



October 10, 2019

The meeting held at Allen ISD was called to order by President Raymond Forsberg at 10:32 a.m. President Forsberg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge. All first-time visitors were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. Kyle Pursiful of Allen ISD welcomed all to their facility. Lori Fairless read the Treasurer's Report from September. A motion was made by Laura Carter to dispense the reading of the May meeting, which was unavailable last month. Motion was accepted. Leigh Giddens, secretary, read the minutes from September 2019.

The October meeting was sponsored by Hop Skip Drive (Ryan Lerner) and Creative Bus Sales (Rick Brownlow).

Scott Stewart, President Elect, called on Committee Chairs to speak on their Committees. Laura Carter brought important updates regarding the State Rodeo. She stated the State Rodeo will not be held during the conference, it will be held on the weekend of June 13 & 14. This will give more focus on drivers and attendants, ease the task of securing judges, extend the event to include educational opportunities, and offer a fun and skill enhancing event. She also stated if any districts are interested in signing up for the host location, applications were available from Raymond or herself. The deadline to apply is November 15<sup>th</sup> to submit your interest in hosting the Rodeo at your location. She provided handouts to tell you the logistics needed (i.e. area, meeting rooms).

Pat Garcia of Region 10 spoke about the Speech contest. Information is posted on the TAPT website during School Bus Safety Week, October 21. Registration for local contest will be by 4 pm on January 24, 2020. The Regional will be held sometime in February. Winners will be sent to the state in March. State contest is April 27<sup>th</sup>. State winner will do their presentation at the Honoree Breakfast at conference on July 1.

Tammy Loveless spoke on the Scholarships. She stated the deadline is March 6<sup>th</sup>. She asked that we push our bus drivers and monitors to apply for their students and themselves because last year there were not very many who applied.

Nancy Long, of North Central Texas Council of Governments presented information on an opportunity under the Environmental Protection Agency giving diesel emissions reduction act for school bus rebates giving up to \$20,000 for school buses 2006 and older. The deadline is October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The presentation was given by Allen ISD's own Nurse Vicky Bauer who gave very informative information on Influenza, Diabetes, and Bleeding Control.

Vendor sponsor Ryan Lerner of Hop Skip Drive and Creative Bus Sales gave information about their companies and what they have to offer.

The blessing of the food was given by Doug Becker. President Forsberg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Carter made the motion. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharod Cox. The meeting was adjourned.