

SRO Ad Hoc Committee
August 10, 2020

1. Called to order: 4:14 pm
2. Attendance: Robert Gilbert, Superintendent; Sandy Stein, Board of Selectman Liaison to Board of Education; Frank Cappiello, Police Chief; Analisa Sherman, Principal; Lynn Piascyk, Board of Education Chair; Dan Cowan, Board of Education; Joi Prudhomme, PTO Representative; Adam Schaefer, Parent; Judy Silva, CILU Representative; Suzanne Sugarmann, TA Union Representative; Christine Syriac, Interim Superintendent; Bob Piascyk, Guest; Joyce Shavers, Guest.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Police Chief, Frank Cappiello:
 - a. Discussed with his staff the number of SROs needed if we increase our student population outside. No definitive number, but the SRO would just increase their time outdoors-- balance it out.
 - b. Number of criminal requests- minimal, however the SRO has many other resources and sources of information
 - c. Cost of 10 month Amity SRO around \$108,500 (Not sure I got that correct)
5. Bob Piascyk, Supervisor of Armed Security Program, North Branford
 - a. Reviewed how the program started in North Branford
 - b. Hourly employees: \$21.50 - \$26.00 per hour→ try to keep them under 40 hours, however they occasionally go over those hours due to special events.
Only work school calendar days ~ no summers
 - c. State statute indicates that only retired officers can be hired
 - d. Cost: clothing (khakis, shirts, fleece, and jacket), portable radio connected to Police Department and weapon
 - e. Keep same officers assigned to same school in North Branford
 - f. They don't have access to certain resources that a working police officer (SRO) would have access to
 - g. Will occasionally do some conversations with younger students. Police dept. Runs the DARE program
 - h. Physical requirements of the job are included in the job description
 - i. No benefit package is included (no personal days, sick days, vacation or medical benefits)
 - j. Derby, Newtown & Woodstock Academy have adopted the North Branford model
6. Discussion of Unarmed Security
 - a. must attend classes for security officers
 - b. must register with the State to get a Security Guard Identity Card which allows them to work in the State of CT
7. Question about liability was raised
 - a. Liability to go from SRO to armed security
 - b. Liability to go from SRO to no security presence