



**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION  
FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

**NYAPT**

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION  
DECEMBER 8, 2018 – ALBANY, NEW YORK

The regular meeting of the NYAPT Board of Directors was held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 8:30 am at the Empire Room in the Albany Marriott, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. President Sweeney requested the agenda be amended to move the Executive Session from 11:30 a.m. to after the Executive Director's Report at 9:10 a.m. Bill Harvey moved to move the Executive Session and adopt the December 8, 2018, meeting agenda as presented and Jeff Wainwright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Elizabeth Gilleo moved and Frank Barney seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 29, 2018, board meeting. Bill Harvey moved and Frank Barney seconded the motion to approve the minutes and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report was given by James Popkin. Elizabeth Gilleo moved and Jeff Wainwright seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

David Christopher emailed the Board of Directors a copy of his Executive Director's report.

CYR FOUNDATION:

President Sweeney announced the dissolution of the Cyr Foundation. He thanked all members of Cyr and their work. He apologized for any hard feelings and welcomed all to NYAPT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Frank Barney moved and Elizabeth Gilleo seconded the motion to go into executive session. The motion was carried unanimously. All Directors and Alternates were invited to stay.

Ronald Mackey made a motion to come out of executive session and was seconded by Bill Harvey. The motion was carried unanimously.

LOBBYIST CONTRACT:

Carol Sicignano moved to offer Lobbyist a one year contract from January 1 to December 31, and not to exceed \$35,000 a year. Bill Harvey seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was rescinded by Carol and Bill.

An amended motion was moved by Carol Sicignano and seconded by Bill Harvey to approve the Lobbyist Contract as it has been written. A poll vote showed 17 yes and 1 no vote. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS:

OPERATION SAFE STOP

- OSS Statewide Event possible site Rochester – Bill Harvey

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING

- Discussed the 2, 4, and 6 year plans.
- Long Range Planning meetings need to be at the end of all the committee meetings and not scheduled at the same time as any other meeting.

#### PUPIL SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Policy and guidance on field trip stops.
- Entry level driver training.

#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

- Separate the applications and instructions from the adult and student scholarships to be user friendly.

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Safety Fest will be held the Saturday before the July Conference.
- Discussion regarding food and funding.
- The parking lot for the event has been secured behind the Marriott.
- Information to Chapters will be out soon.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Finance Committee moved to set the following rates for the Winter Workshop, \$185 for members, and \$225 for non-members and \$135 nightly hotel room rate. The motion was seconded by Carol Sicignano and unanimously approved.
- The Finance Committee moved to convert the Line of Credit to a 5 Year Note and seconded by Bill Harvey. After discussion James Popkin rescinded motion. This is tabled until the March meeting.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

- Dynamics on upcoming Assembly and Senate make-up.
- School Transportation Management.
- Driver Readiness and integrity.
- Illegal passing/stop arm camera.
- Criminal trespassing and security.
- Mandate relief and efficiency measures.
- Jeff Wainwright moved to approve the Legislative Agenda seconded by Perry Oddi and carried unanimously.

#### CONFERENCE SITE PROPOSSALS:

##### RFP's

##### Rochester Hyatt

Rooms \$149 - \$154 - \$159  
\$12,000 food minimum  
840 rooms w/80% sold  
\$6 parking a day/AV prices vary/Buses inside

##### Albany Marriott

Rooms \$129 - \$130 - \$130  
\$32,000 food minimum  
840 rooms w/80%  
Free parking/AV prices vary/Buses outside

##### Syracuse Marriott

Rooms \$133 - \$136 - \$139  
\$40,000 food/\$35,000 food  
255 rooms/AV \$300 day/AV \$300

Saratoga Springs Hilton

Rooms \$149 - \$154 - \$159

\$50,000 food minimum

840 rooms/80% sold

\$7 parking/AV varies/Buses inside

Brian Trask moved and Michelle Clark seconded the motion to move the July Conference to the Saratoga Springs Hilton for the next 3 years. The motion carried unanimously.

WINTER WORKSHOP:

Wednesday

- Law Course 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- NAPT Course 801 Special Needs 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – minimum attendance required.
- Both courses count toward certification.

Thursday

- Operation Safe Stop program 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Loading and Unloading – The Moment of Truth – Dr. Peter Lawrence
- Department of Motor Vehicles – Road test update/Drug and Alcohol testing
- Department of Transportation – Jeff Corey
- State Education Department – Foster Care Transportation – Paul Overbaugh
- Evening event – TBA

Friday

- Review of Comptrollers report – Dave Christopher, Cheryl Dalton, Jeff Wainwright
- Special Education Law – Girvin and Ferlazzo Law Firm
- Seatbelts on School Buses – Bill Harvey
- Transportation Supervisor/Business Official Relationship – Lori-Ann Savino and Victor Manuel
- Verbal Judo/Active Shooter
- Round table on Bus Driver Recruitment and Retention
- Plan to have vendors on perimeter of main room included with attendees.

ADJOURNMENT:

Michelle Clark moved to adjourn the Board meeting, seconded by Frank Barney. The motion carried unanimously.

50/50:

Andy Kirk won \$150/\$150 to NYAPT

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Miano*

NYAPT Secretary