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School Safety and Security Committee Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:30 PM New Fairfield Community Room

Members Present:

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Samantha Mannion, BOE Member
Anthony Yorio, BOF Member
Dr. Patricia Cosentino, Superintendent
Maria Evans, OEM Director
Phil Ross, Director Buildings and Grounds
Dr. Richard Sanzo, Director of Business Operations

Other Town Officials:

Rick Regan, BOE Member Ed Sbordone, Finance Director Thomas Garben, BOF Memeber

Absent:

Sgt. Adam Wagnblas

<u>Call to Order</u> First Selectman, Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

None

Meeting Dates May 8th 7:45p.m. & June 11th 7:30p.m. at the Senior Center Community Room

<u>Say Something Annonymous Reporting</u>: R. Sanzo reported that the official "Say Something" launch would be April 23, 2019. He stated that two students have recorded a video introducing the system. Once edited the entire school will view the training video and the system will go live.

<u>Grant Opportunities</u>: R. Sanzo reported that he followed up on the School Security Competitive Grant that P. Cosentino applied for. Grants will be awarded within the next couple of weeks. This Grant is for surveillance equipment for schools.

R. Sanzo reported that there is a grant through the Department of Justice that would be a great fit for our district. The School Violence Prevention Program(SVPP) is a grant awarded to States or Municipalities that then support the Schools. He stated that the Schools would have to work with the Town to apply for this grant. The deadline is May 31st. The application will be submitted through the Town. It is a matching grant up to \$500,000, Federal Government will cover up to 75% of that amount. It is available for coordination of law enforcement, training for law enforcement, placement of deterrent measures and surveillance systems that improve communications with first responders.

P. Del Monaco made a motion to enter executive session at 7:48p.m. to discuss Training Initiatives, School Drills and DHS/DEMHS Security Report. BOE members, Ed Sbordone, Rick Regan and BOF member, Thomas Garben were invited to join. A. Yorio seconded the motion. **Vote:** 7-0-0 (Motion approved)

<u>Adjournment</u> P. Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. A. Yorio seconded the motion. **Vote: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)**

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