

**South Middleton School District Board of Directors**  
**Safety & Security Committee Meeting Notes**  
**Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 6:00 PM**

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Jon Still (Chair), with the following present: Jon Still, John Greenbaum, Bill Hartman, Dave Bitner (YBMS), Dave Boley (Rice), Zach Gump (Director, Buildings & Grounds), Nicole Weber (Business Manager), Dr. Matt Strine (Superintendent) and Alex Smith (Director of Student Services). There was one community member present.
- **Open Discussion (per Agenda):**
  1. Review/Update of 2020-2021 Safety/Security budget requests and grant funding/execution — Nicole Weber and Zach Gump updated the group on the status of funding grants.
    - CARES Act funding (~\$203k), Act 44 Safety & Security grant funding (~\$40k), PCCD Safety Funding, ESSERS Safety grant funding (~\$63k), and ESSERS I grant funding (~\$173k) has all been used or designated for use.
    - ESSERS II grant funding (~\$797k) has been earmarked toward overhaul of the YBMS HVAC system in 2022/2023. Deadline for full execution is 30 September 2023.
  2. Improvement of K-12 Threat Assessment Teams
  3. Alex Smith provided an in-depth briefing regarding Social/Emotional Wellness & Behavioral Safety, highlighting the role that the pandemic has played on the mental health of our students, as measured by recent health screening tools and compared to pre-pandemic levels (when/where available). Of particular note was a rise in anxiety and depression, and a corresponding drop in attendance levels, which dropped approximately 4% for our YBMS & BSHS students. He also addressed the pressing need for a social work professional to handle a dramatic rise in children identified as “at-need” (to include those who are homeless or home-life compromised within our district over the last 3-4 years from just a few to approximately 15 at present. This year’s proposed budget includes a line item for a District Social Worker to address significant needs among this population that are anticipated to continue in the coming years.
- **Action** — *All 3 Board Committee members (John Greenbaum, Bill Hartman, & Jon Still) expressed approval for the District’s grant fund usage plan as well as its plan to include hiring a District Social Worker within the current proposed budget.*
- **Executive Session** — An Executive Session under Act 44 of 2018 rules was not required.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.
- **Next Scheduled Quarterly Committee Meeting\*** – Wednesday, 11 Aug 2021 @ 6:00 PM

\* Note: Should an interim committee meeting be required to review policy or fiscal actions relating to actions in process, they will be announced at least 5 business days in advance.

*Respectfully Submitted by*

*Jonathan Still, Committee Chair*