

Minutes April 10, 2024

Crisis Management Team Regular Meeting

Waxahachie Independent School District

The Crisis Management Team of the Waxahachie Independent School District met on April 10, 2024, for a Regular Meeting. With a quorum present Lee Auvenshine, General Counsel, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. Those present: Lyssa Ridlehuber, Dr. David Averett, Thomas Griffith, Kim Kriegel, Kam Bridgers, Megan Womack, Lt. Chris Dickinson, Melissa Bousquet, Andy Reeves, Belvis Noland, Amanda Batman, Jacob Perry, Donna Insixiengmay, Toby Mash, Assistant Chief Marcus Brown, Waxahachie PD, Interim Assistant Chief Mike Lewis, Waxahachie PD, Chief Joe Wisner, Waxahachie PD, and Jenni McLemore.

Thomas Griffith made a motion for approval of Minutes from the previous meeting with a second by Toby Mash, and the motion carried unanimously.

At 11:34 a.m. the team entered Closed Session by general consent and unopposed announcement of presiding officer pursuant to Section 551.076 of the Government Code to deliberate:

- The deployment, and specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel and devices, in drills and in response to potential threats, particularly in relation to the district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan (Crisis Management Plan);
- The deployment, and specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel and devices, in general and specifically in response to specific terroristic threats;
- The district's performance in response to intruder audits conducted by the Texas School Safety Center; and
- The full tri-annual security audit of the district's facilities required under Section 37.108 (b) of the Education Code.

The Crisis Management Team reconvened into Open Session at 12:35 p.m.

Discussion Items:

- Discussion of continued development of SRO program and security team under the leadership of Waxahachie Police Department Lt. Chris Dickinson.
 - Security Department is fully staffed at this time – will add one for the opening of Jimmie Ray Elementary as well as any vacancies that come open over the summer.
 - Security and SRO program continues to do an excellent job on campuses.
- Discussion regarding the general authority of school districts to allow school marshals to openly carry firearms on a duty belt, as recently recognized by the Texas Attorney General, and consideration of possible action regarding this authority.
 - Making public aware of that Attorney General Ken Paxton made a decision to allow school boards to approve school marshals to open carry on a duty belt – district is considering allowing marshals to open carry with guidance and direction of Waxahachie PD – actively working on a plan to be able to allow this to occur in the 2024-25 school year.
- General discussion of drills performed within the district and at campuses, along with specific discussion regarding the following:
 - Campus-reunification dill involving Coleman Junior High School on March 25, 2024
 - A drill was held with the 7th grade class of Coleman Junior High – students were purposely evacuated – some parents participated by coming to pick up their student and those not picked up were bussed back to campus for normal dismissal.
 - Active shooter training exercise at Waxahachie High School in June 2024

- Drill will start at the time the bad guy is apprehended and will practice the stop the dying and end at the point of evacuation to reunification site.
- Tabletop training exercise for campus administrators in July 2024
 - Tabletop will be for all administrators and security to participate to see what the event looks like for those who haven't had a reunification drill for their campus.
- General discussion of the district's performance in response to intruder audits conducted by the Texas School Safety Center.
 - The district has had 13 of 16 campuses audited thus far and all have passed – at this time we know the auditor will be on campuses in April.
- Discussion of potential grant funded opportunities, particularly pertaining to Waxahachie ISD's recent award of funds through SAFE Grant Cycle 2.
 - WISD received notice of the amount of funds being issued by state for safety compliance.
- Discussion and possible action to approve any items recommended in closed session.
 - No additional items were recommended in closed session that need action.

Kim Kriegel made a motion to adjourn with Belvis Noland giving the second and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Notice of Regular Meeting of the WISD Crisis Management Team

Waxahachie ISD Crisis Management Team

The role of the District Crisis Management Team is to maintain and update the District Crisis Management Plan, ensure all required staff complete required training, provide tabletop drills on a regular basis, debrief and evaluate district and campus crisis response, provide leadership and support for campus staff, and provide and maintain crisis plans for all staff aligned with the District Crisis Management Plan. The District Crisis Management Team serves as the School Safety and Security Committee in compliance with Section 37.109 of the Education Code.

A meeting of the Waxahachie ISD Crisis Management Team will be held on April 10, 2024, beginning at 11:30 AM in the boardroom of the Waxahachie ISD Administration Building located at 411 N. Gibson Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or acted upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice agenda.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Announcement by presiding officer that a quorum is present, that the meeting has been duly called, and that notice of the meeting has been duly posted for time and manner required by law.
2. Consideration and approval of Minutes from previous meeting.

B. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Section 551.076 of the Government Code, the District Crisis Management Team will deliberate:
 - a. the deployment, and specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel and devices, in drills and in response to potential threats, particularly in relation to the district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan (Crisis Management Plan);
 - b. the deployment, and specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel and devices, in general and specifically in response to specific criminal activity and terroristic threats;
 - c. the district's performance in response to intruder audits conducted by the Texas School Safety Center; and
 - d. the full tri-annual security audit of the district's facilities required under Section 37.108 (b) of the Education Code.

C. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion of continued development of SRO program and security team under the leadership of Waxahachie Police Department Lt. Chris Dickinson.
2. Discussion regarding the general authority of school districts to allow school marshals to openly carry firearms on a duty belt, as recently recognized by the Texas Attorney General, and consideration of possible action regarding this authority.
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4. General discussion of the district's performance in response to intruder audits conducted by the Texas School Safety Center.
5. Discussion of potential grant funded opportunities, particularly pertaining to Waxahachie ISD's recent award of funds through SAFE Grant Cycle 2.
6. Discussion and possible action to approve any items recommended in closed session.

D. ADJOURN

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on: *April 5, 2024*

@ 3:25 PM



For the District Crisis Management Team