

To: Patrick O'Sullivan - Town Clerk  
From: Mary Shaw - OBOE  
Date: 5/18/21



**Buildings & Grounds,  
Safety & Security Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 10, 2021**

**Present:**

Charles Flynn (Chair)  
Jeff Cap  
Ken Vitelli  
Bill Kraut  
Carmen Rodriguez  
Vince Scarpetti  
Mike Gray

1. Call to Order

Call to order at 4:33 p.m. by Charles Flynn

2. Public Participation

None

3. Tour of Peck Place School, parking lot, & playground

The committee took a tour of Peck Place School building.

Doors are being painted blue to brighten the interior of the building. The heat exchanger was shown to the committee because of parts needed.

4. Security Update and Discussion: Mr. Kraut

Mr. Kraut spoke about us the board looking in to hiring retired Dare Officers. The Orange Police Chief made this recommendation a while back. Discussion will need to take place about hiring and salary. Additional further discussion will need to take place with the Orange Police Department to confirm we will have one Dare officer and possibly an SRO officer for the district. Mr. Kraut mentioned the Orange Police Department has done a wonderful job over the years. There has also been discussion coming from Hartford to eliminate all Dare and possibly SRO officers at all school in CT. Ms. Rodriguez discussed how security officers work in the city of New Haven. They need to be trained people that can help protect the students and faculty if needed. Mr. Vitelli was asking if there is a hybrid layered type way of doing this. Mr. Gray mentioned that we might have SRO's for during the day and then park & rec would cover the

cost for the evening security for their program that take place in the buildings after school.

5. Facilities Update: Including additional HVAC information on Turkey Hill School and Race Brook School - Mr. Gray

A light pole at Race Brook School was hit and being repaired. The loading dock at Turkey Hill School is being completed and paid for. In the meantime, a truck backed into the gate of the new loading dock and is going to be repaired soon. The trucking company insurance will cover repair costs. Exterior tents are in the process of going back up outside for classes to use now that the weather is getting nicer. Lockdowns are taking place with the Orange Police Department. Detective Carolyn Bailey spoke to the students on what to do in these situations. Mr. Gary discussed putting central air conditioning in to all the classrooms and costs involved.

6. Long Term Planning Priorities Discussion using template document: Long Term Planning Template  
Mr. Gray gave discussion of creating the long-term priorities program he is putting together. Much needed end of life items would be highlighted in these reports. Everything would be included in the program, so we know what we are up against every year going forward. With buildings being fifty years plus old, we have many items that need to be replaced every so many years. And without this program we don't know when items need to be replaced and how to plan for budgeting. Right now, we are playing reactive maintenance.

7. Proposed Next Meetings:

- June 14: Turkey Hill School
- July 12: MLT
- August 23: All Buildings Opening of School Tour
- September 13: Race Brook School

8. Discussion: Honoring Fire Marshal Tim Smith, Fire Prevention Contest Update  
Discussion of the possible sign and costs should be presented to the next board of ed meeting.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Vitelli

Ms. Rodriguez

Meeting Ended at 7:50 PM

Submitted by: Jeff Cap