

**Reading School Committee
Reading, Massachusetts**

Executive Session

November 25, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dahl called the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m. Present were School Committee Members Carpenter, Dahl, McFadden, Russo, Spadafora and Webb. Also present were Superintendent Schettini, Associate Superintendent Richards, Scott Dunlap and Jim Jordan from Ai3, Dave Capaldo, Bob Bell and Keith Hoffses of Design Partnership and Reading Police Officer Mike Cloonan.

SECURITY AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Capaldo discussed the proposed sites for cameras. He discussed the alarm system and the type of locks recommended for the exterior and interior doors at the high school. He stated that the cameras would run 24 hours per day and the loop can vary from 24 hours to days depending on what the Committee wants. He stated that each classroom would be equipped with a phone but not a panic button.

Superintendent Schettini discussed the administration's view on interior cameras. He stated that there is not sufficient staff to have interior cameras manned.

Mr. Dunlap stated that if the Committee places cameras inside the building they need to be aware that there is then an expectation that the cameras will be monitored and there is a liability issue if something were to happen and the cameras were not manned.

Officer Cloonan stated that the police station has cameras on the exterior and interior doors, and he would recommend exterior cameras and perhaps cameras at the main entrances of the high school. He stated that the police station tapes are held for 30 days.

The Design Partnership staff and Ai3 staff discussed what other communities are doing for security measures.

The Committee discussed keying options including key cards.

Mr. Russo requested a spreadsheet showing the cost for each of the different options.

The Committee stated that they would like information on a system that allowed a certain number of exterior doors to be locked by flipping a switch in the central office.

Mr. Hoffses stated that he would discuss systems with the hardware consultant.

Mr. Carpenter requested that interior doors have glass panels unless there is a very good reason not to include the glass.

Mr. Dahl moved to approve the high school security system as presented on November 25, 2003 with the provision that Design Partnership of Cambridge will study additional solutions to exterior keying. Mr. Spadafora seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Dahl, Mr. McFadden, Mr. Russo, Mr. Spadafora and Ms. Webb.

ADJOURN

At 11: 30 p.m. Mr. Spadafora moved to adjourn. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Dahl, Mr. McFadden, Mr. Russo, Mr. Spadafora and Ms. Webb.

Approved 1/26/04
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