

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

Tuesday – December 7, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.-10:23 A.M. (MT)

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

*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 9:06 A.M. (MT)

Board Members Present:

Matt Freeman, Vice Chair

OSBE Staff Members Present:

Mike Munger, IOSSS Program Manager
Tara Biddle, Administrative Assistant 1
Scott Greco, Deputy Director

Board Members Via ZOOM Live

Terry Cochran
Bill Deetz
David Gates
John Ganske
Suzanne Kloepfer
Dr. Becky Myer
Brad Richy

OSBE Staff Members Via ZOOM Live/Phone

Guy Bliesner, Southeast School Analyst
Shanna Lindsay, South Central School Analyst
Elliot Cox, Southwest School Analyst

OTHERS

Teressa Luna
Brian Armes

Board Members Absent:

Senator Lori Den Hartog
Representative Wendy Horman
Perry Grant
Alexandrea Phillips
Dr. Eric Studebaker

◆ **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of December 7, 2021 Agenda and September 21 & 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: David Gates made a motion to approve the December 7, 2021, agenda and the September 21, 2021 & September 27, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Board Member Terry Cochran, seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **INFORMATIONAL AGENDA**

2. Office Manager Report – Program Manager Mike Munger

a. Announcement of Retiring Board Member

Program Manager Mike Munger announced that Board Member Chief Gates will be retiring this month and stepping down from the board as the representative for the Fire Chiefs Association. He thanked Chief Gates for his many years of service. He was one of the original board members in place since the office began in 2016. Program Manager Munger thanked Chief Gates for the time he gave to help this office launch and for the expertise he provided. Board Member Chief Gates addressed the board and expressed his appreciation for the time they worked together. Chief Gates will be replaced by the City of Meridians Deputy Chief-Fire Marshal Joe Bongiorno.

Program Manager Munger introduced new Board Member Deputy Bill Deetz of Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. He will be replacing retired Board Member Chief Fry as the representative for the Local School Board. Board Member Deetz took this time to introduce himself to the Board. He is a K-9 officer, he and his dog Baxo are assigned to a patrol team in Twin Falls County. He has been an officer for 22 years. He has also been a Member of the Filer School Board for the past 7 years. He is looking forward to serving as a member of the Advisory Board for Idaho School Safety & Security Program.

b. SRO Update

The Program is working in conjunction with Juvenile Corrections as well as the Office of Drug Policy and the Department of Education to develop strategies to support the use of School Resource Officers within the State of Idaho and to provide for uniform baseline training to jurisdictions.

c. SEE TELL NOW Update

Program Manger Munger reported that staff is continuing to cover the vacated position of the See Tell Now Program Specialist. The analysts are receiving the tips in their regions and assisting the schools if needed along with continuing to onboard schools and/or districts. Administrative Biddle is responsible for transferring the enrollment forms into the data format needed to forward on to Spriego, along with keeping records of the schools and/or districts enrolled. Program Manger Munger is looking to begin the hiring process after the budget has been approved by the legislators in March.

d. Legislative Update

Vice Chair Freeman updated the board on a change to the format of the 2022 Annual Legislative Report that would be presented again to the Board later in the meeting. After discussions with Program Manager Munger it was decided to not provide the aggregated statistical number section

due to the Covid 19 Pandemic preventing analyst from observing campuses operating in a typical school day setting.

