

# MINUTES

## *Lincoln Safe & Successful Kids Interlocal Board*

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

Lincoln Public Schools Boardroom, LPS District Office, 5905 O Street  
Wednesday, July 31, 2018 ~ 4:15 p.m.

#### **Board Members Present:**

Chris Beutler  
Connie Duncan

Lanny Boswell  
Cyndi Lamm

Kathy Danek  
Bennie Shobe

#### **Board Members Absent:**

None.

#### **Staff Members Present:**

Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director  
Jocelyn Golden, Assistant City Attorney  
Holly Lewis, LPR Asst. Director  
Brandon Kauffman, SSKILB Treasurer  
Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office

Dr. Steve Joel, Lincoln Public Schools Supt.  
James Gessford, LPS Legal Counsel  
Nola Derby-Bennet, LPS CLC Director  
Jeff Bliemeister, Lincoln Police Chief  
Angela Chesnut, SSKILB Secretary

**Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':** As per law, Chairman Lanny Boswell announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Cyndi Lamm and seconded by Bennie Shobe to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2018 SSKI Board meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Chris Beutler, Lanny Boswell, Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Cyndi Lamm, Bennie Shobe.** **"No": None. Motion carried.**

#### **2018-19 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:**

A motion was made by Kathy Danek and seconded by Chris Beutler to approve the 2018-19 Safe & Successful Kids Interlocal for the first year. Lynn Johnson presented the budget review in full for Board members and others present. Funding sources from Lincoln Public Schools and City are \$2,140,892, per the Interlocal Agreement. Uses in the first year are broken down for City CLC sites and program funding, protective programming, preventive programming, proactive programming, and administrative costs, totaling \$2,140,892. LPS will have additional costs for share of Threat Assessment Officer and School Resource Officers and City will have additional costs for School Resource Officer training.

Cindy Lamm asked for clarification of a new CLC budgeted for and whether more information would be presented at a later time to review for sufficient support. Mr. Johnson informed that per a provision in the Agreement before the Board can allocate funding for scholarships, family educational support, or SCC's for new sites, the Board must determine that funding is adequate for leadership and direct programming. If the Board finds that funding to be adequate, they could then direct funding to those additional categories.

Bennie Shobe spoke regarding previous public discussion with community members concern regarding police in schools and asked about the budgeted funds for the protective programming section and the additional \$30,000 allocation, whether for officer training, equipment, or other training. Police Chief Jeff Bliemeister was present and responded that in the beginning phases, seven new officers will need to be hired. Additional training components have been added related specifically to school resource officers and threat assessment officer, with each of the seven needing that additional training.

Lanny Boswell noted that it was mentioned that the board would need to make a determination whether expenditures were sufficient in order to allocate funds toward scholarships and questioned if that determination would be made by passage of this budget. Jocelyn Golden, attorney from City Law Department, responded that if the Board passes the budget as presented it would in essence approve those allocations as listed.

Lanny Boswell provided a statement to the public present welcoming them to participate in an open public hearing and note their comments or presentations specific to the proposed budget. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to five minutes, and to sign in on the speaker's sheet at the podium, with the public comment period now open to anyone wishing to speak. Since no one came forward, the public comment period was then closed. With a motion and second to approve the budget, Mr. Boswell asked for any Board discussion. Kathy Danek stated that a lot of time was spent prior to the adoption of the Interlocal in open format discussion and that she feels very comfortable with what has been presented. She also cautioned that moving forward the Board continues to provide that open format and be certain that meeting notices, agendas, minutes, and other pertinent information is posted for public review. Lynn Johnson responded that staff have posted the budget on the Safe & Successful Kids website (<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/sskib>), and will continue to post meeting dates and information to that site.

Chairman Boswell then asked for roll call on the motion to approve the 2018-19 Safe & Successful Kids Interlocal budget as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: Chris Beutler, Lanny Boswell, Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Cyndi Lamm, Bennie Shobe. **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

#### **STAFF REPORT – SRO ANNUAL REPORT PROCESS:**

In the absence of John Neal from Lincoln Public Schools, Lynn Johnson shared a written statement Mr. Neal had prepared in advance: “A working group of LPS and City staff have met to draft a plan for developing an evaluation process that measures the goals of the SRO program as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Lincoln Public Schools. The plan will include input by community stakeholders. The plan will also include recommendations for how to involve stakeholders in regular review of data. While the development of the plan is in process, it is not ready to come to the Board for consideration. A combination of summer scheduling issues and the complexity and importance of the plan require more time. This is an obviously important issue for the City, for LPS, and for the community, so we want to make sure that it is thoroughly prepared. We request that the Board approve a delay in the presentation of the proposed plan for developing the SRO evaluation process until October of this year. This additional time for development should in no way delay implementation scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year nor should it delay our first scheduled reporting of data in the fall of 2020.”

A motion was made by Connie Duncan and seconded by Kathy Danek to approve the request to delay presentation of the plan for the SRO annual report until the October meeting. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Chris Beutler, Lanny Boswell, Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Cyndi Lamm, Bennie Shobe.** **“No”**: **None.** **Motion carried.**

**CLC NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION STATUS REPORT:**

Nola Derby-Bennet, CLC Director, informed Board members that the Articles of Incorporation have been filed and received back. The CLC Non-Profit Board has not yet met but are working on scheduling the organizational meeting and pass by-laws at that time. The Non-Profit Board consists of 12 members: four from City, four from LPS, and four from the community.

**CLC STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION:**

A CLC strategic planning refresh session will be held on October 3 and 4, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> being a half-day session. Ms. Derby-Bennet invited Interlocal Board members to attend along with the Non-Profit Board, for an introduction to CLC's and an overview of what is happening nationally in CLC's. October 4<sup>th</sup> is a full-day session which Board members are also invited to attend if their scheduling permits, which will be a review of the 2015 strategic plan and discussion of the future.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one from the public requested to speak with the Board.

Lanny Boswell reminded those in attendance that the next meeting would be on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m., at the City Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.