

MAPT
Monthly Meeting
January 12,2023

Board Members Present:

Lisa Gadway-President
Cliff Chase-Vendor Rep
Peter Saucier -At Large
Andy Madura-At Large
Brenda Cravens-Secretary
Richard Joseph-Treasurer

Others Present:

Cheryl Brackett MDOE
Dave Fontain
Laurie Christie
Lisa Beaulieu
Matt Arnold
Andy Madura
Pete Quimby
Terry Watson
Jessica Scott
Shelly Bennett
Norm Justice
Fred Barlow
Scott StOurs
Christopher Fanelli
Sara MArean
Peggy Bowden
Mitzie Smith
Ike Heffron
Jeanne Anderson
Alex ?
Kelly Byras
Scott Washburn
Kelly thompson
Gerry French
Christopher Pasciuto
Matt Kearns

Special guest:

Jessica Scott who is in charge of electric bus from State of Maine wanted to remind us that she is there to consult for questions regarding fleet electrification including grant funding and infrastructure. Jessica stated that she can help anyone who needs assistance in getting grant applications in. The department is also continuing to offer educational webinars on the MDOE site. February's webinar will focus on charging infrastructure.

It was also stated that MDOE will offer first responder training for electric buses as well as driver training for emergencies.

Lisa will send out contact information for Jessica .

President's Report:

Lisa introduced Cheryl Brackett to everyone as the new Transportation and Facilities Director for the MDOE. Cheryl is a past president of MAPT and has many years experience in school transportation in Maine. A warm welcome was given to Cheryl from the board.

Cheryl gave her background and spoke about electric buses.

Cliff helped out with questions and answers regarding electric bus funding information. Cheryl offered her contact information to anyone who needs to contact her. She will try and answer any questions.

cheryl.brackett@maine.gov

Secretary's report

There was no report from December as there was no quorum and no business could be conducted.

Treasurer's report:

Richard stated that he has been sending notices to districts for non payment of dues.

There was no official report as there was no Quorum

Legislative report:

Norm Justice gave a report on 2 different bills that he thought MAPT may have an interest in.

LD 62 :

"An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors"

Sponsored by **Representative Cheryl Golek**

Anti pinch sensors for bus doors to prevent doors from shutting if there is something in the way. Similar to elevator or garage door sensors.

LD 122 is

An Act to Authorize the Efficiency Maine Trust to Establish a Program to Support the Uptake of Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicles by Maine Businesses and to Establish a Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project"

Sponsored by **Senator Henry Ingwersen**

Conference committee : Brenda gave an update on the conference meeting held on 1/9/2023. The committee met and discussed locations for the regionals as well as topics for presenters. Brenda stated how important it is for each hosting school to have volunteers for helping with the skills course as well as registration. Those helping with registration would be able to attend sessions, however, asking school committee members, building administrators and any other non driving personnel will ensure that your staff are able to attend the sessions.

The locations are as follows:

4/18 Southern : Noble High School, 100 Noble Way, North Berwick

4/19 Mid Coast : Brunswick High School, 116 Maquoit Rd Brunswick

4/20 Central; Mt View High School, 577 Mt View Rd, Thorndike ME

4/21 Western: Mt Blue High School ,129 Seamon Rd, Farmington

6/20 Northern Ft. Kent High School, 84 Pleasant St, Ft. Kent

6/22 Downeast TBA

A good deal of discussion surrounding topics for sessions resulted in 4-5 topics for sessions.

Speakers will be finalized soon and presentations will be reviewed at a later date.

The next committee meeting will be held on 1/24 and will be used to finalize regionals and work on the Annual.

Old business: **policy and procedures review** Brenda suggested that the board plan to work on at least one policy or procedure for review at each business meeting as the book has not been updated regularly.

New business:No new business

Declarations from the audience.:

Sara Marean inquired of any potential propane rebates?

Cliff Chase had no knowledge at this time.

Cliff also wanted to speak on behalf of vendors to say that you are not required to purchase from the state contract electric vendor (Lion Bus) you can purchase from any vendor.

Matt Kearns agreed with Cliff Chase. Matt Kearns also wanted to let everyone know that DATTCO bus sales is now Devivo Bus Sales.

Matt asked if Lisa would send out calendar invitations for the remainder of the year..

Next meeting will be February 16,2023 at 10:00AM

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cravens CSPT

Secretary MAPT

