

SECURED SCHOOL SAFETY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Details

Date: May 17, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: In person

Member Attendance

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Stephen Balko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Eric Bowlen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Doug Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Philip Gordon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Devon McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Joel Thacker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

Notes

Additional information may be available at the [DHS Boards and Commissions Page](#).

Designee for Secretary of Education: Stephen Balko

Designee for Attorney General: Philip Gordon

Vacancies: Local law enforcement officer

- Call to Order:** At 10:00 a.m. Chairman called the May 17, 2023, meeting of the Secured School Safety Board to order.
- Roll Call and Quorum:** A roll call was conducted to determine member attendance. The results are included above.
- Review and Action on November 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed the Meeting Minutes, as posted in the meeting materials, and requested no corrections. The Board **approved** the minutes by a vote of 4-0

Motion: Approve the minutes made by Devon McDonald and seconded by Stephen Balko.

Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Stephen Balko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Bowlen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doug Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip Gordon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Devon McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joel Thacker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Update on Legislative changes

a. Alyssa Schroeder gave a thorough overview of legislative changes (most coming because of passage of HB 1492) to include:

- i. Transfer of \$400,000 from the CJI Safe Havens Program to the Secured School Safety Grant
- ii. Approval of \$25 million being allocated over the next two years for the Secured School Safety Grant.
- iii. Changing of language from threat assessment to site vulnerability assessment
- iv. Secured School Safety Grant additional eligible items.
- v. Additional reporting requirements relative to School Resource Officers
- vi. Requires charter schools to have a School Safety Specialist, school safety plan and safe school committee by July 1, 2024
- vii. Requires all counties to have a Safe Schools Commission by December 31, 2023
- viii. HB 1177 defines the firearms training requirements for school personnel whose training is funded through the Secured School Safety Grant

b. Members asked follow up questions to include:

- i. Stephen Balko asked if schools must submit separate application for the firearms training. Response: They do not but have the opportunity to do so
- ii. Devon McDonald asked if IDHS or the Secured School Safety Board are required to review the firearms training curriculum. Response: No, but the school does have to attest in their application that the training meets the requirements
- iii. Philip Gordon asked if we knew how many schools might apply for the firearms training. Response: Not sure but currently not many schools allow staff to carry firearms on school property.
- iv. Stephen Balko asked if SB 369 allows for AEDs to be paid for out of the Secured School Safety Grant. Response: Yes, AEDs are an allowable item.

c. Rusty Goodpaster informed the Board of some additional eligible items that were added to the Advance from the Common School Fund to include:

- i. Helping teachers, school staff and school employees to acquire specialized firearms instruction.
- ii. Defraying the cost of related expenses for school personnel who wish to enroll in the course of firearms training described in IC 10-21-3
- iii. Provide funding in the event of a school shooting to cover the costs of counseling for students, teachers, school staff and school employees.

5. Secured School Safety Grant timeline:

Kim Snyder reported applications may not open until July due to the application updates needed. This could cause delays in the rest of the Grant timeline as well.

6. **Final Comments/Closing Remarks** – Chairman Thacker thanked everyone for their time and attention.

7. **Adjournment** – Chairman Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

