

SECURED SCHOOL SAFETY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Details

Date: May 29, 2024

Time: 10:30 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"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Eric Bowlen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Doug Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Jordan Hoffman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Jade Palin	<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

Vacancies: Local Law Enforcement Officer

1. Call to Order – At 10:31 a.m. Chairman Thacker called the May 29, 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 October 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes – The Board deferred the vote to the next meeting.
4. Update on Secured School Safety Grant
 - a. It will open June 3rd and close July 1st at 4:30pm.
 - b. Review begins July 8th due to the IntelliGrants changeover from one server to another.
 - c. No changes made to the grant this legislative session.
 - d. SSSB board meeting will need to occur in the middle to late August to approve funding determinations.

5. Update on School Resource Officer reporting
 - a. Updated the instructions for SRO reporting to limit duplicate entries from schools.
 - i. Updated the system to flag multiple entries for one school.
 - b. Stephen Balko and IDOE have provided a list of schools to allow for a drop-down option in the report.
 - c. Provided uniformity in the reporting to only allow numbers to be entered for total cost for the SROs **and/or LEOs**
 - d. Schools must submit their report by September 1st annually, starting in 2024, in order to include the information in the Governor's Report.

6. Update on County Safe Schools Commission reporting
 - a. 91 of 92 counties established active County School Safety Commissions by December 31st, 2023.
 - b. 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.
 - c. The report opened May 16th, 2024, and 16 of 92 counties have submitted their reports as of May 29th, 2024.
 - d. Counties must submit their report by September 1st annually, starting in 2024, in order to include the information in the Governor's Report.

7. Final Comments/Closing Remarks
 - a. Awarded almost \$30 million for FY24
 - i. Almost 19.5 million in SRO expenses
 - ii. \$101,000 in firearms training
 - b. 474 schools awarded in FY24
 - i. 40 new schools awarded in FY24

8. Next Meeting
 - a. No specific date was set for the next meeting, though the next meeting was noted for mid-late August. A following meeting will be set in October to discuss the draft of the Governor's Report. A meeting could be set sooner, should a school submit a request for the Common School Fund Loan.

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. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.
- b. Chairman Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10:55am.

Name	Vote		Notes
	Yes	No	
Stephen Balko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eric Bowlen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Doug Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Jordan Hoffman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jade Palin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Joel Thacker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	