



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Indiana Secured School Safety Board
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Conference Center Room 4

1. This meeting of the Indiana Secured School Safety Board was opened by Chairman Langley at 1:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019:

(a) Board Members present at the meeting:

Eric Bowlen
Doug Carter
Kenneth Folks
Bryan Langley, Chairman
Devon McDonald
Stephanie Mullaney for Kevin McDowell

(b) Board Members not present at the meeting:

Scott Mellinger

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

Michelle Allen, Staff Attorney, IDHS
Kathleen Ash, Legal Assistant, IDHS
Amanda Carver, Grants Coordinator, IDHS
Rusty Goodpaster, Secured School Safety Director, IDHS
Jeff Groh, Chief Operating Officer, IDHS
Kim Snyder, Grants Management Section Chief, IDHS

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of March 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Stephanie Mullaney abstained, as she was not in attendance at the previous meeting. Eric Bowlen moved to approve the March 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Doug Carter made the second. It was voted on and carried.

4. SSSG Timeline

Rusty Goodpaster explained that they had to wait until the end of session before moving forward with the application. The application process will hopefully be open in early summer. The performance period would be September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. New legislation was discussed. New legislation requires all schools applying for a grant to complete a threat assessment. A threat assessment will not be required until 2021. The timeline will be communicated to schools via the NOFO. The match will provide a better opportunity for rural schools to participate. PIO has provided information on the Intelligrants system on IDHS' website; online trainings will be provided. There was discussion regarding the difference between pupil enrollment and ADM.

5. Legislative Driven Changes in SSSG Process

An SRO is defined by IC 35-31.5-2-185. There is a broad list of what constitutes a law enforcement officer; this gives schools more options. Five members were appointed to an advisory committee on mental health. There was discussion regarding mental health assessments, although the language in the legislation says "support services." The grant would pay for implementation of a support services plan. Grant funding may be spent on fire/self-defense training, as well as an active event warning system; this must be done in cooperation with the Sheriff. A match is not required for the alarm system. Funding was increased to \$19 million for the year; \$500,000 is special appropriations for private schools. IDHS indicated a likelihood that there will be more than \$19 million worth of requests this year; including many schools applying for \$100,000. There was discussion regarding what should be prioritized; this would offer guidance to grant staff. Two of the largest costs for schools are securing entrances and SROs. Schools are required to have a threat assessment completed by July 1, 2021: a minimum basic requirement for threat assessments is needed to provide guidance to schools. The Department of Education has been compiling information on threat assessments; this information could be used as guidance in the NOFO. Doug Carter moved to approve a subcommittee between IDHS and IDOE to establish guidelines on considerations for threat assessments. Eric Bowlen made the second. It was voted on and carried.

6. Bylaw Changes

Michelle Allen explained that the proposed bylaw change would offer the Board more flexibility when scheduling meetings. The proposed change provides that the Board will meet twice a year. Eric Bowlen moved to approve. Devon McDonald made the second. It was voted on and carried.

7. Comments and Closing Remarks

Scoring staff will be needed to grade applications in mid to late July for approximately one week. Volunteers will receive guidance and training. Training dates and webinars are being finalized for Intelligrants.

8. Adjournment

Bryan Langley moved to adjourn the meeting. Devon McDonald made the second. It was voted on and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.