



**Region 14 Schools**

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**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education  
Safe Schools Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 3, 2022  
10:00 a.m.  
Bethlehem Fire House  
26 Main St S, Bethlehem, CT 06751

**Present**

Michael Devine, Chair  
Chris Matta (via phone)  
Carol Ann Brown

**Absent**

Tikva Rose

Bethlehem Resident Trooper Cono D'elia  
Woodbury Officer Rich Marsh  
State Police Sgt. Matt Costella  
Jeffrey McKenna, ASAP Director and Co-Chair  
Jonathan Kapstein, non-participating board member  
Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent  
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations  
Pam Sordi, Principal, Nonnewaug High School  
Michael Molzon, Director of Grounds and Maintenance

**Also Present**

Patricia Paige, Recording Secretary

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**Introduction of New Woodbury Resident Trooper Sergeant**

Trooper D'elia introduced Sgt. Matt Costella as the new Resident State Trooper of Woodbury.

**Law Enforcement/SRO Update**

Mr. Devine invited law enforcement officials to share their concerns. Officer Marsh spoke to a recent occurrence at a high school basketball game where unruly fans needed to be brought under control. His role that evening was traffic duty and was then asked to address the crowd; moving forward will police officers be assigned to cover school activities.

The committee also followed up on any outstanding items from the risk assessments that were performed at each of the schools earlier in the school year; are there any items that need to be included as capital budget expenditures.

Trooper D'elia made an inquiry regarding the ATT tower. Ms. Brown noted that the local historic commission has approved the tower and its location, the problem now lies with the state historic district commission, who

is questioning the installation on the hill and its visibility. From an emergency service prospective, the approved and necessary frequency footage is 180', it is worthless at anything less. The project is a major priority for school, fire, and police departments.

Mike Devine will follow up on the ATT side. Carol Ann will follow up with the local commission and First Selectmen to expedite.

### **Body Cameras for SRO's**

Trooper D'elia recently met with Acting Superintendent Wayne McAllister and the First Selectmen from Bethlehem and Woodbury regarding body cams for the schools' SROs. As of July 1, 2022 state law will require all police officers to have body cams. The department will follow the policy that is required by the state. There are some local particulars to work out. Operational details of the body cams were shared; discussions were also had regarding the development of district policy.

The cameras will be purchased through the municipal budget, belong to the town, and assigned to officers.

Mr. McAllister and Ms. Sordi will reach out to Naugatuck Police and school administration for their implementation strategy as a consideration for Region 14 policy.

### **Narcan Training**

Mr. McKenna shared a plan for Narcan training and supply in the Region 14 district. Training will be offered either virtually or in person and will last 30-45 minutes. Recommended targeted audience includes school nurses, administration, gym teachers, team coaches, counselors, social workers, psychologists and any other interested parties and will be offered at no charge to the district.

Boxes of Narcan will also be provided to each of the schools at no charge.

Region 14 will provide the training date and format, in person location, internal publicizing, list of potential trainees, and written protocols for dispensing, storage, ease of access and product replacement.

It was discussed how to facilitate training of Region 14 bus drivers and product dispensing.

### **New Business**

Mr. Devine asked if the schools had or were interested in Panic Button software for cell phones, which would connect directly to dispatch or administrators to expedite emergency response.

He also discussed the long-term reliability of Eversource's ability to provide power and its impact on the state; there is the potential for future fuel shortages if power is reduced. How will the district plan for this?

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Patricia Paige*

*Board Clerk*

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