



## Rochester Area Transportation Supervisors Association (RATSA)

Dec 14, 2023

R-H Transportation Center

10:00 - 12:00

### Agenda/Minutes

**Attendance:** J. Morris - HF-L, C. MacDougall-Purnell - HF-L, R. Kluth - Brockport, P. Lawrence - Life Member, D. Proctor - GV Boces, T. Flood - Webster, R. Reagan - Webster, C. Wahl - Webster, J. VanNiel - Webster, M. Schultz - Hilton, S. Morrill -- RCSD, A. Widman - NYBS, P. Annis - NYBS, A. Bunce - Pittsford, C. Grove - Pittsford, S. Guidice - Wheatland, D. Hazard - Boces 1, L Koster - Boces 1, P. Powell - Boces 1, H. Judd - ret., D. Dwyer - ret., R. Galloway - Sodus, A. DiNatale - Churchville, S. Smith-Gravanda - R-H, R. Geckler - Leonard, B. Harvey - Leonard, D. Richardson - Greece

### **Guests:**

1. Welcome/Introductions (Monroe and Livingston Counties) Dave C.
    - a. [Membership Application](#) Applications received from: Greece, Leonard Bus, Geneseo, Fairport, BOCES 1, Spencerport, Brockport, Churchville, HF-L, Kendall, GV BOCES, Williamson, Penfield, Hilton
    - b. RATSA OFFICERS:  
Dave - President, Shirley - VP, Matt - Secretary, Anthony - Treasurer, Dave D - Alt
    - c. Review of RATSA Account (Treasurer's Report)
      - i. Checking is 4388.03
      - ii. Savings is 8000.18
      - iii. Total is 12,388.21
    - d. [Distribution List](#) - *see updates*
    - e. [The Constitution](#) needs review. We will allocate 30 min at each meeting for review until it is adopted.
  2. Website
    - a. Explore the possibility of eliminating our website and domain names (costly)
  3. NYAPT/Legislative Update and NAPT
    - a. Board of Directors 23-24 meetings 9/22-9/23, 12/8-12/9, 3/15-3/16, 6/7-6/8
      1. Updates from 12/8, 12/9 BOD mtg (Dave, Dave)
        - a. Staffing is the #1 concern
        - b. EV buses
          - i. NYS School Boards taking a stance
          - ii. NYAPT taking a stance
          - iii. Waiting on ASBO and COSS to take a stance
- Winter conference 2024 - 2/21-2/23 Albany Marriott  
NAPT 702 class to be offered  
Summer conference 2024 - 7/8-7/10 Saratoga Hilton (3 days vs. 3.5 days)  
GV Boces training day - Aug 21, 2024 at Pavilion, Darren Everhart - Keynote. Workshops and crash simulation; all day event. Reach out to Dan if interested in being involved.

NAPT Conference in Tulsa, OK next year (Nov. 2024)

4. Stop Arms- Camera partnership between Monroe County, Bus Patrol and District
  - a. Committed: Hilton, Webster, E.I., Boces 1, Brockport, Spencerport, Greece, Pittsford
    - i. Hilton - now live
    - ii. Hilton willing to share their experiences, call Matt with Q's
    - iii. Customer service inconsistent. 30 day notification letter up Nov 15
    - iv. Camera removal can be a concern and may not pass DOT inspection
    - v. Signage throughout the County alerting motorists
    - vi. Decommission process from Bus Patrol will not pass DOT, due to holes where cameras were.
  - b. Bus Patrol emailed brochures to all districts
  - c. Legislation does sunset June 2024. Be prepared in case it does not renew with NYS.
5. Zero Emissions Bus Initiative
  - a. Discussion - Updates from NYBS, Matthews or Leonard
    1. EPA Fall Rebate Program
      - a. Application available now thru January 31st
      - b. No Districts considered Priority Districts
    2. NYSERDA road map
      - a. Thank you P. Lawrence for your support with this document
    3. NYSBIP program via NYSERDA (Available to all Districts)
      - a. Application opened Nov 29th
      - b. Greece, RCSD, Geneseo are Priority Districts
      - c. 15 months to get the bus, timeline can be a concern
      - d. Money may be available for awhile
    4. New Energy (Girardin), Fleet Power, Cornice Technology - possible vendors for analysis of your bus fleet and bus lot for conversion to electric
    5. NYSSBA - adopted a cease and desist with Initiative, passed overwhelmingly
    6. Voter disapproval in Marathon and Adirondack
    7. Hilton-2 with EPA or NYSERDA (TBD), Fairport-1/2, Livonia-1 looking at Round 3
6. Awards Brunch
  - a. May 2, 2024 Wildwood CC (\$25)
  - b. Bus Manufacturers sponsor again? \$500 each. They will confirm
  - c. Committee mtg in January (Dan?)
  - d. Other awards to be given
  - e. Format
    - Dave - Emcee
    - Dave Christopher - Keynote speaker
    - 10:15 - Welcome and Keynote
    - 10:30 - Brunch
    - 11:15 - Recognize recipients (Pin, Blanket, Certificate)
    - 11:55 - Wrap up
    - 12:00 - Done
    - Other Awards (Lifetime Achievement?)

