

**Public Hearing on District-Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan - William J. Brosnan School (Thursday, November 7, 2019)**

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**Members present**

David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

**Members absent**

None

**Also present**

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Technology and Assessment

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Mr. Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Public Attendance: Approximately 80 people

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – President Badanes called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. IF NECESSARY, THE CHAIR MAY ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Note: It is anticipated that the Board will meet in public at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School to act upon a resolution, upon majority vote, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons and matters pertaining to current litigation.

Action: 2.01 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons and matters pertaining to current litigation.

Motion by David Stein, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

At 7:04 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School

**3.** Mr. Badanes led those present in the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**; and

**4.** Pointed out the **EMERGENCY EXITS**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING ON DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Discussion: 4.01 District-wide Safety & Emergency Management Plan

Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, reviewed the District-wide Safety & Emergency Management Plan. Emergencies in schools are defined as undesirable events that occur and have the potential to cause injury or illness to members of our school community or disrupt the orderly educational process. Emergency management is the discipline of dealing with and avoiding risks. It is a discipline that involves preparing for an emergency situation or disaster before it occurs as well as supporting and rebuilding from the emergency after natural or human-made disasters have occurred.

Emergency management in our schools is the continuous process by which our staff, students, administrators, parents, school groups, emergency responders and our community manage hazards in an effort to avoid or mitigate the impact of disasters resulting from hazards.

Districts are required to develop district-wide school safety and emergency management plans designed to prevent and effectively manage such events to minimize the effects of serious incidents and emergencies. These plans also facilitate the coordination of the District with local and county plans and resources when incidents and emergencies occur.

The district-wide plan is responsive to the needs of all schools in the District and is consistent with the more detailed building-level emergency plans. Districts are vulnerable to a wide variety of acts of violence; and natural and manmade disasters. To address these threats, the State of New York has enacted the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E.) LAW. Project S.A.V.E. is a comprehensive planning effort that addresses prevention, response, and recovery with respect to a variety of emergency in schools.

The Northport-East Northport Union Free School District supports the S.A.V.E. legislation. As such, the Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, and the entire District staff encourages and advocates on-going district-wide cooperation in support of Project S.A.V.E.

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the district-wide Safety Team's members and duties; the concepts of operations; the plan review and public comment; risk reduction/prevention and intervention; training, drills and exercises; staff development training; proactive building security measures; hazard identification; school safety personnel allocations, hiring, duties and training, and response protocol and communications.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Nicole Raganella	Asked about training of security staff, crisis intervention team, special education training, points of entry, video surveillance and anonymous reporting.

There was a brief discussion on the difference between a lockdown and a lockout, how drills are conducted and debriefing after drills, code of conduct, mental health training, anonymous reporting, points of entry and the visitor management system.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT INTO REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

At 8:45 p.m. the Board adjourned the Public Hearing and convened into a Regular Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk