

**MINUTES OF THE
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING
RED OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Red Oak ISD School Safety and Security Committee Meeting was held Tuesday, October 15, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Red Oak ISD Education Service Center, 109 West Red Oak Road, Red Oak, TX 75154.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

The Regular Meeting of the School Safety and Security Committee was called to order by Phillip Prasifka, ROISD Chief of Police/Emergency Management Coordinator, at 6:04 pm.

A quorum of Committee members was present, and the meeting was duly called. The notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.00.

The following Committee members were present: Phillip Prasifka, ROISD Chief of Police/Emergency Management Coordinator; Melanie Petersen, President of the ROISD School Board; Brenda Sanford, ROISD Superintendent; Angela Fitzgerald, ROISD Director of Counseling & Family Services; Melody Hawkins, ROISD Student Support Specialist; Dr. Thurston Lamb, ROISD Chief of Operations; J.W. Tabor, ROISD Classroom Teacher; Mandie Wherley, Parent of student in ROISD; Donald Fullerton, ROISD Police Sergeant/Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator; Chief Young, City of Red Oak Fire Chief (sitting in for Chief Blanton).

The following committee members were absent: Michaela Sandefer, Ellis County Emergency Management Coordinator; Ginger Anderson, Parent of students in ROISD; Johnny Knight, ROISD School Board Member; Nick Bristow, City of Glenn Heights Police Chief; Nick Williams, City of Glenn Heights Fire Chief; Joseph McCall, Parent of students in ROISD; Garland Wolf, City of Red Oak Police Chief; Ben Blanton, City of Red Oak Fire Chief

1. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Phillip Prasifka, Chief of ROISD Police, led the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

2. RED OAK ISD SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

No changes. Will use alternates for municipal Chiefs.

3. SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

A. Police Department Staffing

1. Current Staffing

The ROISD Police Department is currently one short from being fully staffed.

- **11 currently fully sworn (one vacancy)**
- **5 security officers**
- **1 security analyst/communications**
- **1 administrative assistant/communications**

2. Responsibilities of Staff Members

It is noted that police officers will only assist with safety and security. They are not responsible for discipline or administrative duties per state law.

B. Fall Safety Week

- **Safety week was the week of September 9, 2024. Statewide hoax resulted in one cancelled drill that was completed the next week. Door issues discovered/rectified; some live events occurred simultaneously.**

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C. Intruder Detection Audits- Two to date – **no noted deficiencies, in window, currently through end of November**

D. Vulnerability Assessments- **New state law that every district will have an assessment by TEA. It is a three-year process, and districts are randomly selected every year.**

E. SENTINEL- **Website to house all safety information. Will include Threat Assessment in the future.**

F. Area First Responder Campus Tour Invitations- **Monday, August 12th.**

G. Campus Activity- **Increased reports concerning vapes with THC.**

4. NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESS UPDATE

Dr. Thurston Lamb, ROISD Chief of Operations

All plans for the Middle School are in progress and on track. The School Board approved the name of the new Middle School to be Dr. Joy Shaw Middle School.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consideration and Approval of August 6, 2024, School Safety and Security Committee Meeting Minutes
Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

Angela Fitzgerald, Director of Counseling & Family Services, made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2024 School Safety and Security Committee Meeting. Melody Hawkins, Student Support Specialist, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Consideration and Approval of Setting a Proposed Date for the School Safety and Security Meeting for Spring 2025.
Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

Mandie Wherley, ROISD Parent, made a motion to approve the Spring 2025 meeting for February 25, 2025. Melanie Peterson, ROISD School Board President, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Consideration and Acceptance of the Red Oak ISD Emergency Operations Plan and Annexes
Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

J.W. Tabor, ROISD Classroom teacher, made a motion to accept the Red Oak ISD Emergency Operations Plan and Annexes. Melody Hawkins, Student Support Specialist, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee convened into Closed Session at 6:22 PM.

- A. Texas Government Code 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the school attorney on any and all subjects or matters authorized by law.
- B. Texas Government Code 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee
- C. Texas Government Code 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.

7. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Committee reconvened back into Open Session at 6:54 PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Phillip Prasifka". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Phillip" and last name "Prasifka" clearly legible.

Phillip Prasifka, ROISD Chief of Police

Angela Fitzgerald

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Services