

# West Islip Public Schools

## SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 15, 2019

8:30 A.M.

PAUL J. BELLEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members: Scott Brady, Paul Michaluk, Kevin O'Connor, Bernadette Burns, Elisa Pellati, Anne Rullan, Anthony Bridgeman, Tim Horan, Jack Maniscalco, Dan Marquardt, Dawn Morrison, John Mullins, Andrew O'Farrell, Rhonda Pratt, James Bosse, Byron McCray, Joseph Dixon, Shawn Wallace

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- I. Access to school buildings
  - A. Single points of entry
  - B. Swipe card access at main entrances
- II. Budget considerations
  - A. Bicycles
  - B. Expanded keyless entry systems
- III. Armed Guards
- IV. Miscellaneous

### Committee Information

- With those that have been added over the last few months, there are now 168 cameras in the school buildings and across the district's grounds.
- The security team will address a number of projects over the summer:
  - a review of exterior grounds to ensure that room numbers are posted in classroom windows in a consistent manner;
  - the addition of strobe lights to the exterior of buildings to notify approaching personnel to a lockout/lockdown situation in a school;
- Suffolk County recently provided the draft of a contract to Superintendents to address concerns raised about access the Suffolk County Police Department would have to cameras if districts enrolled in the RAVE system. The contract delineates specific circumstances in which the police may access the cameras. The contract will be shared with the district's counsel and then other stakeholders.
- Although the State Education Department seems to be falling behind on its review of bond projects, it is anticipated that the security vestibules at the elementary and middle schools will be completed in time for school opening in September. Visitor management systems are currently being evaluated.
- Almost all targeted doors at the high school have been alarmed to notify Security in the event a door has been left open. Custodial entrances at the elementary and middle schools will be alarmed shortly.