

SCHOOL SAFETY AND
SECURITY BOARD
WORKSHOP

- *What can be done to make a cultural change?* An example of only having one entrance to the school and keeping the rest of the doors locked—over time it has disappeared. The change to keep safety in the forefront.
- *What are some challenges and low-hanging fruit?* Meaning what can the district do that is easy and fairly cost-effective but will make a difference in increased security.
- *Re-visit our partnerships and strengthen where appropriate.* Discuss partnerships such as the one with Kairos (Bob Lieberman) and our County Sheriff (Gil Gilbertson).
- *What else do we need to look at?*

Individual safety reviews/updates were presented by each of the building principals:

- Newbridge/Kairos—Brent Workley
- Hidden Valley High School—Daye Stone
- Lincoln Savage Middle School—Damian Crowson
- Applegate School—Renee Hulst
- Williams Elementary—Renee Hulst
- Madrona Elementary—Lise Van Brunt
- Jerome Prairie Elementary—Lise Van Brunt
- Fruitdale Elementary—Heather Yount
- Illinois Valley High School—Casey Alderson
- Lorna Byrne Middle School—Rachael Huish
- Evergreen Elementary—David regal
- North Valley High School—Dennis Misner
- Manzanita Elementary/Fleming Middle School—Jessica Durrant and John George
- Ft. Vannoy Elementary—Kathie Hill

CEO Bob Lieberman provided an overview of Kairos (formerly know as SOASTC), which is a children's mental health organization. They have a relationship with Three Rivers School District (TRSD) dating back to 1977. Beginning in 2005 they began a more pro-active approach focusing on prevention, which includes promoting mental wellness. Mr. Lieberman shared the program has had outstanding results including a reduction in disciplinary referrals and student improvement.

Break at 8:45

Resume at 9:00

Superintendent Huber-Kantola added that the School Community team approaches mental health in a different way than the traditional model. They are now doing proactive mental health work with the kids and teaching our staff how to identify people that have mental health issues.

Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson assured the Board that the Sheriff's Office is committed to supporting the district and the safety of the kids in our community. Deputy Krauss will be assisting Ernie Fields with the visitation to each of the schools. Sheriff Gilbertson also commended the district and each of the schools on their safety presentations and stated the district has "a smooth running machine" and was very impressed with what he heard. He suggested the district consider a remote camera system. There has also been a change of philosophy when an incident occurs in that the first deputy/officer that shows up at the scene goes to the sound of the gun. These things happen very quickly. He also acknowledged the work being done to identify people that are the potential problems.

Sheriff Gilbertson stated that the USDA has \$323 million that they are going to send to 41 states to help support the school resource officer program. For the state of Oregon it

equates to a little over \$63 million. He will be pursuing the grant as soon as it is available. He then passed out a copy of the 'Active Shooter Program' which was developed by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in cooperation with Homeland Security. A copy will be distributed to all of the administrators.

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Board Chair Lengwin stated it was now the time for the Community Comment portion of the meeting. Due to the large quantity of requests to address the Board, each speaker will be limited to two minutes.

COMMUNITY
COMMENTS

The following people shared their comments regarding school safety and mental health issues with the Board:

- Carl LaFlamme—Parent
- Danny York—Parent
- Kevin Marr—Patron
- Jeff Stevens—Parent
- Dave Strahan—Patron
- Dan Loraditch—Parent
- Patty Dickens-Turk—Hidden Valley HS Assistant Principal
- Bernard Falkowski—Retired Army National Guard
- Richard Siler
- Brandon Henson—Parent
- Kali Henderson—Student
- Roger Henderson—Parent
- Dale Matthews

Josephine County Commissioner Cheryl Walker stated she was pleased to see what the schools are doing in the district in regards to safety for the students. She supported the efforts being made regarding the mental health programs. She then relayed a message on behalf of Josephine County Commissioner Chair Simon Hare who could not be in attendance. They have been working on a proposal that would provide for resource officers encompassing the regions around the four high schools. This proposal is in the beginning stages and has not yet been discussed with Sheriff Gilbertson or in a public meeting. Ms. Walker encouraged the public to come testify and send in ideas. They want to hear from everyone. Everyone is strapped for money, but it is important we have the basics in our community such as infrastructure and law enforcement. They will also be pursuing multiple grant opportunities.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Board and the Superintendent that a task force be formed that includes the board, staff and community to further address safety in our schools and issues and suggestions that were brought forward at the workshop.

Adjourn at 9:55 PM

ADJOURN

Ron Lengwin
Chairperson of the Board

Dan Huber-Kantola
Superintendent-Clerk