

**CREEDE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD
March 5, 2018
1:00pm**

A. Call To Order/Roll Call/Quorum/Pledge Of Allegiance

The special meeting of the Board of Education was held Monday, March 5, 2018. President John Howard called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Those members present were John Howard, Damon Gibbons, Mark Tiley, Eryn Wintz, and Melanie Freedle. Others in attendance were Lis Richard, John Goss, Sherry Scallan, Dave Richard, Jeremy McComas, Shannon Goldsberry, Danielle Ceja, Lauren Sheldrake, and Kristeen Lopez

Guests in attendance were Fred Hosselkus, Bill Fairchild, Terry Wetherill, and Brad Miller

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

B. Additions to/Approval of Agenda: Mark Tiley motioned to approve the agenda as written, Damon Gibbons seconded, all approved in alphabetical order.

C. Business

Parameters of roles for Board members and - Brad Miller. Started by saying that he understands that in a small town, it's increasingly challenging to hold to standards

When we are faced with an issue of self threat or student harm, it is easy to think we need to protect everyone else, we need to remove the harm. But in a school setting there are general issues of liability, and rules and regulations that dictate how we handle the potential perpetrators, not just the victims. As the Board, you are charged with the authority of safety, but allowed to delegate to the administration. As an attorney, he doesn't think it's necessary that the board have knowledge of the safety plan. They won't be instrumental in operating it, but have the potential to leak sensitive information. They need to be available to be there for appeals. He wants to broadly address these issues. When it comes to issues of student safety, there is the Clair Davis act. With some degree of wisdom, the legislature, leans in the direction of requiring the district to take stronger and more deliberate steps in the out front. Specifically in threats that are deemed credible, the school can convey further knowledge, for broadly identifying the perpetrator for the safety of the potential victims.

We have to as a school board have to understand clearly that anything that discussed in executive session stays within those in the executive session. For example if a board member isn't there, they may not be filled in on what was said in executive session. It's prosecutable by law.

Doc thanked Brad for his statements.

Doc stated that after this last school shooting he's been very concerned about the safety of the school. We can't count on outside help. We need to rely on our community. He received a comment from a community member about his concern for the safety of the students, and a proposed idea on how to better protect our children. What can we do, what do we need to do. One of his ideas was to have someone from law enforcement to meet with a potential threat for a talk of possible consequences. In a small community like ours, it would have some value. We need to make sure that we have done everything we ought to. We will reach a point where there is no more we could do, but we aren't there yet.

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Doc said that he would like to see the law enforcement involved as much as they could be. Fred stated that they feel more welcome than ever. They are in close communication with the school on a weekly basis. Fred stated that if parents were present, he could see the potential for a meeting with a student close to being in trouble and their parents. Terry thought it could work just having the presence of law enforcement with the parents and student.

Damon Gibbons asked Brad if this conversation was too hands on for the board. Brad said that these suggestions are fine, but then the board needs to trust in their administration to carry out the plans.

Doc stated that he would like to impress on the students the seriousness of their statements and send a message to the community that we take threats to the children very seriously.

The board is the ultimate authority that must assure that the district adopts a school safety plan and adapts the policies and protocols that are adhered to. Those aspects and parameters are adhered to and exist. What are not the boards responsibilities are the details of those aspects, that is the administrations responsibility to inform those that need the information. He did state that it would be a nice practice to once a year revisit the safety plan, make sure that it's still working, being adhered to, and up to date.

Discussion of School Safety Plan

D. Executive Session

Damon moved to enter executive session pursuant to , Mark Tiley, seconded Discussion of specialized details of security arrangement or investigations. (CRS 24-6-402(4)(d) (CRS 24-6-402(4)(b).

J. Adjournment

Moved: , : pm

Kristeen Lopez, Clerk

Mark Tiley, Secretary

John Howard, President

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