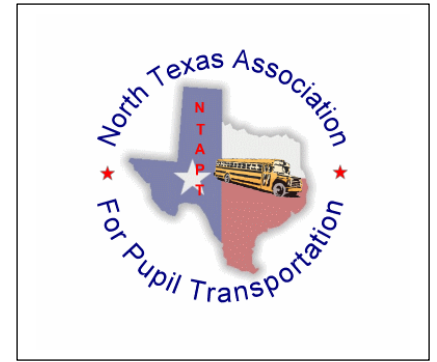


September Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Wylie ISD Educational Service Center
951 S Ballard Ave
Wylie, Texas 75098



Meeting was called to order by NTAPT President Tammy Loveless, who welcomed everyone back with hopes that they had a great summer and a good start to the new 2014-2015 school year.

Tammy introduced the Host District Wylie ISD and the Wylie ISD Superintendent Dr. Binson. Dr. Binson welcomed everyone to Wylie and shared some of the exciting new things that are going on within Wylie ISD.

NTAPT President Tammy Loveless introduced the Vendor Sponsors:
Southwest International – Tim Dreiling
Areowave Technologies – Gina Gardenshire

She recognized first time attendees and guests and several Districts introduced their guests by name and job title.

Tammy then recognized and thanked the Vendors; whom we can't function well without. She asked them to introduce themselves and briefly tell us about what they do.

Next she introduced the 2014-2015 NTAPT Executive Committee members for the ones who did not know them.

President: Tammy Loveless, President-Elect: Felicia Harris, Secretary: Beverly Shannon
Treasurer: Linda Berrier, Historian: Kim Smith, Past President: Laura Carter

NTAPT President-Elect Felicia Harris Introduced the program speaker, Paul Leighton a Locomotive Engineer for Kansas City Southern Railways who gave a very informative and enlightening Operation Lifesaver presentation.

Felicia then asked Vendor Sponsors to come up:
Tim Dreiling with Southwest International and Gina Gardenshire with Areowave Technologies both introduced themselves and shared information regarding what their companies has to offer.

There was no Old business/New business. Next NTAPT President-Elect Felicia Harris asked TAPT President-Elect Mike Williams to come up and give a TAPT update.

TAPT President-Elect Mike Williams introduced the TAPT Committee members in the North Texas chapter.

TAPT Treasure – Aaron Hobbs (Aaron was unable to attend the meeting today due to Dallas ISD business), Area 2 Director – Ernest Del Bosque,
TAPT Secretary – Shanna Speller, TAPT President-Elect – Mike Williams

Mike shared information regarding the 2015 TAPT Summer Conference and Trade Show being held in Dallas this year, everything will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel which is pretty much all inclusive. Any shuttling will be provided by Dallas County Schools. The TAPT Executive Committee is currently in the process of securing the use of the stadium at Carrollton Farmers Branch for the state Road-e-o this year, Regular Ed will be held on one side of the stadium and Special Ed on the other. They have amped up this year's Bowling and Golf Tournament. Carl Cater Allen ISD Director and Susan Salvo from Dallas County Schools will be heading up the Golf Tournament. Mike shared information regarding the upcoming Centex Conference in San Marcos October 3rd – 5th, including all the TAPT Certification classes that will be offered. TASBO will meet in San Marcos October 6, 2014 to talk about the committees and upcoming conferences. The next NTAPT meeting will be held in Greenville, October 9, 2014. The National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on Friday, November 7, 2014 – Wednesday, November 12, 2014. On November 13, 2014 we will have the November NTAPT meeting in Mesquite ISD. December 11, 2014, Dallas County Schools will host the NTAPT Christmas program at their New Training and Technology Center on Samuel Blvd. Doug Becker has confirmed the choir from Booker T Washington. January 24th we will have TAPT classes in Frisco, Mike shared the list of TAPT classes that will be offered in Frisco. The Gulf Coast Mid-Winter Conference will be held in League City in February. Next Mike shared that TAPT President Joe Hart has agreed to keep the same class schedule as last year (Thursday, Friday, Sunday and Monday along with Break-out Classes), for the 2015 TAPT Summer Conference and Trade Show. "Because getting back to basics is what TAPT is all about, educating our people about pupil transportation and what we do". The classes for Centex 2015 are already set for next year.

Next NTAPT President-Elect Felicia Harris Introduced Chris Kanouse from Region 10. Chris shared information on the new three hour workshop developed by Region 10 which focuses entirely on helping bus drivers gain some skills and techniques to help manage students who may be troublesome on a bus. Chris also shared that Lou Autry is Region 10's New Online Bus Driver Re-Certification facilitator.

Next Felicia called up NTAPT Ex-Officio Laura Carter who shared information about the NTAPT Regional Road-e-o for next year. Laura talked about how well things went last year and she encouraged all Districts to start preparing for next year event which is on April 18, 2015. Laura is excited and she wants everyone else to get excited to make this a bigger and better event.

NTAPT President Tammy Loveless had closing remarks, Mike Williams blessed the food. Tammy recognized the Veterans. Allen ISD was recognized for winning 3rd place at Nationals School Bus Road-e-o. Howard Keeling Frisco ISD shared that Kevin Vollweiler will represent the State of Texas at National Association of School Bus Technicians. The Meeting was adjourned and lunch was served. The drawings were held during lunch.