy Duty Bus Parts – Brandon Billingsley

Forward Edge – Ron Davis

Ron Davis shared newly acquired DOT information regarding the increase in number of positives from Marijuana, Amphetamines & Cocaine, as well as the use of synthetic drugs (K2's and spices) among CDL drivers.

Tammy recognized first time attendees and guests and the Districts introduced their guests by name and job title.

Tammy then recognized and thanked the Vendors for all they do.

Next Tammy introduced Brandon Billingsley from Heavy Duty Bus Parts, who showed an example of and shared information about their newly released LED Lighting product.

NTAPT Secretary, Beverly Shannon read the Minutes from the September meeting, which were motioned and seconded for acceptance as read.

President Tammy Loveless, shared information regarding the Poster Contest from Poster Committee Chair Shanna Speller. "Bully Free Zone" is the theme this year.

NTAPT President-Elect Felicia Harris Introduced TAPT Area 2 Director – Ernest Del Bosque, who shared TAPT updates. TAPT updates included: Upcoming Certification Classes in Frisco, January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Gulf Coast League City Conference will be February 7<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Ernest shared the list of Certification classes that will be offered for both of these events. June 25<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the TAPT Summer Conference and Trade Show will be held in Dallas at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. TASBO Conference will be February 16<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the George R Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. TAPT Executive Secretary, Pam McCurdy has decided to quit functioning in her current capacity. The job description and salary for that position is posted on the TAPT website and e-group for anyone who might be interested.

Felicia then asked Frisco ISD Transportation Director, Doug Becker to come up: Doug shared more Training opportunities that will be offered in Frisco. March 20<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Transporting Students with Disabilities (TSD) National Conference will be held in Frisco, School Bus Trainer Academy much like the Train the Trainer will be offered March 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Next Felicia introduced Texas Best – Bobby Williams; Bobby shared that Texas Best is a competition for Technicians/Inspectors to show off their skills and training. Bobby asked Brandon Billingsley and (Texas Best 1<sup>st</sup> Place Inspector winner) Kevin Vollweiler from Frisco ISD to come up, (Texas Best 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Technician winner) Tom Clark from Frisco ISD (unfortunately, Tom was not able to attend today's meeting). Brandon Billingsley passed out the Texas Best awards and Congratulated Kevin and all of the guys who compete in Texas Best.

President Tammy Loveless talked about Old Business: NTAPT Treasurer, Linda Berrier who has done an excellent job for many years now recently retired. Following reading of the By-laws regarding a vacancy, Tammy shared that the Committee members agree for Laura Carter to take over as Treasure, a motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the members voted and Laura Carter will complete 2014-2015 term as NTAPT Treasurer.

Laura Carter shared information about the 2015 NTAPT Regional Road-e-o and encouraged everyone to help with and participate. Next, Laura introduced the program speaker, Robb Sidebottom with Texas Association of School Boards who gave an informative presentation about fuel procurement.

Tammy asked for closing remarks and comments, Ernest came back up and asked for candidates for the TAPT Executive Committee. Opening date was October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and closing is January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. People interested will need a letter of intent, letter of support, a photo and biography that will need to be given to Ernest and he will forward. Open positions are Secretary, Historian, Parliamentarian and Area 2 Director.

Allen ISD Transportation Director, Carl Cater made a motion for Linda Berrier to be a life member of NTAPT, Laura Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all members voted and the motion was passed making Linda Berrier a Life Time member of NTAPT.

Laura Carter came up and introduced Chef Kay and the Greenville ISD Culinary Arts Department. Chef Kay thanks NTAPT for allowing the students to prepare lunch for us today.

The food was blessed, the Meeting was adjourned and lunch was served. The drawings were held during lunch.