

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

ROLLCALL

PRESENTER: Chair Wendy Horman

OBJECTIVE: Roll Call and Introduction

ACTION: Introduction of Board Members

BACKGROUND:

**PROCEDURAL
HISTORY:**

ATTACHMENTS: Directory



SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

Agenda Item No. 01

AGENDA

PRESENTER: Chair Wendy Horman

OBEJECTIVE: Approve September 19, 2023 Agenda and June 6, 2023 Draft Minutes

ACTION: Consent

BACKGROUND:

**PROCEDURAL
HISTORY:**

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda and draft meeting minutes





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

***IDAHO SCHOOL SAFETY AND
SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE/ZOOM MEETING***

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**Idaho State Board of Education
650 W. State St. Suite 307
Boise, ID 83720**

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (MT)

(Note: North Idaho - Meeting Commences @ 8:30 a.m.)

9:30 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Wendy Horman, Chair

- Roll Call & Introductions
- Open Forum

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the September 19, 2023; Agenda and June 2, 2023 Minutes

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA

3. Office Manager Report – Mike Munger, Program Manager
 - a) See Tell Now Update- Chris Thoms, School Safety & Security Specialist
 - b) SRO Support Update – Stu Hobbson SRO Support Specialist
 - c) SOF Grant Update- Katie Francis

11:30 a.m. ADJOURN

All times, other than beginning, are approximate and are scheduled according to Mountain Time (MT), unless otherwise noted. Agenda items may shift depending on Board preference 11/23/22 TB



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IDAHO SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING
Tuesday – June 6, 2023
9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. (MT)

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*NOTE: The following report is not a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting,
but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.*

Vice Chair Matt Freeman called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. (MT)

Board Members Present:

Matt Freeman, Chair
Danielle Taylor (Proxy SDE)
Alexandrea Phillips

OSBE Staff Members Present:

Mike Munger, ISSSP Program Manager
Tara Biddle, Administrative Assistant 1

Board Members Via ZOOM Live

Terry Cochran
Suzanne Kloepfer
Dr. Becky Meyer
Teresa Luna (Proxy Idaho Office of Emergency Management)

OSBE Staff Members Via ZOOM Live/Phone

Guy Bliesner, Southeast School Analyst

Board Members Absent:

Joe Bongiorno

Bill Deetz
Perry Grant
Charles Ketchum
Wendy Horman
Senator Lori Den-Hartog

Others

Ad hoc Member- Brad Lambson, Dept. Health & Welfare

◆ **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of June 6, 2023 Agenda and December 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Board Member Terry Cochran made a motion to approve the June 6, 2022, agenda and the December 6, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Board Member Danielle Taylor, seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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| • Danielle Taylor | AYE | Alexandrea Phillips | AYE |
| • Matt Freeman, Chair | AYE | Suzanne Kloepfer | AYE |
| • Terry Cochran | AYE | Teresa Luna | AYE |
| • Dr. Becky Meyer | AYE | | |

◆ **INFORMATIONAL AGENDA**

3. Office Manager Report – Program Manager Mike Munger

◆ See Tell Now Update

Program Manager Munger reported that Security Specialist Thoms was out of the office on vacation and he would be giving the See Tell Now update. As expected, there was very little change in the number of schools that came on board to the program since the December report was presented to the board. It is expected that many additional schools will be signing up for the program once school commences in the fall. The numbers will be analyzed again after the first semester.

The total number of reports received through the See Tell Now Program almost doubled in all categories, with the exception of the most severe category (the critical category). People, primarily students, have been using the services available. In interfacing with other states throughout the nation utilizing tipline systems and comparing data, Security Specialist Thoms had noted that there has been an escalation in bullying numbers which is the highest component coming into the tipline. There has been a significant rise in causing harm to self, and 3rd party reported harm to self throughout the nation. Our office has continued working closely with the State Department of Education (SDE) and the Idaho Lives Project along with other national resources and tools to be able and coordinate in efforts to assist. Another interesting trend that has been identified from this type of reporting from students is that they are more likely to use a school based tipline rather than the national tiplines. It is our belief that students are more inclined to reach out to adults immediate to them and that care for them rather than the national suicide help line. More states have been implementing state tiplines due to the effectiveness seen in projects like See Tell Now.

At this time the board was given the opportunity to ask questions. Board Member Cochran asked if there was a list of schools enrolled. Program Manager confirmed there is a list for

this past year and that an updated list will be available in the fall to the board once the 2023/2024 school year commences. Security Specialist Thoms will be working on a survey this summer that he will have the participating schools fill out about the program and see where any improvements can be made to improve the process.

Vice Chair Freeman stated that he had asked Program Manger Munger about the list being sent out prior to the meeting as requested at the December advisory board meeting. It was confirmed that Security Specialist Thoms had emailed the list out after the last meeting. This list can assist board members in reaching out to those schools not yet enrolled in the program. Program Munger thanked the board for assisting with getting the program into as many schools in the state as possible.

Vice Chair Freeman asked Program Munger that due to bullying being the number one reported incident what is the protocol after receiving those tips? Program Munger explained the levels assigned to the tip based on the information given. This ranges from a standard low-level tip to an imminent danger or threat. The majority of the tips received are standard, which are routed to the local designated contacts in the school district. There were no other questions at this time.

◆ SRO Support Update

Program Manager Munger reported that SRO Support Coordinator Hobson was out of the office on vacation and the he would be reporting. SRO Support Coordinator Hobson has been reaching out to schools, districts and law enforcement agencies for their School Resource Officer (SRO) contact information. There are currently 209 schools that have law enforcement at schools with power to arrest. Once the point of contacts has been established he will begin to identify what level officers are working in schools as an SRO on campus or point of contact. The current number does not include district employees or third-party security providers. Those numbers will be acquired in the future, as they do not meet the same criteria or current description of an SRO.

