

WBOE Security Personnel Ad Hoc Committee and Process

Charge: Make recommendation to WBOE on security personnel needs and costs for 2021/22 school budget.

Timeframe: Meetings June –September 2020
Recommendation to WBOE by **Board meeting on 9-21-20**

Members: Sandy Stein – **BOS Representative**
Tom Handler – **BOF Representative**
Deborah Fried – **Police Commission Representative**
Frank Cappiello – **Chief of Police**
Bob Gilbert – **Superintendent**
Analisa Sherman - **Principal**
WBOE Chair
Lynn Piascyk – **Safety Committee member and WBOE Vice Chair**
Dan Cowan – **Additional WBOE members as interested**
Kristy Laydon – **PTO Representative**
Eric Erkenbrack and Adam Schaefer – **Additional Parents-at-Large**
Susan Simoniello – **WEA Teacher Representative**
Woodbridge Recreation Department Representative
Judy Silva – **CILU**
Suzanne Sugarmann – **CSEA Representatives**

Summary of Situation:

Beecher Road School has had a full-time Security Resource Officer (police officer Vinnie Lynch) since December of 2012. The town funded this resource through June 2018. Currently, any security personnel costs come out of the WBOE budget. The current SRO position costs \$130,000 annually, and covers much of the standard school day

The WBOE district reviewed security needs in 2017 and decided to maintain the SRO position.

Physical security changes have been made to the building at Beecher Road School. Some of the security enhancements include:

- Check in area for parents/visitors prior to getting into the school
- Locked doors at all entrances except during student bus arrival and dismissal
- Security cameras in hallways and entrances, viewable inside the school and by police.

The District now needs to do that evaluation to determine:

- What level of security personnel is needed? (police officer, security officer, retired police officer, no security personnel)
- What level of employment is needed? (full time, part time, drop off and pick up times only, school day vs. through Extended Day, summer needs, etc)
- What is the cost for this position (if needed) based on the answers to the above.

Survey:

In order to get a broad response from faculty and parents, we will need to do a short, targeted survey with some background information included.

A sample of possible survey questions are below:

1. Are you a:
 - a. Parent
 - b. Staff member

2. Based on your experience with the security at Beecher, do you think a security person is needed:
 - a. At all
 - b. During arrival and dismissal
 - c. At random times during the school day
 - d. Through Extended Day
 - e. During summer programs (SEP, Rec, etc)
 - f. Other (please describe) _____

3. What level of training do you feel a security person needs to be effective?
 - a. Active police officer with current training
 - b. Retired police officer
 - c. Security guard
 - d. School staff person
 - e. No security person
 - f. Other (please describe) _____

4. Recognizing that reductions to other services **will need to be made** to fund a security person, what types of budget items are you willing to see reduced?
 - a. Certified staff positions (teachers)
 - b. Support staff positions (secretary, custodians, TA, etc)
 - c. Technology
 - d. Supplies
 - e. Any budget items
 - f. No budget items
 - g. Other (please describe) _____

5. Comments
