

SECURED SCHOOL SAFETY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Details

Date: August 27, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: In person and virtually via Microsoft Teams – Pursuant to [IC 5-14-1.5-3.6](#)

Member Attendance

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Stephen Balko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Eric Bowlen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Terry Treon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Jordan Hoffman	<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: Jordan Hoffman

Designee for Doug Carter: Terry Treon

Vacancies: Local Law Enforcement Officer

1. Call to Order – At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Thacker called the August 27, 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. Secured School Safety Grant funding recommendations
 - a. 500 applications; ~33 million in requests
 - b. 499 eligible schools funded, 1 ineligible school not funded
 - c. 33 schools fully funded, 466 partially funded
 - d. Priority 1st time applicants for priority 1
 - e. Charter schools w/ same FEIN capped at \$100,000
 - f. Charter schools – 1st time applicants – priority 1 fully funded
 - g. Repeat applicants funded priority 1 projects at 81%
 - h. SRO: 308 projects - \$16,799,158.42

- i. Site Vulnerability Assessments: 2 projects - \$7,000.00
- j. Equipment/Technology/Hardware/Materials: 140 projects - \$ 5,719,496.55
- k. Training: \$0 – including canine training
- l. Firearms training: 7 projects - \$47,019.80
- m. Student and Parent Support Services Plan: 26 projects - \$882,050.11
- n. AEWS: \$0
- o. Bullying Prevention: 1 project - \$5,670.00
- p. Design & Construction: 22 projects – 746,193.07
- q. Post School Shooting Counseling Services: \$0
- r. Total amount proposed: \$24,206,587.95
- s. All 92 counties have at least 1 school receiving funding

- **Motion:** To approve funding recommendations as presented.
- **Motion is approved.**

Name	Vote		Notes
	Yes	No	
Stephen Balko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eric Bowlen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Terry Treon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jordan Hoffman	<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. Approval of October 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve October 2023 meeting minutes.
- **Motion is approved.**

Name	Vote		Notes
	Yes	No	
Stephen Balko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eric Bowlen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Terry Treon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jordan Hoffman	<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"/>	

5. Approval of May 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- a. **Motion:** To approve May 2024 meeting minutes.
- b. **Motion is approved.**

Name	Vote		Notes
	Yes	No	
Stephen Balko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eric Bowlen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Terry Treon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jordan Hoffman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Devon McDonald	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstaining
Joel Thacker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

6. School Resource Officer Survey Update
 - a. 355 schools have responded as of August 27 at 9am.
 - b. Information submitted is protected
 - c. Schools must submit their report by September 1st annually, starting in 2024, in order to include the information in the Governor’s Report.

7. County Safe Schools Commission Survey Update
 - a. 86 counties have submitted their information as of October 18.
 - b. All 92 counties established active County School Safety Commissions by December 31st, 2023.
 - c. County School Safety Commissions must provide meeting minutes, meeting agenda materials directly related to taking action on a measure under this section, and a brief annual report of its activities and accomplishments from the previous school year.
 - d. Counties must submit their report by September 1st annually, starting in 2024, in order to include the information in the Governor’s Report.

8. Next meeting will be in October to review draft of Governor’s report
 - a. The next meeting will be scheduled in mid to late October in order to review the draft of the Governor's report.

A public notice with specific details regarding the format of the meeting will be provided on the [DHS Boards and Commissions Page](#) in advance of the meeting date.

9. Comments/Closing Remarks
 - a. The 2023 legislative session expanded the allowability of the grant to include additional projects and budget scopes.
 - b. This is Chairman Thacker’s last meeting, as he will be stepping away to a new position outside of IDHS.

10. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.
- b. Chairman Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10:19am.

Name	Vote		Notes
	Yes	No	
Stephen Balko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eric Bowlen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Terry Treon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jordan Hoffman	<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"/>	