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## ***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: November 8, 2018  
Location: Carino's Restaurant, Albany  
Meeting Called to Order: David Jorgenson, 11:05 AM  
Members Present: David Jorgenson, Keith Bowers, Maggi Estes, Craig Pruitt, Cindy Moran, Bryan Winchester, Carla Tysor, Mindy Parsons, Tammie Prock, Tanya Adams, Cheryl Hicks, Brock Dittus, Robert Manzi

Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Cindy Moran to approve the previous minutes as presented, seconded by Bryan Winchester. Approved.

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$21,006.36
Income	\$ 447.05
Expenses	\$ 119.39
Ending Balance:	\$21,334.02

A motion was made by Bryan Winchester to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Chris Ellison. Approved.

### ***Committee Reports***

State Board: No updates. Next meeting is 11/29/18 in Eugene.

ODE Report:

#### **House Bill 4130**

New legislation is in process to establish access to reimbursement grant funding for high school extra-curricular transportation costs that districts may apply to receive. The bill would allow the state to distribute funds to school districts using a formula based on student population numbers. Priority of grants approved would favor districts that were not served by the grant in prior distributions. The starting date for eligible costs covered through this fund would be July 1, 2018. Revisions to the first draft are currently in progress following the bill's first reading at the State Board of Education, where the board expressed interest in developing an equitable manner of distribution that prioritizes populations with less access to extracurricular activities. We will advise you on future updates to this bill.

#### **Foster Care Reimbursement**

There have been updates to the form (an .xls spreadsheet available on the ODE website\*)

used to request reimbursement for foster care transportation expenses to clarify calendar dates and deadlines. There is also a section of the form file that includes instructions on how to properly complete it. Brandon Cobb may be contacted for specific questions not explained in the form or in the Oregon Administrative Rules ([brandon.cobb@ode.state.or.us](mailto:brandon.cobb@ode.state.or.us)).

\* <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/fosteringconnections/Documents/fctransportgrantreimbursement.xlsx>

The Technical Assistance Manual is also a valuable resource:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/fosteringconnections/Documents/fctechassistmanual.docx>

### **McKinney Vento Students**

Dona Bolt is the Education Specialist for Homeless Youth at ODE. Her judgments are final as to the eligibility for transportation of students attending school in your district. She may be reached by email ([dona.bolt@ode.state.or.us](mailto:dona.bolt@ode.state.or.us)) if there are cases needing clarification.

### **Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) – from the FMCSA**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration approved a standard for commercial vehicle operators nationwide in 2015 concerning training requirements for applicants to licensing agencies that will take effect in 2020. This brings several key changes to Oregon's licensing procedure, including the requirement that applicants must complete classroom ("theory") instruction as well as behind the wheel instruction prior to receiving a Commercial Driver License, and training locations must register and submit these results. As a result, we will be revising our CORE manuals to reflect the full scope of the federal requirements, and providing training and guidance to ODE certified CORE instructors and their employers to assist in complying with the federal standard.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Examiners & DMV Requirements**

All districts & contractors are likely familiar with the difficulties arising from requirements DMV set upon 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Examiners under the ODE program. At this time, ODE has been granted an extension of contract through the end of June 2019 provided required documents are in place. Current arrangements are as follows:

All Oregon Department of Education (ODE) 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Examiners must be sponsored by a district or contractor that has submitted to ODE a signed Memorandum of Agreement, Certificate of adequate Insurance, and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Surety Bond form.

These examiners may perform testing for their sponsored district. They may also perform testing on their approved test routes for candidates from other districts or contractors provided there is an Interagency Agreement in place arranging for payment and coverage between the two entities. The examiner may only be paid by their sponsored entity.

No Oregon Department of Education 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Examiner shall be allowed to test for a location that has not submitted the required documents.

