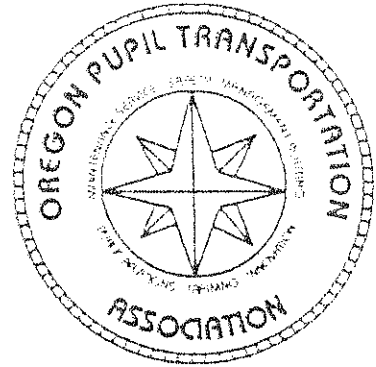


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STATE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2013
CLAIM JUMPER- TUALATIN OREGON

Attendees:

Kris Freeman, Janet Mauldin-Representative At Large, T.J. Crockett-ODE; Chris Ellison-Past President; Kathy Houck-Executive Secretary, Teri Brady-President, NW Chapter Mary Conger-Past President NW Chapter, Kim Crabtree-President Elect State Board; David Farley, Representative at large

Meeting called to order by Kim Crabtree, in place of Denice Blake, due to weather issues.

Previous minutes were read and a motion made by David Farley to accept as corrected. Seconded By Mary Conger.
Approved by all.

Financial Report: Read by Kathy Houck.

Total Income: 13,759.41

Total Expenses: 14,058.21

Overall Total: -298.80

Negative balance due to Conference expenses.

David Farley made a motion to approve the minutes as read with explanation; Seconded by Kris Freeman. Approved by all.

Northwest Chapter Report: Teri Brady

Winter Workshop: Monday March 18th Monarch Inn, Clackamas

T.J. Crockett, ODE

Pending Legislative Bills.

Upcoming changes for 2014

Vicki Handy: Motivational Speaker-Spoke on how to deal with management challenges; budget concerns; changes in regulations; demographics.

Marianne Wilson Stein: The importance of *Health and Wellness*.

NW Summer Workshop; August 6th-9th, 2013
Oregon City High School

Friday's program will focus on Emergencies
We had a vote to increase registration fees to cover First Aid to \$45;
Regular Attendees (not needing First Aid): \$25
State board had discussion on the costs of First Aid and the need for instructors.
Medic First Aid accepts one instructor per 12 students; Red Cross is one instructor per 10 students.
Savings if the First Aid book is not given out and by using digital cards
Vote to support Website
NW President- Elect, Cindy Sims, is out with medical issues at this time.
We lost our NW Past President and valued member, Kim Crabtree, who has taken a position at Greater Albany School District and will be joining the South Willamette Chapter.

SW Chapter: Kris Freeman reported for Carl Salstrom

Winter Workshop was held at Springfield High School with about 578 participants.
Received 356 surveys that were positive
Trinket sales that fund the SW Chapter, sold well.
Safety Exercise: May 18th at Sprague High School
Note: State Safety Exercise on June 1st will be at Thurston High School
Education Forum- for April-Give *Effective Presentations*
Date, Time and Location: TBD- *Watch email for announcement.*

Conference Committee: Janet Mauldin
T.J. Crockett and Janet have been working on finalizing the schedule.
Working to secure Dr. Mike Megehee who is President of TeamCME, LLC, which is a national network of DOT Medical Examiners. He will be able to answer questions on Sleep Apnea: rule vs recommendation and other topics.
Chris Moore, School Psychologist- Salem-Keizer: June 19th and 20th General Sessions
Original speaker fees requested were \$3500
Renegotiated by Janet, to \$1000 for one session-settled on \$1500 + 3 nights lodging, for both sessions.
Conference Registration Form updated by Kris Freeman-pending approval from Chris Ellison.
Golf Tournament:??? Request to organize by Melinda from SEON. It would be a vendor-sponsored event and the conclusion was that it would not fit into everyone's schedule and availability. Best time would be a four-hour block Sunday afternoon or Monday morning? Would vendors stay over until Trade Show on Wednesday? Move Trade Show to Monday? Take a survey this year, to see to how many would be interested for 2014.
Cindy Moran has the bags and pens. The lanyards have been ordered.
ODE has the cardstock for the nametags.
Salem-Keizer Reprographics designed Conference Notebook Cover.

New Award: The Dennis Essary Leasership Award

\$500 College Scholarship awarded to winner, to give out to college-aged student.

Sponsored by Mike Martin, Executive Director of NAPT (\$200 for Plaque).

Dennis Essary was an OPTA President and past NAPT President.

Chris Ellison pulled the awards nominations off the website, until clarification could be made for who was sponsoring the \$500 scholarship? Mike Martin or OPTA? Also checking eligibility of award. Proposing someone who has served on the OPTA Board, but current members may be excluded? Deadline May 24th.

Discussed the importance of OPTA history. David Phillips had worked on it in the past.

Posting a picture and history of Buck Klemm, who was instrumental in organizing OPTA.

Poster Contest: Mary Conger "AT MY STOP-YOU STOP"

Due to the Poster Contest announcement not going out in the Superintendent's Newsletter, the contest deadline has been extended to Friday, April 26th.

Notify Denise Balch, SW Chapter Poster Chairperson, of the change.

