



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

40 Beecher Road – South
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D. – Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

TO: Woodbridge Board of Education Policy Committee

FROM: Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D., Superintendent

DATE: April 1, 2022

RE: April 5 Special Meeting:
Proposed Revision of Policy 5142.4, "School Resource Officer(s)"

Please find attached a proposed revision of Policy 5142.4 based on statutory changes since 2013 related to the required Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the Police Department regarding the School Resource Officer(s) at Beecher Road School. In addition, based on language from the Connecticut Boards of Education (CABE) and the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO), language has been added to clarify the significant roles and responsibilities of the SRO. The proposed changes are represented in red.

Students

Safety

School Resource Officer(s)

The Board supports the assignment of School Resource Officer(s) to Beecher Road School, as appropriate, and with Board approval. The Board supports the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) collaborative model of school-based policing.

The utilization of School Resource Officers at Beecher Road School is to accomplish the following goals:

- To help provide a safe learning environment that includes a positive image for law enforcement and positive relationships between youth and law enforcement.
- To foster educational programs and activities supporting the positive social-emotional development of students within the community.
- To help facilitate collaboration between the school and law enforcement.
- To collaborate with designated members of the staff and with local law enforcement, fire service, public safety and emergency management agencies, families, and community members in the development of district and school safety/crisis plans.

The Superintendent should ensure that guidelines are established regarding the role of the School Resource Officer(s). These guidelines should include at a minimum:

- A protocol for police access to and intervention with students;
- A plan to communicate the role of the School Resource Officer to staff, students and parents;
- A plan to annually assess the success of the School Resource Officer program which will be presented to the Board;
- A plan pertaining to the involvement of the School Resource Officer in enhancing school building security.

The Board shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town of Woodbridge Police Department regarding the roles and responsibilities of the School Resource Officer(s). Such MOU shall include provisions addressing daily interactions between students and school personnel with the School Resource Officer(s) and shall include a graduated response model for student discipline. Such MOU shall also include a provision that requires the School Resource Officer(s) to complete, while in the performance of their duties as School Resource Officer(s) and during periods when such School Resource Officer(s) are assigned to be at the school, any separate training specifically related to social-emotional learning and restorative practices provided to certified employees of the District.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[4-176e](#) through [4-180a](#). Contested Cases. Notice. Record.

[10-233a](#) through [10-233f](#). Suspension, removal and expulsion of students, as amended by PA 95-304, PA 96-244, and PA 98-139.

[53a-3](#) Definitions.

[53a-217b](#) Possession of Firearms and Deadly Weapons on School Grounds.

PA 94-221 An Act Concerning School Discipline and Safety.

GOALS 2000: Educate America Act, Pub. L. 103-227.

18 U.S.C. 921 Definitions.

Title III - Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Sec. 314 (Local Control Over Violence)

Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 as amended by the Gun Free Schools Act of 1994.

P.L. 105-17 The Individuals with Disabilities Act, Amendment of 1997.

Kyle P. Packer PPA Jane Packer v. Thomaston Board of Education.

CGS 10-233m Memorandum of Understanding Re School Resource Officers
PA 21-95 An Act concerning Assorted Revisions and Additions to the Education Statutes

Policy adopted: ~~June 21, 2013~~

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