

OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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South Willamette Chapter

Date: March 7, 2017

Location: Abby's Pizza, Sutherlin

Meeting Called to Order: Sandi Miller, 11:05 AM

Members Present: Craig Pruitt, David Jorgenson, Sandi Miller, Carla Tysor, David Farley, Chris Ellison, Kevin Kramer, Shawn Choruby, Bryan Winchester, Allen Walz, Stacey Delgado, Carey Smith

Previous Minutes: A motion was made by David Farley to accept the February minutes as presented, seconded by Carla Tysor. Approved. January minutes will be reviewed for approval at the April meeting.

Financial Report:	Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,437.91
	Income	\$ 447.05
	Expenses	<u>\$ 119.39</u>
	Ending Balance:	\$ 5,675.57

There are a number of uncleared transactions relating to the Winter Workshop. No registration monies have been deposited-Carla is working with the bank on transaction limits/costs, due to the large number of checks that have been received. David Jorgenson will work with Salem-Keizer to modify their registration process for next year, to try and get one check for all attendees. Trinket sales from the workshop have also not been added yet (around \$1,500). A motion was made by Chris Ellison to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by David Farley. Approved.

Committee Reports

State Board: No updates. Next meeting is 3/16/17.

ODE Report: Legislative Update: No updates.

Instructor class is going to be large, 39 were admitted to the class, and a potential to increase to 68. 10 instructors have agreed to participate. Class will be held at Oregon School for the Deaf, March 27-31, 2017.

NW Chapter OPTA Winter Workshop is scheduled for March 13, 2017, at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas.

Driver “Sumer Workshop scheduled for June 28-30, 2017. Location is unknown at this time. This workshop will not be held in August, as in the years past.

ODE traveled to Pendleton for a customer workshop on March 1, 2017, Next one will be held April 12 or 13, 2017 in Ontario.

Diesel retrofit may be a part of this legislative cycle. Close of this legislative cycle may provide some better alternatives for vehicles still owned by the district. ODE is tracking several bills that are dealing with the Volkswagen settlement money, and diesel engines.

Scrap Buses: Current law and rules read:

ORS 468A.796 All school buses with diesel engines operated in Oregon must be:

- (1) Retrofitted with 2007 equivalent engines and 2007 fine particulate matter capture technology by January 1, 2017; or
- (2) Replaced with school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2007, by January 1, 2025. A school bus replaced under this subsection may not be used for transportation of any type. [2009c.631 §2]

This law is under DEQ authority, and is directed to the School District selling the vehicle. Section 1 of this rule has passed, so is no longer applicable. School districts should consult with their attorney of the “sale” or “transfer” of the vehicle before ownership changes. A School Bus removed from service should comply with OAR 581-053-0210(3), even if sold for scrap metal.

Poster Contest: No updates. The poster contest has been suspended for the 2016-2017 school year due to lack of interest/participation.

Safety Exercises: Safety Exercises are set for 5/6 (Regional) and 6/3 (State), both at Sprague HS in Salem. Chris Ellison has secured financial assistance from vendors. Schetky will provide donuts and coffee, Western Bus Sales will provide water and soda for judges, and Brattain International will provide lunches for judges. Chris has also arranged for a food cart (staffed by North Santiam SD drivers) to provide lunches for others. Salem-Keizer will provide transit and mini buses, and North Clackamas will provide conventional buses. There will be additional discussion at next week’s state meeting to hammer out additional details. Chris has updated the materials/manual for this year and has posted them to the OPTA website.

Sunshine: None

Education: David Jorgenson proposed another conversation about inclement weather, especially due to the prevalence of events this winter. He will look to schedule this for April. Chris Ellison requested that notes be taken for the benefit of other districts.

- Winter Workshop: The Winter Workshop was held 2/25 at South Eugene HS. Feedback was largely positive. Chris received 27 evaluations from attendees. There were approximately 780 total attendees this year. The facility worked very well, and could be a good location for future events with a couple of minor adjustments. The presentations were generally well-received.
- Membership: No updates. The membership committee is currently inactive.
- Scholarship: No updates.
- Old Business: No updates.
- New Business: Craig Pruitt presented information pertaining to potential upcoming legislation:
- HB 3073-Relating to School Vehicles – First reading in the House of Representatives
 - Requires seat belts on all school buses and school activity vehicles that provide transportation for k-12.
 - HB 3089-Relating to driver qualifications for school vehicles – First reading in the House of Representatives
 - Requires ODE to review driving records for 5 years and criminal records for 15 years.
 - Prohibits ODE from considering convictions (forever crimes) more than 15 years ago for driver qualifications
 - Fingerprint check would still prohibit employment.
- OPTA Awards: Jack Sperr OPTA Training Award/Grant
- Jack Sperr was the state director of Pupil Transportation at the time of the fatal train/bus collision in Lafayette. As a result of that accident, Jack spearheaded the development of what we now have as the CORE Program for school bus drivers, behind-the-wheel training program, and our physical standards/qualifications.
- The Sperr award is presented to district(s) each year based on meritorious requests for training programs/opportunities. Total award amount is determined by ODE gift, and may vary each year.
- Open Discussion: None

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
April 4, 2017 Tuesday	Eugene	Safety Exercise/Nominate New Officers
May 5, 2017 Friday	Bend	Safety Exercise/Elect Officers
June 19-23 Monday-Friday	Bend Summer Conference	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 PM
Next Meeting Date: April 4, 2017
Next Meeting Location: Eugene (Location TBA)