



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Indiana Secured School Safety Board  
Indiana Government Center South  
302 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Conference Center Room 2

March 19, 2019

1. This meeting of the Indiana Secured School Safety Board was opened by Chairman Langley at 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2019.

(a) Board Members present at the meeting:

Eric Bowlen  
Kenneth Folks  
Bryan Langley, Chairman  
Kevin McDowell  
Scott Mellinger

(b) Board Members not present at the meeting:

Doug Carter  
Devon McDonald

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

Michelle Allen, Staff Attorney, IDHS  
Kathleen Ash, Legal Assistant, IDHS  
Rusty Goodpaster, Secured School Safety Director, IDHS  
Jeff Groh, Chief Operating Officer, IDHS  
Jonathan Whitham, General Counsel, IDHS

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of January 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Kevin McDowell moved to approve the January 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Eric Bowlen made the second. It was voted on and carried.

4. Update on Legislation Relative to SSSG

Jonathan Whitham, General Counsel, IDHS, stated that the next 48 hours would be instrumental for pending legislation relating to school safety and the Secured School Safety Board. House Bill 1004, the Governor's agenda bill for school safety, remains strong and has a hearing at 1:30 p.m. today in the Senate Chamber. There is currently \$19 million in the budget bill per year, which is the most ever. HB 1225 pertains to school emergency response systems. There is an app that law enforcement can have on their devices to alert them when something happens in their district and the buildout of the app and system would be eligible for grant funding by the Secured School Safety Board. SB 127 and HB 1253 both cover training, but have different requirements.

5. Discussion on Utilizing Eligibility for Funding Decisions

The next SSSB meeting will be in May after the legislative session has ended. By this time, the dollar amounts will have been determined, and they will know whether mental health is included.

6. List of Non-Eligible Items to be Include in NOFO

Michelle Allen, Staff Attorney, noted that Amanda Carver, Grants Coordinator, is working with experts to compile a list outlining eligible equipment. Including this list with the NOFO will help expedite the process because schools will be given a road map to identify eligible equipment. Jonathan Whitham explained that the biggest issue is that schools want to place equipment on doors. This can bring a door out of compliance because it violates fire codes once the equipment is added. As these products have developed, we have learned more about these items and can now provide guidance beforehand. Rusty Goodpaster mentioned the Federal Secured School Resource Officer Act. He would like to provide schools with information pertaining to other available funding options in the event that the SSSG would not work for them. It was mentioned that Stop the Bleed kits are currently not eligible for funding. However, House Bill 1063 is geared exclusively toward Stop the Bleed training and Stop the Bleed kits. The third hearing on this bill is today. Assuming it is implemented, training would be provided to schools for free, and the Indiana Hospital Association would provide kits to schools who have had people trained. Once schools certify that they have a certain number of people trained, then they are eligible for kits.

7. Comments and Closing Remarks

Bryan Langley mentioned the Secured School Safety Hub and stated that he would plan to see everyone in May at the next SSSB meeting.

8. Adjournment

Eric Bowlen moved to adjourn the meeting and Scott Mellinger made the second. It was voted on and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.