

MINUTES

Lincoln Safe & Successful Kids Interlocal Board

Lincoln Public Schools District Office Board Room, 5905 O Street
Thursday, February 27, 2025 ~ 12:15 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Barb Baier
Leirion Gaylor Baird

James Michael Bowers
Brodey Weber

Kathy Danek

Board Members Absent:

Don Mayhew

Staff Members Present:

Nola Derby-Bennett, LPS CLC Director
Paul Gausman, LPS Superintendent
Denise Pearce, LPR Spec. Projects Adm.
John Skretta, LPS Asst. Superintendent

Mindy Burbach, LPS Director of Comm.
Dan Payzant, LPR Recreation/CLC Coord.
Angela Quinn, SSKIB Secretary

Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':

As per law, Chairperson Danek announced that the Board follows the requirements of the Open Meetings Act and called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Quinn, Secretary, who declared a quorum of members present.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Brody Weber and seconded by Barb Baier to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Barb Baier, James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, Brodey Weber. "Abstain": Leirion Gaylor Baird. "No": None. Motion carried.**

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items:

No one from the public requested to speak with the Board regarding any items not listed on the agenda.

Resolution Recognizing and Thanking Dr. John Neal:

Chairperson Danek asked Dr. John Neal to approach the podium and read aloud a proposed Resolution (copy attached to official minutes on record) summarizing Dr. Neal's dedication and excellence to public education and instrumental role in the creation of the Safe and Successful Kids Interlocal Board. A motion was made by Barb Baier and seconded by Brodey Weber to approve the Resolution as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Barb Baier, James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Brodey Weber. "No": None. Motion carried.**

Report on Community Learning Center Initiative (Proactive Programming) for FY 2023-24:

Nola Derby-Bennet, Lincoln Public Schools CLC Director, provided the data report (full copy attached to official minutes on record) for the 2023-24 fiscal year Community Learning Center Initiative acknowledging staff, reviewing partnerships, budget, and funding sources. She shared that the Lincoln CLCs received national recognition from the US Department of Education for their work and stressed that this was a community effort and award. Student demographics, hours of attendance, and wellness equity data was reported, along with strategic planning efforts, recommendations, and goals for the future. Board member questions and discussion touched on

budget, federal funding changes, grants, and partnership funding, as well as the community trust in CLCs and the sports/youth fitness opportunities.

The opportunity for public comment was offered; no members of the public came forward.

Staff Report:

Denise Pearce with Lincoln Parks and Recreation and Dr. John Skretta with Lincoln Public Schools provided an overview of the SSK levels of service in the three programmatic areas of the Interlocal Agreement: Mental Health/Preventive Programming, School Resource Officers/Protective Programming, and CLCs/Proactive Programming which was reported on today. City and LPS are both anticipating continued levels of service for the 2025-26 school year.

Adjournment:

There being no additional business before the Safe and Successful Kids Interlocal Board, Chairperson Danek adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m. Ms. Danek also noted that with her term for the School Board expiring, this would be her last Safe and Successful Kids Interlocal Board meeting.

The next meeting of the SSKI Board is scheduled be held at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025, in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of the City-County building, 555 S 10th Street. The focus of that meeting will be reviewing the annual report on behavioral and mental health services (Preventive Services).