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BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE – SCHOOL SAFETY
MINUTES

October 15, 2024

This meeting is a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee – School Safety of the Board of Education held in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

PLACE OF MEETING: Douglas Elementary School Upper El Learning Commons
261 Randolph Street

TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Frank called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Frank Marro III, Eric Birkholz, Amanda Frank

Dr. Tim Travis, Candy Crabill-Klynstra

Absent: Dr. Mark Smaller

3. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public comment was made expressing support for alternatives to SROs.

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

a. General Update

b. Update regarding SEC presentation to the Board of Education

Dr. Travis provided an update regarding HB 5503, which was just passed and adds back into the state budget funding for school safety and mental health, which should mean a one-time funding source of \$70,000 that should be available to the district in April. He also informed the committee that additional grant funding has been made available for site assessments that cover after school activities such as sporting events, and he has already applied for these funds. Dr. Travis addressed the SEC presentation to the Board of Education in general terms, given that the presentation was in closed session pursuant to the OMA, noting that Undersheriff Michael Larsen from the Allegan County Sheriff's Department and the Chief Kent from the Douglas Police Department were present. Dr. Travis also noted that OAISD superintendents will be meeting Friday to discuss cell phones and their impact on young people and school policies regarding cell phones.

6. DISCUSSION

a. Final report discussion

i. Amanda Frank to discuss goals of final report

Amanda Frank discussed the goals of the final report, namely, to provide information about school safety generally, to address school safety in the district, and make recommendations for continuing to improve school safety.

ii. Discuss rough drafts / outlines

The committee discussed the report outline and made revisions. The committee also discussed outlines/rough drafts for various sections and provided comments/suggestions when available for certain sections. The committee also began its discussion of final recommendations.

b. Data collection

i. Follow up discussion to determine if additional data is needed

Discussion of additional data collection and analysis of existing data occurred during the discussion of rough drafts/outlines, making this agenda item redundant.

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Minutes

i. Approve minutes from 9.24.2024 School Safety Committee meeting

The minutes for the 9.24.2024 meeting were approved.

b. Upcoming meetings

i. Select dates for additional meetings, if needed

The October 28, 2024, 6:00 pm meeting date and time was confirmed. In light of a conflict that was noted for the November 12, 2024, 6:00 pm meeting in the minutes from the September 24, 2024 meeting, that meeting was rescheduled to November 7, 2024 at 8:30 am. An additional date of November 21, 2024 at 8:30 am was selected.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

9. UPCOMING DATES

- October 28, 2024, 6:00 pm, location to be confirmed
- November 12, 2024, 6:00 pm, location to be confirmed

Upcoming dates have changed as follows: (1) October 28, 2024, 6:00 pm, location to be confirmed, (2) November 7, 2024, 8:30 am, location to be confirmed, and (3) November 21, 2024, 8:30 am, location to be confirmed.

10. ADJOURN

Amanda Frank adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Frank



