



Safety & Security Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
8:30 AM
Zoom Webinar

- I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
- II. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION / OPENING REMARKS
 - A. Committee Purpose and Ethos
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of minutes from the March 11, 2025 Safety & Security Committee Meeting
- IV. DISCUSSION OF SAFETY & SECURITY TOPICS
 - A. Announcements
 - B. Physical Security & Threat Prevention
 1. Portable Alert System Rollout Update
 2. Director Outreach Recap
 - a. Weston School District: Director's Updates
 - b. Other Items of Discussion
 - C. Cybersecurity
 1. IT Security
- V. SPOTLIGHT CONVERSATION
 - A. Deborah Low, Acting Superintendent
- VI. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETING TOPICS
 - A. Capital Budget: Safety & Security Priorities
 - B. Outstanding WPS Safety & Security Topics
 - C. Trends in Safety & Security
- VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE
 - A. May 13, 2025, 8:30 AM via Zoom Webinar
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT



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Present: Steven Ezzes, David Felton, Michael Guido. Present: 3.

I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Additional Attendees:

Lisa Barbiero, Superintendent of Schools; James Wiltsie, Director of Safety & Security; Captain Joe Miceli, Weston Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM

Move that the Safety & Security Committee begin the March 11, 2025 meeting. Unseconded with a motion by Felton, David.

II. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION / OPENING REMARKS

A. Committee Purpose and Ethos

The committee reaffirmed its goal of ensuring district safety and security while promoting transparency.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes from the February 11, 2025 Safety & Security Committee Meeting.

The minutes of the February 11, 2025 meeting were approved with no objection.

Move that the Safety & Security Committee approve the minutes from the February 11, 2025 meeting. Carried with a motion by Felton, David and a second by Ezzes, Steven.

Steven Ezzes: Yea, David Felton: Yea, Michael Guido: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0

IV. DISCUSSION OF SAFETY & SECURITY TOPICS

A. Announcements

a. 'Meet the Director' Community Forums

Two "Meet the Director" community forums are scheduled for March 13 at 7:00 PM and March 26 at 9:30 AM. These sessions are open forums for the public to engage directly with Jim Wiltsie about security procedures and his vision for the district.

B. Physical Security & Threat Prevention

a. Portable Alert System Rollout Update

Rollout of the quick alert fobs is expected to be completed by the end of April 2025. All faculty and staff will receive assigned fobs, substitutes will receive them daily.

b. Fire and Crisis Drills

Connecticut mandates fire drills and crisis drills. Crisis drills include: Lockdown, Secure School, Evacuation, Shelter-in-Place, and Reverse Evacuation. The focus is on educating students to understand why drills happen to reduce anxiety. Decisions on when to notify parents depends on the incident. Medical emergencies typically do not require community-wide notifications for privacy reasons. If a serious security threat occurs, the superintendent will send out timely communication. Concerns were raised about students using phones during emergencies, potentially leading to misinformation and overwhelming communication channels.

c. Weston School District: Director's Initial Areas of Focus

Jim Wiltsie provided a preliminary assessment, noting that Weston has a strong security foundation. Key security strengths: SROs (School Resource Officers), Mile Safety Officer (roving security), a secure, single-campus design. Upcoming enhancements include technology upgrades to the existing security camera system, and upgrading radios for better communication. Enhancing partnerships with town leadership and police. In addition, there will be more formal security training for guards planned for summer or fall.

V. SPOTLIGHT CONVERSATION

A. TBD

No spotlight conversation took place at this meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

A. Outstanding WPS Safety & Security Topics

The committee will review community input from the Meet the Director sessions in their next meeting.

B. Trends in Safety & Security

C. Capital Budget: Safety & Security Priorities

Some security funding is approved, but if additional needs arise, the Board of Finance is open to special appropriations based on Jim Wiltsie's recommendations.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM

Move that the Safety & Security Committee adjourn the March 11, 2025 meeting. Unseconded with a motion by Ezzes, Steven.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jodi Sacchetta