



**OREGON PUPIL  
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
South Willamette Valley Chapter  
optaschoolbus.org

*A non-profit organization*

**Date:** 12/10/2019  
**Location:** Sizzler, Springfield Oregon  
**Meeting called to order:** 1130 a.m.  
**Members Present:** Tanya Adams, Chris Ellison, Carla Tysor, David Jorgenson, Kevin Kramer, Craig Pruitt, Rich Sanner, Bryan Wheeler, Ashleigh Barley, Ryan Dougherty  
**Previous Minutes:**  
**Financial Report:** No official updates. Payments were made for \$1000 to Operation Lifesaver and \$ 24 to Tanya Adams for sunshine. A Motion was made from Chris Ellison to approve the financial report. Seconded by Tanya Adams. Approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**State Board:** Chris Ellison reports that big changes are coming for the summer conference. We are getting rid of the half days. Tentative schedule. Monday will be golf. Tuesday is Pre conference. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8-4. More info soon.  
Great line up so far for speakers.  
Chris is requesting another \$1500 from the chapters for additional AV equipment.  
The website is 10 years old and in need of an upgrade. OPTA has budgeted \$5000 this year and \$5000 for next year. So we will have a new website for next summer.  
Winter Workshop is done. Lisa Bateman from ODE will not present. Trent Lovett from Kentucky will present Responding to an Actual Violent Crisis. Max Christensen will present Lessons learned after Oakland Iowa School bus Fire. Max, Chris Ellison and Brock Dittus will present Fit for duty and emergency evacuations. Gene Henderson will present CBD oil and School bus drivers don't mix. Don't miss out sign up today.

**ODE report:** FMCSA drug/alcohol clearinghouse begins Jan 6  
Flo is leaving us in Jan. she is going back to school.

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Janice Briggs in as a temporary worker to bridge the gap into our new staff. Interviews for applications will begin soon. Dates for BTW, Core and third party to be announced in January.

As an industry, we are determined to crash buses. Today 180 crashes were reported, which matches the last 5 years, Seems we are not doing any better than past years, I will continue to harp on the obvious solutions; 1 Teach everyone reference points and then teach it again. Encourage each other to participate in the safety exercises. 2. Anyone who has crash give them a documented reference point refresher; use our advanced reference point manual to give them some class credit.

Buster the bus has slowed down for now and is enjoying his time off, you know, recharging his batteries for his next big adventure. We have Buster and safety patrol items available for your schools. Please feel free to pass the word.

2020 classes will be posted in January, if you have individuals who would like to send please have them checking our website watching for announcements. These typically come thru the Listerv. Legislatively, we have not heard much in the way of new or clues of what might be coming in this short session. DMV is short one Compliance Officer. Stephan has gone to serve another position within the agency. Wade and Nick will shoulder the additional responsibilities until the position is filled.

**Safety Exercise:** Regionals is May 2 at Reynolds Middle School. State will be held at First Baptist Church in Eugene.

**Education:** Rich Sanner from Peterson introduced us to Bryan Wheeler he is our PSSR he travels from Cottage Grove to Washington. He also shared they have mobile truck up and running. Kevin Kramer from Schetky Northwest Sales wanted to remind us to sign up for the EPA clean diesel grants.

**Sunshine:** Mindy Parsons, Eugene (bereavement)  
Kevin Baker, Salem (surgery)  
Linda Thiesfeld, Eugene (surgery)  
Russ Renard, Eagle Point (surgery)  
Chris Dawes, Klamath County (bereavement)

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

<b>Future Meetings:</b>	January 14, 2020	Springfield/Sizzler
	February 11, 2020	Springfield/Sizzler
	March 10, 2020	Springfield/Sizzler
	April 14, 2020	Springfield/Sizzler
	May 12, 2020	Springfield/Sizzler

**Meeting adjourned:** Carla Tysor made motion 12:45 p.m