

MINUTES

Lincoln Safe & Successful Kids Interlocal Board

Lincoln Public Schools District Office Board Room, 5905 O Street
Thursday, November 7, 2024 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

James Michael Bowers
Don Mayhew

Kathy Danek

T.J. McDowell

(designated representative for
Leirion Gaylor Baird)

Board Members Absent:

Barb Baier

Brodey Weber

Staff Members Present:

Nola Derby-Bennett, LPS CLC Director
T.J. McDowell, Mayor's Office
Jeff Peterson, LPD Admin. Support
John Skretta, LPS Asst. Superintendent

Paul Gausman, LPS Superintendent
Denise Pearce, LPR Spec. Projects Adm.
Angela Quinn, SSKIB Secretary
Ryan Zabawa, LPS Student Serv. Director

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 6:30 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Quinn, Secretary and declared a quorum of members present.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Don Mayhew and seconded by James Michael Bowers to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2024 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: "Yes": **James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, T.J. McDowell, Don Mayhew.** "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.

Report on School Resource Officers Program (Protective Programming) for FY 2023-24

John Skretta, LPS Associate Superintendent for Civic Engagement, introduced the panel of speakers who will be providing insight into any questions there may be following the presentation of the Annual SRO Program Review for 2023-2024: Jon Sundermeier sitting in for Joe Wright, LPS Security Coordinator; Dawn Mazzie, LPS Assessment/Evaluation Specialist; Ryan Zabawa, LPS Student Services Director; Trisha Todd, LPD Crime Analyst; Jeff Peterson, LPD Crime Analyst Manager. (SSK Interlocal Board Annual SRO Program Review and School Resource Officer Program, School Perception, and Discipline Data Report synopsis, along with the full 208-page report are all attached to formal minutes on record.)

Dr. Skretta noted that there would be several individuals presenting different segments of the report which will include background, historical context, SRO data from LPD, suspension and expulsion data from LPS, perceptual data from LPS students, parents, and staff, and conclude with overall takeaways and recommendations for the program. Dr. Skretta provided the background for the establishment of the Safe and Successful Kids Interlocal City-School partnership, with LPS overseeing school discipline and SRO's handling law violations. Numerous data from the report

was highlighted during the presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation, recommendations for continued success were reviewed.

Board member questions to presenters included budgetary concerns or needs, student versus parent safety perspectives in schools, program disproportionality, and PAR (Prevention, Accountability, Restorative) framework, along with appreciation for the working being done. Feedback and suggestions for future reports were discussed.

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

Adjournment:

There being no additional business before the Safe and Successful Kids Interlocal Board a motion was made by James Michael Bowers and seconded by T.J. McDowell to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 7:45 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** James Michael Bowers, Kathy Danek, T.J. McDowell, Don Mayhew. **“No”:** None. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting of the SSKI Board is scheduled be held at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at the Lincoln Public Schools District Office Board Room, 5905 O Street. The focus of that meeting will be reviewing the annual report for the Community Learning Center Initiative (Proactive Services) Program.