e. Manager Update

- It was reported that the analysts continue to be available to assist schools as substitutes if needed. Analyst Southwest Analyst Elliot Cox has been able to assist Compass Charter School as a substitute, and is even doing so today.
- There has been a change in the way that threat assessments will be conducted. After going through testing by Southeast Analyst Guy Bliesner since the beginning of the school year it has been decided to use the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) App. After working through the bugs, and successfully integrating our current assessment questions into the profile the REMS App it is ready to go live with all of the analysts. This app does require more time at the schools entering the information, but reduces office time significantly. This allows analysts to use this opportunity while at schools to do more observing and assisting.
- At this time an update was given on additional areas of expertise or additional work focuses the team has been working on.
 - Northern Analyst Mark Feddersen and Administrative Biddle have been working on stabilization and maintenance so there is longevity in each of our areas of responsibility as an office. The first area being worked is the See Tell Now Program. They are currently reviewing what is going well in the program and what areas may need improvement. They have also been working on developing the process that needs to be implemented to successfully run the program and procedures to follow along with documents, and template letters. Once they have completed this project they will move into other areas of responsibility such as Behavioral Threat Assessment Management Training (BTAM), Communications Planning, and Emergency Operation Planning and perform the due diligence necessary to make sure that the office is maintaining the discipline of good documentation, strong procedure documents and a wide awareness of what training requirements are needed for ongoing operations.
 - Southeast Analyst Guy Bliesner has been continuing his work on the Reunification Plan development. He has been working with the state-wide technical group to be able to finish the concept of operations. It is currently in the comment period with our school community partners. The goal is to complete a template plan that can be used in schools throughout the state.
 - Central Analyst Shanna Lindsay has been continuing to learn how to complete assessments and has begun going out to schools on her own to assess. Program Manager Munger stated that he is in the early stages of beginning to work on a mental health crisis plan as part of the post Rigby Action Report. As the board may know Analyst Lindsay has a background in school mental health which will help assist in developing a workable plan.

- Southwest Analyst Elliot Cox has been supporting high education with training in order for them to stay in compliance with federal regulations in regards to the Clery Act.
- With nothing further to report the meeting was turned over to Vice Chair Freeman who asked if there were any questions from the board. Vice Chair Freeman took this opportunity to enquire into what the current See Tell Now Enrollment numbers were. It was confirmed that currently there are 122 schools, 43 of which have been enrolled in the 2021-2022 school year serving approximately 51,000 students. Vice Chair Freeman added that he believed that the release of the Rigby Action Report and the discussions at the ISBA conference helped to get the information out about the program. At this time, Program Munger also thanked Board Member Dr. Myers who has been presenting the action report at the different superintendents' groups and making sure that the information was getting into the decision makes hands.

◆ **ACTION AGENDA**

3. Review Quarterly Meeting Dates- Tara Biddle, Administrative Assistant

The Quarterly meeting schedule for 2021 has been the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December. It was asked to continue with the first Tuesday for the month except in September due to the Labor Day holiday. The following dates were presented.

March 1 at 9:30 A.M. MT

June 7 at 9:30 A.M. MT

September 13 at 9:30 A.M. MT

December 6 at 9:30 A.M. MT

At this time a request was made for approval of the March and June Advisory Board Meeting dates

MOTION: Board Member Gates moved to approve the 2022 Advisory Board Meeting dates.

SECOND: Board Member Chief Cochran

In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

4. Approval of Legislative Report

Program Manger presented the 2022 Legislative Report (this report is attached). He directed the board to turn to page 4 and presented the updated numbers. He then referenced page 6 of the report which is where the aggregated statistical number section usually resides. This section is normally given to highlight a high-level overview of trends we see developing or statewide systemic issues that may need to be addressed legislatively. As mentioned in agenda item (d.) this has been removed due to the small sample size of assessments completed due to the disruptions associated with the Covid pandemic. Another issue was that there was so much variability from one school to the next on how they were operating. Some schools did not change operations from pre Covid while other schools made significant changes to address concerns such as hybrid instruction. Some schools did not allow outside visitors which altered normal policies and practices.

Analysts also observed in revisiting schools there had been a high degree of change throughout the school year because of the evolving covid response and levels. The assessments were accurate and were still able to assist individual schools and individual governance bodies as they worked on their own security profile because they knew the context in which the assessment was completed. However, in a high-variance environment, aggregation is prone to error. Vice Chair Freeman asked the board if there were any

questions regarding the removal of this section and there were no questions, but approval from both Board Member Cochran and Dr. Myers.

Throughout the rest of the report it was the standard information presented on an annual basis. If there are any questions that arise from legislators Program Manager Munger will be available to address.

At this time a request was made for approval of the 2022 Legislative Report

MOTION: Board Member Dr. Myer moved to approve the 2022 Advisory Board Meeting dates.

SECOND: Board Member Chief Gates

In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Vice Chair Freeman closed out the meeting by thanking Chief Gates for his years of service with the board, and his appreciation for his passion and incite that he brought to the board.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2022.

MOTION: Board Member Gates made a motion to adjourn the meeting

In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

10:23 A.M ADJOURN

WENDY HORMAN, CHAIR
IDAHO SCHOOL SAFETY AND
SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

MATT FREEMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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