



Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Secured School Safety Board
will be meeting:

August 23, 2022

2:30 p.m.

**Indiana Government Center South
IDOA Conference Center Rooms 4 & 5 & TEAMS**

AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Chairman Joel Thacker

Session was Called to Order and began at 2:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Rusty Goodpaster

Chairman Joel Thacker – present

Steve Balko – present via phone

Philip Gordon – present

Doug Carter - present

Eric Bowlen – present

Devon McDonald - present

6 Present – Qualify for Quorum

Guests – Whitney Downard, *Indiana Capital Chronical*
Stephen Jones, Indiana State Fire Marshall
Anna Shei, IDHS Communications Manager
Kristi Shute, IDHS Legal
Alyssa Schroeder, IDHS Legal
Elliot Anderson, IDHS Director of Administrative Services
David Hosick, IDHS Communications Director
Bonnie Sims, IDHS Administrative Assistant
Ada Knight, IDHS Grants
Nicole Lee, IDHS Grants

3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – Rusty Goodpaster

Rusty had sent via email a copy of the May board meeting minutes ahead of time for review. Rusty has called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Approve minutes 1st – Doug Carter

2nd – Eric Bowlen

Rusty Goodpaster conducted roll call vote:

Chairman Joel Thacker – abstained (not member at time of last meeting)

Steve Balko – aye
 Eric Bowlen - aye
 Doug Carter – aye
 Philip Gordon – aye
 Devon McDonald - aye

Motion Carried – May meeting minutes Approved.

4. SSSG Funding Decisions – Rusty Goodpaster

- The funding recommendation we are seeking for board approval is to fund all eligible Priority 1 requests and all eligible Priority 2 training requests.
- The rationale is to ensure each applicant receives some funding while also ensuring applicants wanting to send LEOs to SRO training, have that ability.
- This request for approval consists of 425 applications for a total dollar amount of \$22,871,394.45.

FY23 Secured School Safety Grant -Breakdown

Award Status	FY23 SSSG Awards
Fully Funded	338
Partially Funded	87 (had non-eligible items, etc.)
Total	425

Project Scope – Priority 1	Number of Apps	Total Eligible
SRO Personnel	271	\$15,527,238.92
Equipment/Technology	133	\$ 6,468,821.16
Threat Assessment	1	\$ 1,500.00
SPSSP	19	\$ 834,873.00
AEWS (non-match)	1	\$ 1,800.00
Training	0	\$ 0.00

Project Scope – Priority 2	Number of Apps	Total Eligible
Training	12	\$ 37,161.37

TOTAL 430 apps (5 ineligible) / 437 projects \$22,871,394.45

- Additional Information: number of first-time applicants: 23
- Award letters will go out by September 1, 2022.

Vote to Approve Funding for 2022-2023

Chairman Joel Thacker called for a motion to vote to **approve the recommendations for the total of \$22,871,394.45 in funding for 2022-2023.**

Motion to Vote for Funding Approval
1st – Doug Carter
2nd – Devon McDonald

5. Additional Discussion: Doug Carter

Doug Carter brought into discussion with the board and guests the question the new Public Law 139 which he interpreted as not allowing Law Enforcement Officers to work in schools unless they take the 40 hour School Resource Officer training. Superintendent Bowlen stated he read it the same way. Their fear is this would make rural schools less safe as they would not be able to have certified SROs. Alyssa Schroeder, IDHS Legislative Director, explained that IDHS’ interpretation still allowed for the Secured School Safety Grant to pay for Law Enforcement Officers in schools and PL 139 was adding the time allowed for an officer wanting to be a certified SRO to take the 40 hour basic training. There was agreement among the group and Superintendent Carter was pleased to receive the information.

Superintendent Carter asked about the Training requests and Ada Knight responded – there were 12 schools who were funded for training as their Priority 2 request. Those are the only schools who were awarded something besides their Priority 1 requests.

Covington Community School Corp.	Firearms/Self-defense
Eastern Greene Schools	Basic SRO
Global Preparatory Academy	ALICE Training
Hanover Community School Corp.	Basic SRO
Indianapolis Public Schools	Basic SRO
North Spencer County School Corp.	NASRO Conference
Northwestern School Corp.	Basic SRO
Penn-Harris-Madison School Corp.	Basic SRO
South Henry School Corp.	Basic SRO
Southern Hancock County Comm. School Corp.	Active Shooter Training
Tri-Creek School Corp.	Basic SRO
Western School Corp.	Basic SRO

Rusty Goodpaster conducted the roll call vote:

Chairman Joel Thacker – aye
Steve Balko – aye
Eric Bowlen – aye (abstained from voting on Martinsville’s application)
Doug Carter – aye
Philip Gordon - aye
Devon McDonald - aye
Motion passes. Funding for 2022-2023 Approved.

Chairman Joel Thacker commented, “Thank you for taking the time to make sure that the funding is being distributed correctly.”

6. Comments and Closing Remarks – Chairman Joel Thacker

Thank you, board members for your dedication, thank you to Elliot and all he has been doing for the agency. Thank you to our Grants team and everyone involved. Thank you, Rusty for your leadership. It is incredible the job we are all doing regarding this important funding.

That concludes all the items on the agenda for today.

7. Adjournment – Chairman Joel Thacker

Chairman Joel Thacker called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn 1st – Devon McDonald

2nd Motion to Adjourn – Eric Bowlen

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.