

MINUTES

Lincoln Safe & Successful Kids Interlocal Board
City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street
Thursday, August 27, 2020 ~ 12:15 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Kathy Danek Connie Duncan Don Mayhew
Richard Meginnis Bennie Shobe

Board Members Absent:

Leirion Gaylor Baird

Staff Members Present:

Nola Derby-Bennet, LPS CLC Director Jeff Bliemeister, Police Chief
Jocelyn Golden, Asst. City Attorney Holly Lewis, LPR Asst. Director
John Neal, LPS Asst. to Superintendent Denise Pearce, LPR Spec. Projects Adm.
Angela Chesnut, LPR/SSKIB Secretary

Call to Order & Recognition of ‘Open Meetings Act’: As per law, Chairperson Bennie Shobe announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Chairperson Shobe also noted that Board members are socially distancing and seated at safe distances. Additional viewing options have been made available in rooms adjacent to the City Council Chambers and anyone wishing to address the Board will be given an opportunity to participate while continuing to maintain the ten-person capacity guidelines established.

Chairperson Shobe introduced and welcomed new SSKI Board members Connie Duncan and Don Mayhew, both representing LPS Board of Education, and also thanked past members Barbara Baier and Lanny Boswell for their service to the SSKI Board. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Richard Meginnis and seconded by Don Mayhew to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2020 SSKI Board meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Don Mayhew, Richard Meginnis, Bennie Shobe.** **“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.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING & VOTE ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2020-21:

Due to cancelation of the April 23, 2020 SSKI Board meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Denise Pearce, John Neal, and Nola Derby-Bennet provided a brief overview of proposed budget (copy attached to official minutes on record) to recap the full presentation from the March 26th meeting. Ms. Pearce noted the three primary budget areas of Protective, which funds six middle school resource officers, Preventive, which funds mental health initiatives, and Proactive, which funds Community Learning Centers. Mr. Neal addressed the mental health portion of the budget and Ms. Derby-Bennett discussed the CLC Initiative which was adopted by the CLC Nonprofit Board and has recommended approval of the 2020-21 budget. Staff responded to Board member questions and added clarification in breakdown of

budget allocations for each of the three areas and discussed CLC funding and grant dollars. A reconciliation process for the 2019-20 budget is being determined and will be reported at a future SSKIB meeting. According to Rules of Governance of this Board, the recommendation for adoption of the budget is to be completed at the April meeting of each year. Since that meeting was canceled, Chairperson Shobe called for a motion to suspend Article VI, Section 1 of the Rules of Governance. The motion was made by Kathy Danek and seconded by Richard Meginnis to suspend the Rules of Governance in order to continue the public hearing and to vote on the 2020-21 SSKIB Budget. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Don Mayhew, Richard Meginnis, Bennie Shobe.** **“No”:** **None.** **Motion carried.**

Chairperson Shobe invited public comments specific to the proposed budget with a time limit of five minutes for each individual. Testifiers were asked to register with name and address and were called to the podium in the order they signed in.

- Kelly Seacrest, 2621 Arbor Road, came forward in opposition tying CLC funding with police (School Resource Officers).
- Sarena Freet, 1200 S. 23rd, came forward in opposition of police, in favor of CLC's.
- Corey Reimen, 3100 S. 54th, came forward in support of budget in its entirety.
- Kieran Wilson, 6727 NW 2nd, came forward in opposition of SRO's
- Madeleine Swope, 2745 S. 11th, came forward in opposition of SRO's, in favor of mental health funding.
- Mitch Dharsm, no address given, came forward in opposition of police.

Chairperson Shobe declared the public hearing closed and called for a motion to approve the proposed budget. A motion was made by Richard Meginnis and seconded by Don Mayhew to approve the 2020-21 Lincoln Safe & Successful Kids Interlocal budget as presented. Board members discussed various aspects of the budget and the Interlocal Board intent, as well as the MOU between Lincoln Public Schools and Lincoln Police Department and the forthcoming SRO data report. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Don Mayhew, Richard Meginnis, Bennie Shobe.** **“No”:** **None.** **Motion carried.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairperson Shobe opened the floor for nominations of the 2020-21 SSKIB Chairperson. A motion was made by Richard Meginnis and seconded by Don Mayhew to nominate and elect Kathy Danek as Chairperson of the Board for 2020-21 fiscal year. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Don Mayhew, Richard Meginnis, Bennie Shobe.** **“No”:** **None.** **Motion carried.**

Chairperson Shobe then opened the floor for nominations of the 2020-21 SSKIB Vice-Chairperson. A motion was made by Don Mayhew and seconded by Richard Meginnis to nominate and elect Bennie Shobe as Vice-Chairperson of the Board for 2020-21 fiscal year. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Don Mayhew, Richard Meginnis, Bennie Shobe.** **“No”:** **None.** **Motion carried.**

2020-2021 MEETING SCHEDULE:

A proposed meeting schedule for 2020-21 SSKIB meetings was reviewed. Chairperson Danek noted that meeting locations rotate annually between the City Council Chambers and the Lincoln Public Schools District Office Boardroom, which will begin with the November 12, 2020

meeting. A motion was made by Richard Meginnis and seconded by Connie Duncan to adopt the 2020-2020 meeting schedule as proposed. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Don Mayhew, Richard Meginnis, Bennie Shobe. **“No”**: None. Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:

Russ Uhing, LPS Director of Student Services, and Allyson Headrick, LPS Safety Social Worker, provided a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached to official minutes on record) for the annual report of one of the primary areas of the budget, Preventive Services, relating to behavioral and mental health services. Board members noted their appreciation for the progress that has been made in the first full year of the program.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board a motion was made by Richard Meginnis and seconded by Don Mayhew to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 p.m. Chairperson Danek reminded that the next meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 12:15 p.m., and will be held at the Lincoln Public Schools District Office Boardroom, 5905 O Street. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Don Mayhew, Richard Meginnis, Bennie Shobe. **“No”**: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.