



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Indiana Secured School Safety Board  
Indiana Government Center South  
302 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Conference Center Room 4

January 15, 2019

1. This meeting of the Indiana Secured School Safety Board was opened by Chairman Langley at 2:31 p.m. on January 15, 2019.

(a) Board Members present at the meeting:

Eric Bowlen  
Doug Carter (arrived at 2:41 p.m.)  
Kenneth Folks  
Bryan Langley, Chairman  
Devon McDonald  
Kevin McDowell  
Scott Mellinger

(b) Board Members not present at the meeting:

(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. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of October 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Devon McDonald moved to approve the October 16, 2018 meeting minutes. Eric Bowlen made the second. It was voted on and carried.

4. INSROA Presentation

Chase Lyday, Indiana School Resource Officers Association, described his organization's goal to provide a minimum standard of training for SROs; they want to promote consistency, and streamline specialized training for SROs. The goal is to enforce the statutory requirements, specifically training and being a sworn law enforcement officer. Currently, there is no accountability for the requirements of an SRO; and no way to identify the number of SROs in the state. Providing an accreditation would make being an SRO a specialty. This would incentivize and promote those school districts who utilize an accredited SRO; but, it would not hurt those who do not use them. The accreditation program would be one-time only. Tier II and Tier III trainings would be offered as additional training opportunities. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual 2019 INSROA Association Conference will be held in July.

5. Discussion on Datacasting

Rusty Goodpaster attended the Datacasting pilot program. The goal is to use public broadcasting (TV stations) to broadcast during an emergency situation in order to keep communications from getting bogged down in an emergency situation. There was discussion regarding whether this would be allowable under the grant; specifically the upcoming cycle. Kim Snyder explained that they are in the beginning phases of implementing the Intelligrants system. They will provide training for schools and help walk them through the system and application process. She would like to send out information by May 1, 2019.

6. Discussion on Impact of Current Legislative Session

Chairman Bryan Langley discussed the need to make it easier for rural schools to apply for funding. Jonathan Whitham, General Counsel, IDHS, stated that IDHS's main focus is on HB 1004 which will impact this Board in terms of funding. It is unknown what amendments will come, but we will know in March or April. There is \$14 million for the Secured School Fund in the budget bill. If this is opened up (e.g. schools with any ADM may apply for up to \$100,000) it could make it more difficult for the Board to make decisions in the future. HB 1004 likely will take effect upon passage. This makes a difference because it will determine whether the money will be used for the upcoming grant cycle or the next one; and will dictate when the NOFO would be disseminated. The only bill which has the July 1<sup>st</sup> effectiveness language is the active shooter legislation; the other bills likely have the "effective upon passage" language. Senate Bill 611 was introduced today and focuses on school safety and mental health education. There was discussion on the standards for school buses, which are set by IDOE. Changing technology, such as lighting to aid curbside pick-up was discussed. Buses are considered equipment under the Secured School Safety Grant.

7. Lake Central School Corporation Request for Advance from the Common School Fund

Rusty Goodpaster explained that Lake Central School Corporation, proponent, requested a funding advance for capital improvement from the Common School Fund. Proponent wants to add vestibules in two elementary schools; the administrative offices are far down the hallway from the entrance. Proponent has received grant funding in the past. Mr. Goodpaster does not see any issues with this request, and would recommend approval to the State Board. Devon McDonald moved to approve the recommendation for funding and Ken Folks made the second. It was voted on and carried.

8. Richmond School Corporation

Doug Carter stated that he would like to give a high-level overview of the incident that occurred in Richmond at the next meeting. This incident could have been much worse. A discussion could help bring validity to what this Board does and why.

9. Comments and Closing Remarks

Rusty Goodpaster stated that the next-scheduled meeting will be in March. He noted that a meeting may have to be held sooner if a Common School Fund Request was received. There was discussion regarding: the Progress Report submitted to the Governor's Office; selecting grant reviewers for the upcoming grant cycle; Intelligrants and the Safe Haven Fund; the utilization of mental health surveys in public schools, specifically mandatory versus voluntary surveys and the requirement of parental consent; and Steve Balko being named as the Director of School Building Security, IDOE.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.