

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Board Members Present: Jack Lothian, Dianna Woss, David Ripple, Kristi Granberg and Karolyn Nelson

Administration Present: Dr. Wayne Anderson, Dr. Bill White, and Mrs. Ali Bond

Guests: Officer Christopher Douglas and twenty-two community members

Jack Lothian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mr. Lothian thanked everyone for coming to the public information hearing about the School Resource Officer (SRO) and then turn the discussion over to Dr. Anderson. Dr. Anderson also thanked everyone for coming and stated that this meeting was designed to answer any questions they might have about the upcoming referendum question on whether or not to employ a School Resource Officer (SRO) to be in our school buildings when students were present during the school day. Dr. Anderson informed the audience members that he felt that the schools were currently a safe environment for both staff and students, but that the addition of a SRO would add another layer of security to the safety of both staff and students. He also informed the audience that the cost of an SRO would be approximately \$9 per \$100,000 of equalized property value; so if your house was valued at \$300,000 the yearly increase to your tax bill would be approximately \$27.

There were a number of questions and statements from the audience. Some of the questions that were asked were as follows:

How is the school currently dealing with bullying situations?

What would be the work schedule for the new SRO? Would this be a new police position or would a current police officer be assigned to the schools?

What type of training has the school staff been given about how to deal with an active shooter?

How is the school dealing with students/families with mental health issues?

What is our current relationship with the Williams Bay Police Department and how might the addition of this officer be advantageous to both the schools and the police department?

Board members, Dr. Anderson, Dr. White, Mrs. Bond and Officer Douglas responded to the various questions.

Several parents commented on the good communication that they had received from the schools about the various incidents that have happened at the school or in the surrounding area and thank the schools for being so open and keeping them informed. Dr. Anderson explained that the District could do more to make the buildings secure, but that it would require a change in the culture of the buildings. He gave the example that our schools are now locked down from 7:30

a.m. until 3:30 p.m. when the students are present; however, our buildings are open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. and after school for various school activities.

Throughout the meeting, individuals were happy that the Board members had given them the opportunity to ask questions and get additional information about this topic.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, individuals were encouraged to vote on November 6.

Kristi Granberg made a motion, seconded by Karolyn Nelson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by Dr. Wayne R. Anderson