



Rockdale ISD

School Safety and Security Committee Meeting Minutes January 4, 2024

Tiffany Whitsel, Assistant Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Committee Members Present:

Tammie Ammons, RISD Teacher
Hudson Evans, RISD Administrator
Stephen Goodrich, Rockdale Police Department
John Helenberg, Milam County Sheriff
Chief Jerry Meadors, Rockdale Police Department
Charles Miles, RISD Board of Trustees
Sharee Mitchell, RISD Parent
Dr. Denise Monzingo, Superintendent
Preston Muston, RISD Parent / Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department
Kathy Pelzel, Assistant Superintendent
Susan Reinders, Milam County Emergency Management Coordinator
Sgt. Javier Rodriguez, RISD School Resource Officer
Allen Sanders, RISD School Safety Specialist
Tiffany Whitsel, Assistant Superintendent
Troy Zinn, RISD President Board of Trustees

Committee Members Absent:

Jason Barcak, RISD Board of Trustees
Warren "Dude" Matous, Chief Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department
Ford Moore, RISD Teacher

1. Mrs. Whitsel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She introduced members of the committee and reviewed the purpose and format of the meeting.
2. The first item of business was House Bill 3, relating to measures of ensuring public school safety, including the development and implementation of purchases and grants relating the funding for public school safety and security requirements and resources. This includes the hiring of a School Resource Officer and School Safety Specialist. The posting of positions for additional School Resource Officers. We obtained feedback from law enforcement regarding these items.
3. Dr. Monzingo provided information on bond updates regarding the security projects that are being implemented with bond funds. Committee members were directed to the bond website where updates are available.
4. Mrs. Whitsel reviewed the safety communications that were shared with RISD staff and families including Safe Fire Arm Storage (required), Fentanyl Awareness, Human



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Trafficking, and Responsible Social Media for Teens. Future events were shared including Cyberbullying Resources, Hidden in Plain Sight, Fentanyl Awareness, and Social Media 101 for Parents.

5. Sgt. Javier Rodriguez shared information on ALERRT Training and plans for the upcoming ALERRT Activity (June 2024) in Milam County/Rockdale ISD. We obtained feedback from law enforcement regarding these items.
6. Mrs. Whitsel asked for input on topics for future meetings. Sgt. Rodriguez shared a request for initiating CIT-Youth activities with school and law enforcement. Mrs. Whitsel of possible table top activities for the spring meeting.
7. At 5:06 p.m., Mrs. Whitsel announced we were in Closed Session under Texas Government Code 551.
8. In order to comply with a State mandate, information was provided to the committee regarding intruder audits and Threat Assessments.
9. We returned to Open Session at 5:23 p.m.
10. With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.