



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Indiana Secured School Safety Board  
Indiana Government Center South  
302 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Conference Center Room 12

October 16, 2018

1. This meeting of the Indiana Secured School Safety Board was opened by Chairman Langley at 10:01 a.m. on October 16, 2018.

(a) Board Members present at the meeting:

Bryan Langley, Chairman  
Kevin McDowell  
Scott Mellinger (participated telephonically)  
David Murtaugh  
Kelly Wittman

(b) Board Members not present at the meeting:

Eric Bowlen  
Doug Carter

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

Kathleen Ash, Legal Assistant, IDHS  
Rusty Goodpaster, Secured School Safety Director, IDHS  
Jonathan Whitham, General Counsel, IDHS

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. June 28, 2018
- b. August 16, 2018
- c. September 21, 2018

Kevin McDowell moved to approve the June, August and September meeting minutes. David Murtaugh made the second. Roll call was conducted: Bryan Langley, Kevin McDowell, Scott Mellinger, David Murtaugh, and Kelly Wittman all voted "yes." The motion was approved.

4. Non-Final Order

Southwestern Consolidated School District, Shelbyville, Indiana  
Cause No. DHS-1740-SSSB-003

Rusty Goodpaster presented the Non-Final Order for the Board's consideration. The Administrative Law Judge recommended that Southwestern's Secured School Safety Grant Application should have been approved and it should have received \$50,000.00. Kevin McDowell noted that the ALJ's decision was very comprehensive. He added that if the ALJ is recommending approval of the grant application, then he does not see a reason to contradict her opinion. Kevin McDowell moved to approve the Non-Final Order and David Murtaugh made the second. Roll call was conducted: Bryan Langley, Kevin McDowell, Scott Mellinger, David Murtaugh, and Kelly Wittman all voted "yes." The motion was approved.

5. Electronic Meeting Policy Reminder

The Electronic Meeting Policy is posted on the SSSB website. Three (3) voting members must be present in-person at a meeting, however, any member participating electronically will count toward quorum; roll-call voting would be required. The required physical participation at meetings will be 66% each calendar year.

6. Monthly Meetings

The Board must meet within thirty (30) days of receipt of a Common School Fund Request. There was discussion as to whether the Board members would prefer to meet once a month or continue to meet quarterly and schedule other meetings as needed. The members decided they would prefer to meet quarterly and schedule any necessary meetings as warranted.

7. Legislative Session

Legislation will be introduced which could change what is allowable using Secured School Safety Grant funds. It was mentioned that legislation that supports SROs as well as law enforcement officers could help smaller schools because it would not require the 50/50 match, plus it addresses the amount of funds available. There was discussion regarding the effective date of the legislation and when the NOFO is disseminated. Legislation that passes typically takes effect July 1<sup>st</sup> rather than immediately. The Grants Division of IDHS explained that this date could have an effect on when award letters are issued. If the effective date is July 1<sup>st</sup> then award letters would go out on September 1<sup>st</sup> instead of July 1<sup>st</sup>. It was purported that we should know by March or April whether the specific grant program will change; Notice of funding could go out mid to late April identifying the eligible projects. Notably, more information would be available at the next meeting, as we will know the actual language of the proposed legislation. If necessary, a meeting can be scheduled to specifically review the legislation language and see its possible impact on this Board and the next grant cycle. We should have an idea of all of the proposed legislation by February 1<sup>st</sup>, as the filing deadline is mid-January. It was noted that the match change would likely create an influx of applications because schools would not have to match the award amount.

8. Comments and Closing Remarks

Rusty Goodpaster stated that he would schedule the next meeting to be held in late January or early February. He noted that a meeting may have to be held sooner if a Common School Fund Request was received.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.