

Town of New Fairfield
School Safety and Security Committee

MINUTES

Monday, July 26, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Dr. Richard Sanzo gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

Members present:

Patricia Del Monaco, First Selectman
Samantha Mannion, BOE
Anthony Yorio, BOF Member
Maria Evans, OEM Director

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, BOE, Finance Dir., Treasurer
Dr. Richard Sanzo, Director of Business Operations
Officer Koonitsky

Call to Order

Patricia Del Monaco, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting Dates

Pat Del Monaco asked about a preference for meeting dates and if there should be an August or September meeting. Dr. Sanzo said that they had discussed setting up a regular meeting schedule, maybe quarterly. Samantha Mannion suggested the end of September. Pat Del Monaco said that would be prudent given the start of construction and to see how the new school year is going. Rich Sanzo said that would make sense and asked if September 27th was okay. There were no objections to this date and Pat said she would schedule it. Rich Sanzo said that maybe he and Pat can touch base to come up with a schedule for the rest of the year to present at the next meeting.

Speak Up Update

Rich Sanzo said that he had no new information to share. The system is operational. They have not received any tips through the line and he is one of the people who would receive it during off hours. If there are more questions they can discuss them at the meeting in September. Samantha Mannion asked if it is being advertised on the website across the two schools so students are aware that it exists. Rich said that they have not been advertising over the summer, but it is on the website, and it can be communicated at the start of the school year and in the beginning of school year letters and by the principals.

School Security Grants

Rich Sanzo said that we did apply for the state school security grant program that was due at the end of June. The application was completed. He will speak more about it in Executive Session. It is a reimbursement grant for some items that would be valuable to enhance some deficiencies that were identified from previous audits. He has no new information and in the past we have found out if we received it in the fall.

Anthony Yorio said that he thought there was another federal grant due in July. Rich said that it was the School Violence Prevention Grant Program and it was his mistake that he did not follow through on that and missed the submission date-we will do it next year.

Anthony Yorio said that there was lot on the line.

SOC Review and Safety and Security During Construction

Pat Del Monaco said that these two items are security issues and needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to enter Executive Session. She invited Rick Regan, BOE, Ed Sbordone, Finance Director, BOE, and Officer Koonitsky. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion and all were in favor. Pat Del

Monaco amended the motion to also invite Dr. Rich Sanzo. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion and Maria Evans, Samantha Mannion , Anthony Yorio and Pat Del Monaco all were in favor and the motion was approved.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reenter the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Samantha Mannion. Pat Del Monaco, Maria Evans and Anthony Yorio and Samantha Mannion all were in favor and the motion was approved..

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion. Samantha Mannion and Maria Evans, Anthony Yorio and Pat Del Monaco were in favor and the motion was approved.

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