7. Driver Shortage/Action Steps

- a. Promote/Recruit (Billboards, Banners, Job Fairs, Sandwich boards, Indeed, Pennysaver, RH video, individual District web sites, pamphlets, booth/table at festivals, Open Houses, Parades, Drive the bus recruitment event, QR codes)
- b. Contract or MOA updates? (RH Drivers +\$2 and Attendants +.50)
- c. Update % shortage below
- d. Strongly encouraged to meet regularly with your SBO or Sup't

8. "Operation Safe Stop" thoughts on a joint event this year (April 26)?

- a. Debrief accident procedures and partnership with First Responders
- b. Fire grounds of R-H? Julie to explore,
- c. Subcommittee to plan for the event

9. DMV/ELDT/FMCSA Update All

- a. Concerns getting permits, scheduling road tests
- b. Testing sites: City (Lake/Ridge, Canandaigua, Warsaw, Leroy, Geneva, Greece)  
PA testing, form to be completed beforehand, \$350, old school pre-trip  
"Do it the way you have been trained"  
PA accommodating, no plans to not allow people from NY to take the test

10. NY Head Mechanic Association update (Rochester Chapter - Peter Marini)

- a. Summer Seminar in Syracuse (500+) and Summer Mtg in RH (140) feedback
- b. Next mtg: \_\_\_\_\_; Summer Seminar July 11, 2024
- c. Please send Pete Marini names of your mechanics (peter.marini@fairport.org)

11. Athletics Updates

12. Bus Manufacturers Updates

Matthews - Diesel, EV

NYBS - Diesel, EV, Gas, Propane (New location in Batavia)

Leonard - Diesel, EV

State contracts have been awarded, waiting on list

All are available to support you with questions, needs

13. Next meeting:

- a. Meetings for 23-24 (1/11, 2/8 (First Light Safety at 11:00), 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13)

14. Open Forum (All):

- a. Sponsorship opportunities for Winter Conference and Summer Conference
  - i. \$750 for charging table approved.
- b. Sponsorship for basket for Winter Conference approved \$250

District Data 23-24

<u>District</u>	<u>% Short</u>	<u>Electric Bus</u>	<u>Stop Arm Program?</u>
Greece	10%	Education	Yes
HF-L	5%	No	
Penfield	15%		
Hilton	8%	Yes/Planning	Yes
Webster	0%	No/Planning	Yes
Livonia	10%	Looking at 1 via EPA	N/A
Brockport	15%	Possibly/Planning	Yes
BOCES #1	25-30%	Fleet study	Yes
R-H	15%	No/Propane is hope	No
Brighton	15%	N/A	N/A
Gates	5%	Yes	
Churchville	10%		
Spencerport	5%		
Fairport	5-8%	No/Planning	May be
Geneseo	5%	No	
Pittsford	25%	No/Planning	May be
West Irondequoit	0%		
East Irondequoit	26%	completed analysis	Yes
Byron Bergen	0%	No plans	
Dansville	20%		
GV BOCES	100%	No/Leasing	N/A
Wheatland-Chili	Down 1	No/Planning/Questions	May be
RCSD	20%		
Cal-Mum	0%		