In order to help better serve SRO's, Hobson assisted in reestablishing the Idaho Association of School Resource Officers Board (IDASRO). The board hadn't met in quite some time because of declining participation numbers due to members retirement and reassignment. Coordinator Hobson was able to assist by putting together the communication and logistical tools needed and began coordinating meetings. The new IDASRO Board President is Dr. Morgan Ballis, an SRO in Blaine County. He along with 9 regional SRO Representatives have met and began discussions. The goal of the Board will be to work with our office and Department of Juvenile Corrections and the Office of Drug Policy to establish a clear definition of what an SRO is, along with establishing the best practices, qualifications, duties, and requirements. Chair Freeman asked to confirm that in the future the plan will be to provide professional development and training. Program Manager Munger confirmed that that is the goal either under IDASRO or the agency the state thinks it will fit best. Board Member Taylor asked what was the current number of school districts with SRO's. That number was unavailable and will be given once obtained. Chair Freeman asked if there were charter schools with SRO's. Project Manager Munger confirmed yes and that some had private contracted security. Some had also authorized employees as the safety personnel. Dr. Meyer stated that her school district Lake Pend Oreille has armed guards. This position is held by a district employee verses law enforcement allowing for more flexibility. Analyst Feddersen announced that Lake Pend Oreille will be hiring its first guard. This hiring was done under the revised guidelines with best practices and protocol stated in the handbook. Once the hiring is complete Analyst Feddersen will review the revised handbook and email it out for review. There is not a wrong or right answer which security option districts choose. Our job will be providing the strengths and weaknesses of each and then individual districts will choose.

◆ Secure Our Future (SOF) Grant Update

Program Manager Munger reported that an unexpected opportunity in working and meeting on the Securing Our Future. In the past conversations it was discussed to begin looking at infrastructure improvements when it comes to school facilities specifically to safety and vulnerabilities. At the last legislative session and it began to look as though we would have the opportunity to allocate substantial dollars to make these much-needed improvements. Different ideas moved through the process and the allocation of funding became the Securing Our Futures Grant. This is a \$20,000,000 one-time expenditure, it is a supplement appropriation for the 2023 fiscal year budget and can be carried through June 30, 2024. The legislators inquired as to the best way to spend this money when it comes to school safety and security. It was decided the best way would be to allocate it in 2 phases. The first phase is based off a formula allocation based on the funding and number of schools which came to \$20,000 per school for expenses related to the vulnerability categories. The application was created and a guide was made on how to identify vulnerabilities that would meet specifications for funding.

The specifications that must be met are the following:

1. Meaningful
2. Durable (not ongoing expenses)
3. Demonstrated Effective

The Allowable Expenditure Categories are the following:

1. Access Control
2. Communication Improvements
3. Life Safety Systems (fire detection and notification)

At this time Program Manager Munger introduced the Grant Coordinator Katie Francis. She reported that last Friday, June 1st an email went out to all of the superintendents and principals throughout the state informing them that the link for the SOF Grant was live so they could learn about the grant and requirements to obtain funding and that the Applications and Frequently Asked Questions Chart would be posted Monday, June 14th. Applications could now be submitted. The plan is that funds will begin to be allocated starting in early July. Distribution of funds have been accelerated so that schools can get work done over the summer months. Board Member Phillips asked who makes the decisions for which projects to be applied for. Program Manager Munger stated that in the application it states that the school district is in charge of these decisions and that the application must be approved by the school board. In making these decisions we have asked that the school boards refer back to their most recent vulnerability assessments for guidance on areas of concern. In addition, there is a provision that the funds could be moved between different schools within the district if this district desired to do so.

At this time, it was opened to the board for questions. Chair Freeman asked if the \$20,000 was per building? Program Manager stated the funds are allocated per campus, excluding online schools and correctional facilities. Board Member Cochran confirmed that this number of campuses eligible included charters. Program Manager Munger confirmed charter schools were also allowed to apply for funding. Board Member Taylor asked when Phase I Applications were due. Program Manager Munger stated applications are due by October 15th. If a school misses the deadline they can apply for funding in Phase II.

Board Member Philips asked in reference to the Frequently Asked Questions did that also give information on ideas. Grant Coordinator Francis stated that an outline was given with ideas that had been vetted with the governor's office. Board Member Taylor stated that State Department of Education (SDE) would be sending out information about the grant in their newsletter that was going out this Friday, June 9th.

It was reported that Phase II would begin sometime in November or December. It is anticipated that some schools will not apply or want to use all of their allocation and there will be an estimated \$4,000,000 of remaining funding. If you are a school that received the first \$20,000 and are seeking additional funds your application will be accepted based on a competitive project bid. At this time South East Analyst Guy Bliesner stated that schools applying for the Federal SUDP Grant would also be able to leverage the SOF grant towards the 20% match required.

Chair Freeman took this time to thank the staff for their hard work on getting this grant out. Board Member Meyers sated that she has been hearing positive feedback from superintendents throughout the state, especially the more rural areas. At this time Program Manager Munger asked the advisory board consider serving on the review group for Phase II awards. If this is something that is of interest it was asked that they email Administrative Biddle or Grant Coordinator Katie Francis.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

10:18 A.M ADJOURN

WENDY HORMAN, CHAIR
IDAHO SCHOOL SAFETY AND
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MATT FREEMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

Agenda Item No. 03

AGENDA

PRESENTER: Mike Munger- Program Manager

OBEJECTIVE: Office Manager Report

ACTION:

BACKGROUND:

**PROCEDURAL
HISTORY:**

ATTACHMENTS: No Attachments

