

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Oyster Bay – East Norwich Central School District**

Date: September 15, 2015
Kind of Meeting: Special Meeting
Location: Oyster Bay High School, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County NY
Members Present: Ann Marie Longo, President
Jennifer Romeo-Vice President
Michael Castellano, Todd Cronin, Robin Dando, Laurie Kowalsky,
John McEvoy
Members Not Present:
Others Present: Dr. Laura Seinfeld, Superintendent
Stephen Valente, Assistant Superintendent for Finance &
Operations
Dr. Lisa Mulhall, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum,
Instruction, & Assessment
Florence Frazer, District Counsel
Margaret Nolan, District Clerk

Ann Marie Longo called the meeting to order at 8:01 P.M.

Call to Order

Ann Marie Longo presented comments on behalf of the Board of Education regarding an incident that took place over the past week. She stated that the Board would be presenting facts and reviewing what was done, what could have been done and what could be learned from this experience. She stated that there were some questions that could not be answered due to privacy laws. She stated that regular Board meeting procedures would be followed and anyone wishing to speak to the Board needed to sign in to do so. She stated that the Safety Committee will meet tomorrow and be making suggested changes in light of this situation.

Dr. Seinfeld read a statement to the community. She gave some background on the situation that took place along with the measures taken regarding a threat made by a Vernon employee to a staff member. She indicated that while communication is important, safety is more important and every safety precaution was taken as soon as District offices knew about the comments that were made. Dr. Seinfeld stated that as soon as the police were involved the situation was in their hands. Dr. Seinfeld reviewed a step by step timeline of immediate action taken by the District, including the process taken to ensure safety of the buildings.

Deputy Inspector Johansen spoke and gave some information on the situation particularly related to the court proceedings and how bail was set. He also stated that they were going to be requesting additional orders of protection and a GPS tracking device for the defendant. He indicated that the defendant is being closely watched until that time.

The Board accepted questions and comments from over 35 community members regarding the current situation and safety throughout the District. A list will be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Public Comments

Ann Marie Longo thanked everyone for coming and stated that major decisions will be made over the next short period of time to make the schools and community safer. She stated that although she understand everyone concerns, the community needs to come together to look at what was done and can be done better in the future.

Motion by R. Dando, second by J. Romeo to enter into executive session at 11:00 P.M.
Motion by R. Dando, second by J. Romeo to claim out of executive session and adjourn at 12:30 P.M.

**Executive Session
Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Nolan – District Clerk