

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of Special Meeting

Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Monday
March 5, 2018

The Field Local School District Board of Education held its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 in the Field High School Cafeteria, 2900 State Route 43, Mogadore, OH 44260 at 7:00 P.M.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Silent Meditation
- Roll Call

Steve Calcei-Yes, Julie Kline-Yes, Laura May-Yes, Larry Stewart-Yes, Randy Porter-Yes

- Discussion item(s): Safety in our schools

School safety plans are a sensitive topic and are guarded for the safety of our staff and students.

Topics discussed are as follows:

Discussion about current safety and security plans

- We have them and they are on file with those we are required to file with
- Those people who need access have access
- Not giving hand-outs because that just gives people the opportunity to study them and see the weak points or how to get around the system

Current things being looked at: training and options available.

Armed guards

- Comments from social media: pay someone \$18/hour every day would only cost \$26,000
- Above mentioned item does not include healthcare benefits and pension – actual cost roughly \$55,000 a person
- Could hire a young person for less money to work security detail (with limited abilities) but is that who we want to protect our kids?
- Would need to hire five (5) people which is roughly \$275,000. This amount does not include overtime for special activities. With four (4) buildings – need four (4) people with the fifth person to cover people calling off and/or on vacation, personal time etc. unless we “roll the dice” and hope something doesn’t happen that day.

Metal Detectors

- Roughly \$3,000-\$7,000 a piece
How many do we buy?
 - ✓ One per building is \$12,000 to \$28,000
 - ✓ Two per building is \$24,000 to \$56,000
 - ✓ Three per building is \$36,000 to \$84,000

Who runs them?

- ✓ Teachers who are not trained and have no protection if something is found?
- ✓ Armed guard? See above mentioned costs and double/quadruple numbers
- Talk about other procedures to go along with metal detectors
 - Need scanned every time you enter
 - ✓ Staff or kids who leave for other classes or lunch and come back
 - ✓ Special events
 - ✓ If we had metal detectors, the district would need to lock/weld windows shut for security measures so that people cannot go through detector and then have someone pass them “stuff” through open window
 - ✓ All doors monitored and secured for same as above
 - ✓ All deliveries ran through detectors
 - ✓ Do we extend the school year or the school day so that we don’t lose “teach time” funneling kids through detectors?
 - ✓ Metal detectors at the stadium????

More police / School Resource Officers (SRO)

- See armed guards but higher pay rate
- Brimfield Police Department vs Portage County Sheriff Office (PCSO)

More random bag checks/locker checks

- Would this help? Probably not because people who want to do harm don’t come with stuff every day

Arming Teachers

- Yes – There are school districts in Ohio that do this now.
- Yes – There are other school districts researching arming teachers but have not implemented the policy. Some of these schools are in counties that border Portage.
- Most school shootings are over in 45 seconds to 3 minutes
 - ✓ Special training for staff would be necessary
 - ✓ Not mandated, cannot force a staff member to be armed
- Advantages
 - Faster than most first responders- already on scene
 - Deterrent if people know they may be facing an armed person
- Disadvantage
 - Special training needed and upkeep of skills
 - Teachers typical mindset is to help and protect, not cause harm

ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training

- District wide, we already instruct as part of the ALICE drills that if we need to fight then fight, throw things, hit them with classroom items which all means the “bad person” is already within reach of our students.
- 21’ rule – explained by Officer Dinkleman

Superintendent Talk about discipline process

- In school suspension versus out of school suspension
- What happens to kids awaiting expulsion hearings – in school or out of school?
- After thorough investigations, by both the Brimfield Police Department and the District Administration – discipline is decided and implemented. Student privacy is respected.
- Every case of discipline is with its own factors and there is no “one size fits” all procedure.

Brimfield Police Department (BPD) discussed their response procedures

- Field Local Schools has employed one (1) full time SRO for all four buildings.
- Suffield is also covered by the Portage County Sheriff Department because of jurisdiction
- BPD, works in conjunction with our staff to stay up-to-date with ALICE training scenarios, which do go unannounced, at different times for each building for the purpose of keeping it as “real” as possible. Administrative staff are positions to watch response and then discuss afterwards to improve the next training session.

Portage County Sheriff Office discussed their response procedures

- If a real active shooter situation was at any of the Field Local Schools properties:
 - ✓ Roads would be blocked off and massive amounts of law enforcement would be on site.
 - ✓ Parents would not be able to reach the schools property.
 - ✓ Parents would be contacted as to where they would pick up their children after everyone was secured.

It was highly encouraged to not spread unfounded rumors and/or false accusations. The district will only release factual information and will do so while protecting every child's rights and privacy. Each and every child in the care of the district is one of our own Falcons.

There being no further business to come before the Field Local Board of Education
Member Stewart moved, seconded by Member Calcei to adjourn the March 5, 2018
special meeting.

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Roll Call: Stewart-Yes, Calcei-Yes, Kline-Yes, May-Yes, Porter-Yes.

President declared the motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.



Randy Porter, President



Attest: Todd Carpenter, Treasurer