

MINUTES

School Safety and Security Committee
Monday, August 3, 2020
7:30 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Anthony Yorio, BOF, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., he chaired the meeting since Patricia Del Monaco was on vacation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting Dates and Locations

The next meeting is 9/14/20 and Rich Sanzo suggested they set future dates at the September meeting.

Senator Murphy-Bill on Police in Schools

Anthony Yorio stated that this was on the agenda as a point of conversation at the request of Maria Evans. Senator Murphy is championing a bill that defunds police in public schools and diverts all federal funds for police in schools to counseling for marginalized students to improve academic outcomes. His perspective is that this bill is trying to solve one problem by creating another. It also ignores the fact that some violence, such as Adam Lanza, is not from someone in the schools. He feels they should continue to have this conversation in the future.

Rich Sanzo stated that New Fairfield meets all of the mental health professional standards mentioned in the bill. He feels that the bill was just introduced and the Committee should monitor its progress in the future.

Anthony Yorio stated that the BOE should come together on their position and that each Board in town that has an opinion should write a position letter to Senator Murphy. He is vehemently against this.

Rick Regan stated that the bill is too blunt and doesn't seem like a solution.

Executive Session

Anthony Yorio entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss SOC Wiring Hardware-Cameras, School Safety Design Committee for School Building Projects and School Building Exterior-Points of Entry/Egress and Accessibility. Rick Regan made a motion to enter executive session. Anthony Yorio invited Christine O'Hare and Lauren Braren from JCJ, Rick McCracken from CES, Ed Sbordone, BOE and Mark Schweitzer from Colliers.

Anthony Yorio seconded the motion. All approved.

Anthony Yorio made a motion to exit Executive Session, Rick Regan seconded the motion. All approved.

Adjournment

Anthony Yorio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Regan seconded the motion and all approved.