

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD
SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
RIPLEY AND DEARBORN COUNTIES, INDIANA
APRIL 9, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation was held April 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. EST, in the Performing Arts Center at East Central High School with the following individuals in attendance: Board Members Michael Norman, James Graf, Dawn Burke, Sara Hylton, John Maxwell, Glenn Scholl, Brandon Burress, Superintendent Dr. Andrew Jackson, and Director of Support Services Cindy Morton serving as recording secretary.

Mr. Norman called to order the special meeting at 7:00 p.m. EST.

Dr. Jackson presented a School Safety Presentation

Dr. Jackson explained the public comment guidelines

Dr. Jackson recommended that the board waive public comments limits. Mr. Norman asked for a motion to waive the limits. Mrs. Hylton motioned, Mr. Burress seconded.

Public Comments

1. Mass shootings have occurred in Gun Free Zones, option to arm teachers who take training, arm teachers, and allow them to carry.
2. NRA has two gun safety programs for children
3. Parent in district, concerned about lack of communication, not transparent since we can't use names, lots of rumors about the high school that are not becoming "major drug bust" because things are in the news and newspaper and not coming from the school
4. New to district, constructive communication, elementary, streamline the way messages are shared even if they all came from one place.
5. Appreciated knowing what we are doing, safety and security professional, lots of information available, standards and best practices for government and business but schools have recommendations, cost versus practical or impractical solutions, will readily help and support, be proactive not reactive
6. Student; ECHS and her perspective is unique. Teachers have been trained to teach, and SROs have been trained to protect. Armed teachers add to the chaos instead of helping pinpoint the shooter
7. MS and NDES parent, SRO increase is good, prioritize and consider having an SRO in each school. Take a look at the students mental health issues that are apparent based on teacher knowledge of students.

Board Comments

Mrs. Hylton thanked the audience for coming out to give ideas. Mr. Norman thanked the audience and expressed that he was disappointed that more people didn't attend.

Mr. Norman asked for a motion for adjournment. Mr. Maxwell motioned for adjournment, Mrs. Hylton seconded.