

# SECURED SCHOOL SAFETY BOARD

## MEETING AGENDA

### Meeting Details

**Date:** October 23, 2024

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Location:** In person and virtually via Microsoft Teams – Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-3.7 and E.O. 22-01

### Member Attendance

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Jonathan Whitham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Stephen Balko	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Eric Bowlen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Doug Carter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Jordan Hoffman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Devon McDonald	<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: Jordan Hoffman

Vacancies: Local Law Enforcement Officer

1. Call to Order – At 1:33 p.m. Chairman Whitham called the October 23, 2024, meeting of the Secured School Safety Board to order. Some members attended the meeting electronically by videoconference and teleconference call through Microsoft Teams, pursuant to the requirements of [Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-3.6](#).
2. Roll Call and Quorum Determination – A roll call was conducted to determine member attendance. The results are included above.
3. Review and Action on August 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Chairman Whitham
  - **Motion:** To approve the August 27, 2024 meeting minutes.
  - **Motion is approved.**

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4. MSD of Warren County request for an Advance from the Common School Fund.
  - a. They want to purchase 6 metal detectors for \$125,000.
  - b. Their operations budget will have to cover some of their SRO expenses for 2025 since they received 81% of their Secured School Safety Grant request for FY25.
  - c. The Secured School Safety Board votes whether or not to recommend approval to the State Board of Education for the school to receive an advance from the Common School Fund, which is a loan.
  - **Motion:** To recommend approval to State Board of Education for the advance as presented.
  - **Motion is approved.**

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5. Governor's Office report – 2023 Legislative Session required HB 1492
  - a. Governor's Office Report
    - i. Overview of school safety
      - Spells out what SRO data
      - SSSG Funding Matter
    - ii. Due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> every year
    - iii. Every school, regardless whether they receive SSSG funding, they are required to report to SRO/LEO information to IDHS.
    - iv. All county school safety commissions must send in meeting agendas and minutes
    - v. School Corps & Charter Schools - 345 schools reported in 2023 & 373 schools reported in 2024.
    - vi. Included SSSG funding information from the inception of the grant through Fiscal Year 2025.
    - vii. Superintendent Carter recommended a language adjustment for clarification – \$25,000,000 budgeted + \$4.8 million previously-deobligated grant funds = \$29.8 million awarded for FY24.
    - viii. Superintendent Carter inquired about multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams and their statuses. This a requirement for IN Dept Of Education for July 1, 2025.
    - ix. Rep Bartels: what is the intent of the SRO reporting requirement?
      - In the past, State Senate members would ask about how many SROs and how many schools employ SROs/LEOs. The information gathered is used to provide a more accurate calculation as to the number of SROs/LEOs employed across the state.

- x. Rep Bartels: Was it an oversight that non-public schools were not required to report the SRO data?
  - More than likely, it was an intentional legislative decision due to non-public schools previously being largely excluded from grant funding and reporting requirements.
- xi. Rusty would like to include DOE's information for the school safety specialist academy and other items they deal with to make it a more robust report.
- b. Future of the Grant
  - i. Rep Bartels: Are the grant funds or Common School Fund dollars received up front, or are they reimbursement based?
    - SSSG reimburses, and the Common School Fund is a loan that the school will eventually pay back.
  - ii. Rep Bartels/Devon McDonald: Can the SSSB Board prioritize funding for counties or schools that have provided the data required by statute?
    - SSSB has the discretion to deny schools who have not reported required data, but the board does not have rule-making authority.
- **Motion:** To move the report forward for final modification based on the suggested changes.
- **Motion is approved.**

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## 6. Final Comments/Closing Remarks

- a. Good discussions – we will see what the next administration's priorities are and what the budget will look like
- b. What kind of data do we want to get back from these reports?
  - i. What are the next steps or what is the trend?

## 7. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.
- b. Chairman Whitham adjourned the meeting at 2:23pm.

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