



October Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Meeting Date: October 12, 2017
Host District: Allen I.S.D.
Location: 1451 N. Watters Drive, Allen, TX. 75013

NTAPT President, Beverly Shannon, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She recognized the vendor sponsors, and asked for any new attendees to stand and be introduced.

Allen ISD Transportation Director, Kyle Pursiful, welcomed everyone to Allen. He thanked everyone for attending. He mentioned that he was a new director and that this was his first time attending an NTAPT meeting. He said he was excited to be part of the organization and that he might need to call other districts from time to time for advice or questions, and hoped they would not mind sharing their knowledge and experience with him.

Beverly Shannon mentioned that membership fees were due by November 1, 2018. Copies of the September meeting minutes were available for members as they signed in. A member from the floor introduced a motion to not read the minutes, and accept them as written. Another member seconded the motion and it was accepted and approved.

George Eldridge gave the Treasurer's report. He said that since the account balance fell below the required \$4000.00, the bank charged a fee. He encouraged everyone to please get their dues in to avoid another fee. A member from the floor introduced a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by another member and then approved.

Since the chairperson for the school bus safety poster contest, Cindy Miller, was not present at the meeting, President Elect Terry Penn made an announcement regarding the contest on her behalf. Poster contest information packets were also made available to all members.

Historian Raymond Forsberg, who is also the school bus road-eo chairperson, made an announcement regarding the road-eo. He said the committee has a road-eo discussion meeting scheduled for October 30th. The regional road-eo competition is scheduled for April 7, 2018, and Plano East HS. However, Plano East has another event that same day so parking is going to be different than it has been in past years.

Pat Garcia, the speech contest chairperson, made an announcement regarding the speech contest, and said that information would be available soon. He also gave another update regarding the on-going seat belt issue, and provided a hand out with information. He spoke

about 2 mile eligibility, and how there might be reimbursement possible for certain situations. He also made flyers available with information about the Region 10 Drug and Alcohol testing services.

Terry Penn let everyone know that the Scholarship committee chair person had to step down, and that the chapter was in need of someone to step in and take his place. He encouraged members to volunteer for the position. Terry also thanked everyone for being supportive and said a special thank you to the vendors for all they do for the organization.

The guest speaker, Patrick Just, with Rockwall ISD Student Services, gave a very informative question and answer presentation on the VENTO program. He presented scenarios and had everyone at the meeting interact by asking questions and guessing whether the different scenarios were covered or not covered under VENTO. It was an eye opening discussion!

Vendor Sponsor for Longhorn Bus, Mike Horn, spoke about new buses that are being produced by Longhorn, and that they have a wireless device free of charge that can give a "health" report on each bus. This device will give a diagnosis of problems the bus may be having and will recommend repair solutions. The device has to be set first, but it could then be moved to any vehicle in your fleet that has the compatible operating system. He did advise that a district's technology staff would need to be consulted and present when setting up the system for the first time.

Vendor Sponsor for Bus Air Manufacturing thanked everyone for their business, and mentioned that Bus Air has merged with ATC.

Beverly asked if there was any old business to discuss, and there did not appear to be any.

Allix Philbrick, with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) spoke briefly about a few opportunities available for school districts. She said that money had been set aside for air-quality improvement programs in the DFW area. She also mentioned webinars, alternative fuels, and the different grants that may be available to districts.

Pat Garcia reminded everyone that the following week was School Bus Safety Week.

Stan Loftin gave the blessing over the meal, and lunch was served. During lunch door prizes were handed out.

Big Wheels Body Shop provided hats for door prizes, which were won by Pat Garcia; Kevin and Nancy Vollweiler and Kim Smith from Frisco; Ashley Woolbright from Crandall; Raymond Forsberg from Dallas County Schools; and Tim Butler from Kaufman. Goolsby Tires provided gift cards to Outback Steakhouse, and those went to Dawn Loftin from Canton, and Lence Plant from Crandall. Zonar Systems provided a gift card to Starbucks that was won by Trent Stinson from Lake Dallas ISD. TAPT also provided two certificates for classes and those went to DeeDee Lewis from Wylie, and Mark Skinner from Gunter.

Beverly Shannon adjourned the meeting at 12:11 pm.