



Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Secured School Safety Board
will be meeting at
Indiana Government Center South – Conference Room 29
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

July 31, 2020
1:00 p.m.
Webex

AGENDA & MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to order – Chairman Stephen Cox**

Meeting was called to order at 1:01pm

Thank you all for joining the meeting and for meeting virtually.

2. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Rusty Goodpaster**

Those present:

Director Stephen Cox, Chairman

Rusty Goodpaster

Steve Balko

Doug Carter

Eric Bowlen

Scott Mellinger

William Anthony

Devon McDonald

We do have a Quorum.

3. **Update on Secured School Safety Grant (Last year's) – Rusty Goodpaster**

An update on last year's SSSGrant – \$5.3 million from last year has been distributed.

Several are in the process, and others were delayed due to COVID-19.

Question proposed is whether to allow them to change how they use the funds, due to changes arisen from COVID-19. We will keep you updated on any of those changes.

4. Update on Secured School Safety Grant (This year) – Rusty Goodpaster

Current year – as of 10:00 am today, there are 315 submitted applications and \$16 million requested. They have until the end of day today (5pm EST) to submit. Several have been determined ineligible, so not sure of the total cost of those eligible. Of the 315 submitted applications, 207 are related to school resource officers or police officers; technology 2nd; student/parent support services plans 19, and goes down from there. We will get an update and let you know. We may have to get back together to see about disbursements.

Director Cox – 315 are completed?

Rusty - Yes they have been submitted or partially submitted. Some were started before Covid-19 and left open and the school started a new one.

Doug Carter – 207 SROs and rest for equipment?

Rusty – Yes, equipment technology has 84; warning system 3 and threat assessment 2

5. Request for an Advance from the Common School Fund (MSD of Lawrence Township) – Rusty Goodpaster

The Request for an Advance from the Common School Fund for MSD of Lawrence Township will need to be voted on within in 30 days and was received July 9th. We will hold a vote for this request at this meeting.

The request is for \$500,000. This is for a loan only, that they will have to pay back, not a grant. Also they must meet all the requirements.

This is a \$5.4 million project for a span of 3-4 years to complete. It is for a camera and notification system. The camera footage will be accessible for the local law enforcement. Franklin Township and Perry Township are already using these systems.

This their first request. They may be requesting more in the future years. I had asked them if they are still planning on the project, now and in the future, if they don't receive the funding. They stated, yes they are, it will just take them longer to complete. They are looking to other resources for additional funding. Also note

that this is just an approval, non-approval of the request only. The State Board of Education has the final approval. If this is approved, I will forward the recommendation to the State Board of Education. MSD of Lawrence Township has received SSSB funds before and do meet the request requirements.

(Eric Bowlen signed in)

Do we have a Motion to Carry?

Motioned – Doug Carter

2nd – Devon McDonald

Roll Call for Vote:

Director Stephen Cox Yes

Steve Balko Yes

Doug Carter Yes

Scott Mellinger Yes

Eric Bowlen Yes

William Anthony Yes

Devon McDonald Yes

Recommendation Vote – Passed

Rusty will forward the vote results over to the State Board of Education.

6. [Threat Assessment and MOU with community mental health center requirement clarification – Rusty Goodpaster](#)

Neither are required until 2021. These are not required for this cycle. Met with Bethany Ecklor with FSSA and they have developed a template of the MOU for schools to use. This gives us time before next grant. It does not require a threat assessment at this time, but must have a threat assessment for each building by next year's grant cycle.

Steve Balko stated the confusion for schools is regarding the frequency of the assessments. Several are wondering if this is for every year in regards to time and money spent.

Rusty – Jonathan or Kristi do you know if they have to do it every year?

Jonathan – We wrote it a few years ago as we wanted a baseline for schools to have before 2021. It will be a good idea to reassess for future, but as of now it just

says they have to have a threat assessment. Does not say how current or how often.

Superintendent Carter – if they have one they no longer have to redo?

Yes.

Rusty - We don't want to put in the NOFO to confuse schools, but are working with PIO t clarify language and want to help them be prepared for next year.

7. [Comments and Closing Remarks – Stephen Cox](#)

We will have to meet again in a couple of weeks regarding disbursement issues.

Doug Carter – have we received anything from the governor's office regarding disbursement

Rusty – I have not.

Director Cox – I have not.

Director Cox – Update – Grants staff is reporting 30 more applications have been put in the system and 160 to be completed.

Rusty – The numbers will update after 5pm close today. The total as stands of 345 – 160 out there; not necessarily the total number to be approved. Will update once all numbers are finalized.

8. [Adjournment](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Motion – Scott Mellinger. 2nd – Doug Carter

All in favor - All