



Board of Directors Minutes  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022  
Zoom Meeting

**In attendance:** Cynthia Fournier, Marc Raposo, Terry Crotty, Emo Chynoweth, Tom Sutton, Su Brobst, Karen Holden, Tim Eldridge, Howard Anderson, Maryann Belanger, Sandy Rowe, Winfried Feneberg **Absent:** Laurie Young **Staff:** Mike Dennehy and Matt Gatzke

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

**Acceptance of Secretary's Report of December 14 Board Meeting:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the secretary's report. Matt to update minutes to reflect that Winfried was in attendance. Motion carried.

**Review of the December 31, 2021 Finance Reports:** Matt reviewed the balance sheet and update on AR report and some write-offs we made to remove certain unpaid balances from prior years. We expect the balance to be further reduced by end of January report. A \$520 check from SAU9 was not mailed to us but was deposited by the recipient. Milton also tracked down. Laconia SD also to pay. Send Gorham SD invoice to Tom. Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried. Matt addressed need to re-instate General Liability insurance for hosting live programs. Very limited marketplace to get a competitive quote. Discussed re-appropriating funds from line items not likely to be used during the remainder of the current fiscal year (awards dinner, some training related dollars). Need to cover \$2,100 to pay the new premium. Motion made to re-instate the general liability insurance. Motion seconded and carried.

**In-Service Training Committee:** Cynthia reported that we have moved the Jan. 22 program to Feb. 12 with the same subject matter. Move was to allow for time to get new insurance in place. Tom asked if Merrimack Valley High School was being used in the future. Yes, after renovations completed. For April course, we have 12 so far. Another email blast going out to members. Anyone with all proper endorsements and a school bus certificate can take the program. Cynthia and Marc working on securing two instructors that are needed and will get them up to speed on curriculum.

**Legislative Committee:** Howard reported good news that Diana Fenton sent out the advisory on 1/7 that indicates the FBI has approved the DOE conducting background checks. It references both HB 1558 and SB134. Changes 189:13-b removing drivers and monitors from under superintendents' responsibilities as far a background checks. They will now fall under the DOE credentialing bureau which also handles teachers. It will be a statewide check. No need for another check. Once credentialed, it expires in five years with their school bus certificate. On 1/18, Marc and Howard to meet with Steve Appleby about procedures. It will be online. Also, group to meet with Greg Hildreth and new DMV director on the rostering process being statewide. Fingerprint forms for now still need to list each location. Not sure of how the physical fingerprinting will take place. Will they still go to local police station? This may impact teachers will now need to recheck every five years. Tim commented that daycare providers have to do this every five years also. Terry asked what this means to the current workforce. They will prorate the number of years on your school bus certificate. It will expire with your school bus certificate. The roster will coincide with the fingerprint checks. Currently the certificates are not valid when a drivers leaves. Although not rostered your school bus certificate will still be in force here in NH. Stills some answers on how to handle those already rostered and/or fingerprinted. HB1202: Has to do with using coach buses related to last year bill to use private coaches and get around safety requirements of a regular school bus. Last time it was for non-school activities. This version appears to allow athletic trips.

**Rules and Safety Committee:** Sandy had an email from a colleague concerns USDOE and USDOT released a waiver for testing and is leaving it up to each state testing department if they want to enact a waiver (to be in effect Jan. 3-Mar. 31, 2022) eliminating the under-the-hood portion of the pre-trip inspection to help with driver shortage. Maine may be enacting it. Have others heard about this happening in NH given we are in the pilot program. The pilot program was extended as well into January and ending on February 22. Will add it to the agenda for meeting with Greg and DMV director. VT is looking into this and they asked for input from those impacted in that state. Sandy will ask CDL testing.

One of Tim's trainers asked when the pilot program goes away and the Federal program begins, can the company or the trainers register to administer the ELDT. Companies register each location and then each location has one person who is going into the web system to certify that the drivers going in for the road test are set to go. Indicate if you are a public or private trainers, in-house only. Each trainer has their own number. If you are outside a company and work for a company privately you have to register in each state. You would have a private and a public certification number. Must register with each state and be trained and certified it with them. Mike confirmed that ELDT will not be further delayed. If you have driver in the pipeline have them move along to get their permit before the deadline date. Not required to follow ELDT if they already have their permit.

**Bylaws Committee:** No changes or update offered at this time.

**Awards Banquet Committee:** Sandy reported that board and the committee agreed we will provide certificates, pins and any awards directly to the terminals and they would do their own recognition. We will use the February 12 program as one last time to get driver and mechanic names in.

**Public Relations Committee:** Tim had not had a chance to talk with Mike prior to the meeting. Facebook continues to gain followers. Mike asked for ideas of things to post weekly on Facebook, content in general. ELDT would be a good thing to post. Fun items are equally important as informational. Tim asked how members can access our minutes. Matt mentioned that they are on the website but he needs to check on that.

**Scholarship Committee:** Scholarship application for 2022 is now on the resources tab of the website.

**Nominating Committee:** Maryann reported that there was no current business. Maryann spoke to Brian Cressey but he is too busy to come back onto the board.

**Old Business:** Meeting of membership committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m.

**New Business:** None heard.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 11:17 a.m.