This arrangement does not affect the ability of a BTW trainer or CORE instructor to continue to provide training and instruction to school bus drivers & applicants across the state.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Examiner Evaluations**

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Examiners in the ODE program require evaluations every two years to maintain their active status and ability to continue testing new applicants. We are currently finalizing plans to bring Examiners due for evaluation into Salem on select dates in December (to be announced shortly) to complete this task. Any Examiners unable or unwilling to participate will become inactive as of January 1, 2019 until their evaluations can be scheduled. It is best for Examiners wishing to remain active to join us for the dates we will set.

### **Diabetic Driver Changes**

Currently, drivers with a diabetic condition are subject to monitoring under Oregon Administrative Rule. After November 19, federal regulations will no longer require the medical examiner to indicate a diabetic condition requiring a medical waiver on the medical certificate. The department anticipates some ODE rule changes in the future.

### **New Operations & Policy Analyst**

Brock Dittus is in the position formerly held by TJ Crockett. Described by his friends as “someone who likes to follow rules,” he hopes to bring his passion for clear and effective communication to the department in a helpful and supportive way. He may be contacted at [brock.dittus@ode.state.or.us](mailto:brock.dittus@ode.state.or.us) or 503-947-5724. He does not post pictures of his new baby son on the internet.

### **Updates from Scott Bohl**

- Accidents-137 reported since 7/1/18-focus on training/reference points
- NSDPTS Conference-focus on bus fires/evacuatiions. NTSB continuing to focus on seat belts in buses, as well as crash avoidance technologies. For new crash avoidance technology, proceed with caution, as much of the equipment would not be permitted under current OARs. TSA was also present to talk about the concern of buses as “soft targets” for hijacking/other activities.

Safety Exercises:	No updates. Combined regional event is 5/4/19, state event is 6/1/19, both at First Baptist Church in Eugene. Sandi Miller is the chair for the state event, T.J. Crockett and David Jorgenson will co-chair the regional event. SW will need to provide a head judge. All are welcome to attend, and judges are always needed. There is talk about moving events to the NW area next year (no specific location at this time).
Winter Workshop:	Will be held 2/23/19 at First Baptist Church in Eugene. Chris Ellison is working on an active shooter program, including videotaping for future training use. The preliminary plan is to start with small incidents, working up in intensity, to the Reynolds SD event from a few years ago. Chris has already been in contact with Eugene PD/SWAT and Lane County SWAT to participate. He will be reaching out to vendors for possible donations of buses to use in the program. He is also looking at contacting Nancy Blackwelder to come and speak about student management/safety. Chris has been encountering problems with the outdoor section of the workshop-school football fields are generally unavailable or would add to the logistical complexity of the event. Chris is working on possibly renting portable bleachers, but this would be quite expensive. There was discussion about increasing the registration cost by \$5-this would still be a good deal for districts/attendees and would allow for most of the rental cost to be offset. The board will have additional discussion about these issues. The video portion will be recorded on 12/8/18 in Eugene.
Sunshine:	Craig Pruitt (ODE)-death in family
Education:	No updates. David Jorgenson will be working on a speaker for the December meeting.
Old Business:	Replacement of SW OPTA printer-David has been looking at various models and features as “Black Friday” sales are already going into effect. Most models are under \$400. A motion was made by Chris Ellison to allocate \$400 for purchase of a printer, seconded by Bryan Winchester. Approved. David will do further research and present options to the board prior to the next meeting.
New Business:	None.

Open Discussion: Discussion was held about the implementation of seat belts on school buses, and associated liabilities to drivers and operators/districts, and the replacement of seat belts on buses involved in accidents.

***For the Good-of-the-Order***

Future Meetings:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
December 13, 2018	Albany/Carino's	
January 10, 2019	TBD	
February 14, 2019	TBD	
March 14, 2019	TBD	
April 11, 2019	TBD	
May 9, 2019	TBD	
June 2019	Summer Conference, Bend	

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 PM

Next Meeting Date: December 13, 2018

Next Meeting Location: Carino's, Albany