# West Islip Public Schools

## SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2019
8:30 A.M.
PAUL J. BELLEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members present:     Thomas Compitello, Paul Michaluk
                     Bernadette Burns, Dawn Morrison, Elisa Pellati
                     Anthony Bridgeman, R. Fulton, Tim Horan, Jack Maniscalco, Dan Marquardt,
                     Andrew O'Farrell, Rhonda Pratt, Vanessa Williams
                     James Bosse, Byron McCray
Members absent:      John Mullins, James Bosse, Joseph Dixon, Shawn Wallace, Don Lettieri
Others present:      Steve Gellar

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I.   Safety and security updates and initiatives 2019-2020
     A. Mr. McCray gave a comprehensive review of the equipment updates and myriad initiatives throughout the district.  Door access software has been expanded, the number of surveillance cameras has more than doubled, security vehicles and safety vests have been purchased, and security vestibules at the elementary and middle schools are operational.
     B. Evening and off-hour patrols have increased, and a daytime patrol provides comprehensive district coverage to support the building security personnel.
     C. Middle and high school students wear badges during the school day.
     D. Professional development of all staff in emergency protocols and other required mandated training is ongoing.
     E. As building phone systems are upgraded, blue lights are added to schools to give internal and external visual notification of an emergency situation.
     F. The district is working collaboratively with the Suffolk County Police Department to enhance its emergency notification and response systems.

II.  After school and evening protocols and staffing
     Due to the degree to which the facilities are used for extracurricular activities and community events, the committee discussed the need for additional security coverage in the afternoons and evenings, particularly when students are on campus.

III. Budget considerations for 2020-2021
     Committee members were asked to share programs, equipment, and supplies that should be considered for inclusion in the 2020-2021 budget.

IV.  Informational Items
     A. Protocols for the visitor management system are being developed, and will include protocols to deal with a visitor who is flagged by the system.
     B. The Code of Conduct is to be revised to reflect penalties for falsely reporting an emergency event, including the initiation of the blue light system.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.