



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Indiana Secured School Safety Board
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Conference Center Room 18

1. This meeting of the Indiana Secured School Safety Board was opened by Chairman Langley at 2:02 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2019:

(a) Board Members present at the meeting:

Eric Bowlen
Doug Carter
Kenneth Folks
Bryan Langley, Chairman
Devon McDonald
Kevin McDowell (arrived at 2:15 p.m.)
Scott Mellinger

(b) Board Members not present at the meeting:

(c) The following support staff were present during the meeting:

Michelle Allen, Deputy General Counsel, IDHS
Kathleen Ash, Legal Assistant, IDHS
Rusty Goodpaster, Secured School Safety Director, IDHS
Jeff Groh, Chief Operating Officer, IDHS
David Hosick, Chief Public Information Officer, IDHS
Kim Snyder, Grants Management Section Chief, IDHS
Jonathan Whitham, General Counsel, IDHS

2. Roll Call

Rusty Goodpaster conducted roll call, and determined quorum was present.

3. Approval of August 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Doug Carter moved to approve the August 14, 2019 meeting minutes. Scott Mellinger made the second. It was voted on and carried.

4. Update on Advance from Common School Fund Application

Rusty Goodpaster explained that he has attempted to contact Options Charter School – Carmel (the “School”) several times, but they still have not responded. The School’s request was for \$80,645. The School is eligible, as they have received SSSG funding in the past. One issue with the request is that two items are ineligible because they are personnel-related. The School’s Common School Fund Application mirrors its SSSG application. As such, this request can move forward, however the amount that the School receives from the SSSG fund, as well as the \$26,560 request for personnel, should be deducted from the Common School Fund advance. Chairman Langley moved to approve with the condition that any amount awarded to the School from the SSSG, as well as the amount requested for personnel, will be deducted from the amount awarded to the School from the Common School Fund. Eric Bowlen made the second. It was voted on and carried.

5. SSSG Funding Decisions

Chairman Langley thanked everyone for all of their work related to reviewing the SSSG applications. A total of 429 applications were submitted. Having the schools prioritize their requests was extremely helpful. The grand total of funding will be \$19,089,000. The total amount of funding is a carryover and includes de-obligated funds. All of the applications will be either fully or partially-funded. Thus, all of the schools’ number one priority requests, which were deemed eligible, will be funded. All of the support services requests will also all be funded. There were a lot of “point of access” and camera requests. Doug Carter noted that he has heard nothing but positive feedback from all over the state regarding the SSSG process and ease of communication with IDHS staff. All of the grant reviews were completed within three days. IDHS staff is still in the process of closing out the 2019 cycle as some schools have received grant extensions. Doug Carter moved to approve the SSSG funding decisions with the conditions outlined by IDHS staff. Devon McDonald made the second. It was voted on and carried.

6. Comments and Closing Remarks

There was discussion on SROs and where schools ranked them in terms of funding priority. The goal for IDHS staff is to send award letters out by August 30, 2019, as September 1, 2019 is a Sunday. Chairman Langley thanked IDHS staff for all of their hard work. Rusty Goodpaster stated that the next SSSB meeting will be in approximately three months, unless another Common School Fund request is received.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.