

# MINUTES

*Lincoln Safe & Successful Kids Interlocal Board*  
City-County Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, City Council Chambers  
Thursday, September 28, 2023 ~ 12:15 p.m.

## **Board Members Present:**

Barb Baier                      Leirion Gaylor Baird                      James Michael Bowers  
Kathy Danek                      Piyush Sryvastav (arrived 12:26 p.m.)                      Brodey Weber

## **Board Members Absent:**

None

## **Staff Members Present:**

Nola Derby-Bennett, LPS CLC Director                      T.J. McDowell, Mayor's Office  
Michon Morrow, Acting Police Chief                      John Neal, LPS Assistant Superintendent  
Denise Pearce, LPR Spec. Projects Adm.                      Ryan Zabawa, LPS Student Serv. Director  
Angela Quinn, Secretary

**Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':** As per law, Chairperson Danek announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act and called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Quinn, Secretary.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Barb Baier and seconded by Brodey Weber to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Barb Baier, Leirion Gaylor Baird, James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, Brodey Weber. "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.

## **2023-2024 Election of Officers**

Brodey Weber nominated James Michael Bowers to serve as Chair during the 2023-2024 SSKIB session. No other nominations were received so Chair Danek called for roll with members voting as follows: **"Yes": Barb Baier, Leirion Gaylor Baird, James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, Brodey Weber. "No": None. Motion carried.** Ms. Danek then passed the gavel to the newly appointed Chair.

Barbara Baier then nominated Kathy Danek to serve as the Vice-Chair during the 2023-2024 SSKIB session. No other nominations were received so Chair Bowers called for roll with members voting as follows: **"Yes": Barb Baier, Leirion Gaylor Baird, James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, Brodey Weber. "No": None. Motion carried.**

Piyush Sryvastav arrived at 12:26 p.m.

## **Annual Report on Mental Health Services:**

Ryan Zabawa, LPS Director of Student Services, along with his team Andrea Phillips, Allyson Headrick, and Kristi Lange provided the annual report on Mental Health Services (copy attached to official minutes on record) which is the Preventive Services area funded with Interlocal Board dollars. Presenters discussed the Threat Assessment Team, referrals, reporting, social work and mental health, and behavioral health support. Key partners were highlighted including Blue Valley Behavioral Health, Family Service Lincoln, and HopeSpoke. Challenges continue with staff

vacancies, agency funding, accessibility of outside services, and sustainability. Responding to questions from SSKI Board members it was noted that Mental Health Services supports all twenty-eight local schools and that the team is working on strategies for staff vacancies. Staff and Board members voiced their gratitude for the support from all partner agencies.

**2023-2024 SSKIB Meeting Schedule:**

A draft schedule for 2023-2024 SSKIB meetings was presented (copy attached to official minutes on record) and reviewed by Board members. A motion was made by Kathy Danek and seconded by Brodey Weber to approve the 2023-2024 SSKIB meeting schedule as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Barb Baier, Leirion Gaylor Baird, James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, Piyush Sryvastav, Brodey Weber.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

**Adjournment:**

There being no additional business before the Safe and Successful Kids Interlocal Board, a motion was made by Barb Baier and seconded by Kathy Danek to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Barb Baier, Leirion Gaylor Baird, James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, Piyush Sryvastav, Brodey Weber.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting of the SSKI Board will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023, in the City of Lincoln Council Chambers, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The focus of that meeting will be the annual report on the 2022-23 School Resource (SRO) program.