State Safety Exercise: June 1, 2013-Thurston High School

Special Needs Safety Exercise-Frisco, Texas -March 9, 2013

Make changes: to be inline with Nationals and better prepare our competitors for that event.

Use judges to portray special needs students. Timed events-Divided into "Mini-bus contestants" and "Special Needs Contestants"

Evacuation; student load; Car seat installation; back-up alley; wheelchair loading and securement.

David Farley suggested we adopt rules for next year's event.

ODE Report: T.J. Crockett for Deborah Lincoln

T.J. explained how a bill progresses by being scheduled for a Public Hearing and Work Committee

Senate Bill 193 A: MRO's required to report to DVM and ODE any positive results to drug tests. *T.J. reported that this bill passed in the Senate 28-Yes/ 0-No / 2-abstentions.* Currently at the House Committee on Education, awaiting public hearing.

SB 632: Revised method of calculating transportation grant from State School Fund. 98% of what districts received the previous year, to determine what you receive the current year. Allows districts to determine walk zones. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013. Currently at the Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development awaiting a public hearing.

SB 787: Authorizes cities and school districts to use cameras to record drivers failing to obey traffic control devices that mount on school buses. *Refers to red traffic lights, stop signs- not student load lights Captures license plates, not driver.* Public hearing held on 3/19. No work session scheduled.

HB 2262 A: Defines commercial driving privileges and persons who hold commercial driving privileges for purposes of Oregon Vehicle Code. Adds commercial learner permit, endorsements and restrictions- *Manual/auto transmission; "A" vehicle; 5th wheel* Effective on passage. (Passed in the house 56-2-2) Currently at the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation awaiting a public hearing.

HB 2300: Requires Director of State Department of Energy to promote use of compressed natural gas (including on school buses). Takes effect on the 91st day following sine die. Currently at the House Committee on Energy and Environment, awaiting a public hearing.

HB 2500: Expands types of costs that qualify as approved transportation cost for purposes of State School Fund distributions. Allows expenditures made to improve safety for students traveling to school by means that are not provided by the school district and that does not include a motor vehicle. A public hearing has been held. Currently at the House Committee on Education, awaiting a work session.

This bill has a subsequent committee referral to the House Committee on Revenue and then The Ways and Means, prior to going to the floor.

This could include bicycles, education, and enforcement. No longer supporting engineering part that builds sidewalks.

HB 2876: Considers transportation costs incurred by public charter school to be the same as transportation costs incurred by school district. Currently in the House Committee on Education awaiting a public hearing.

If the charter school provides transportation it's not refunded-If district provides transportation it would be reimbursed.

HB 3043: Prohibits school districts from expending moneys received to replace school buses if school districts enter into contract with private entity to provide student transportation. Effective July 1, 2013. A public hearing held 3/20. Currently at the House Committee on Education, awaiting a work session. *Depreciation funds could not be used to fund contracted transportation, only to purchase new school buses.*

HB 3044: Allows transportation expenses incurred for any school-related activity to be eligible for reimbursement from State School Fund. (Currently only field trips that are extensions of classroom learning are reimbursable). *Amendment to block motor coaches from reimbursement...chartered trip as long as it's not in a motor coach.*

Public hearing held on 3/20. Currently at the House Committee on Education awaiting a work session. Subsequent referrals to House Committee on Revenue and Ways and Means before going to House Floor. Bill sponsored by committee.

Web Report: Chris Ellison

PayPal Account-set up by email address

statetreasurer@ootaschoolbus.org would be the gateway, - direct to "active" treasurer.

Another example would be nwtreasurer@ootaschoolbus.org : Prevents having to create

a new account every time a new treasurer is elected.

Non-Profit Tax ID: A voided check from each chapter- will show evidence of non-profit status.

Fees: 2.2% + .30 per transaction- as a non-profit.

2.7% + .30 per transaction + *monthly fee*-if we were a business.

Kathy Houck will set up on-line banking with US Bank. Will set up Conference registration and work on a running test to verify it's working properly.

Also set up "pay" online for membership renewals. Program alerts for renewal reminders. Program can differentiate between who's active and inactive.

Program to individually check our own membership status by entering email.

Access upcoming First Aid and Core Classes under "Trainings"

Start-up costs: \$7,100-\$7,200 for PayPal and Membership renewal

Chris Ellison negotiated a deal for \$8,000, which also includes "Photo and Video Gallery"

Other forms added, for Chapter Workshops, etc. will be about \$1,200 each.

Standardizing Membership Dues: Propose an increase in the State's \$15 and Northwest's \$10 membership dues, to match S. Willamette's dues of \$20.

It would be best to combine all participants in *one* transaction.

Question: Add a \$1.00 convenience to 'shopping cart' to cover PayPal fees?

Can lower costs, by making *one* transaction fee.

Or raise individual registration fees to cover PayPal costs?

David Farley made a motion to take back to the chapters, the request to increase the dues fee structure, from \$10-\$20 for Northwest and for approval to implement PayPal.

The motion seconded by Kim Crabtree.

At this time, there was no quorum to raise the State Membership from \$15 to \$20.

Next State Board Meeting:

Bend: Location TBD

3:00 pm, following SW Chapter Meeting

Meeting adjourned by acclamation.