

Safety Committee Meeting
August 17, 2022 4:30 PM
Central Services Board Room

1. Call to Order - Mrs. Rebecca Hamby
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge - Mrs. Rebecca Hamby
3. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Homestead Elementary School Concerns
5. Buddy Benches
6. Emergency Buckets
7. Window Film
8. Other Safety Features for Discussion
9. Adjournment

**Safety Committee Meeting April 14, 2022
Central Services Board Room**

The Safety Committee met on Thursday, April 14, 2022, in the Central Services Board Room where Mrs. Rebecca Hamby called the meeting to order at the approximate hour of 4:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and appreciated everyone for attending.

PRESENT:

Mrs. Rebecca Hamby, Safety Chairman
Dr. Ina Maxwell, Director of Schools
Mrs. Anita Hale, 4th District
Mrs. Teresa Boston, 8th District
Mr. Jim Inman, 1st District
Robert Safdie, 2nd District
Earl Patton, Board Attorney
Stephanie Barnes, CAO
Marsha Polson, School Coordinated Health Supervisor

ABSENT:

- 1. Call to Order – Mrs. Rebecca Hamby**
- 2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance – Mrs. Rebecca Hamby**
- 3. Approval of Committee Minutes**

Boston made a motion to approve.

VOICE VOTE: Boston (mover-yes) Hale (seconder-yes)

All Ayes

MOTION: Carried Unanimously

4. Emergency Buckets

Hamby introduced this agenda item.

Hamby: What we're meeting here today about is Ms. Marsha Polson our nurse coordinator, we're talking about the emergency buckets. Mr. Magnusson and I talked about maybe getting some community partners involved. The buckets can actually be made and not have to be purchased and then all the other stuff that goes with it, we could look into buying. Marsha, if you would, fill us in with all of this. What we're looking at today is just getting us started, possibly turning it over to the budget committee to see what needs to be done and see where we need to go from there.

Polson: Recently when we were at the school coordinated health conference, they suggested that everyone have an emergency bucket. It just had basic supplies, basic emergency kit. Every nurse

has something similar to that without the big equipment there. The emergency bucket would be something that the teacher would place in their classroom and then if they were in a significant period of time in a lockdown, they could use it as a toilet and the supplies inside would take care of the kids. There's random supplies that you can get to put into these buckets. Certainly is a great idea. Mr. Magnusson and I were throwing around how to get the HOSA group and the criminal justice group involved. That would be safety and health. Buy together and maybe create a few of those buckets and then maybe some of our community partners would like to help donate supplies to put in the buckets. I think that would be the best option. And probably save the most money in the long run. That's usually the best way to start. Just have a few in the schools to start with and then eventually each classroom.

Boston: If we were to buy them outright what's the expense?

Polson: I think the expense on one of those kits just like that on Amazon is about \$25.00.

Hamby: I think so. Now the buckets-a lot of people use them for camping, they buy the bucket and buy a pool noodle and put an edge around it so it doesn't cut you, hurt you, whatever. You can get pool noodles from the dollar tree. A long one for a dollar and that will cover 2 buckets or more. Rural King sometimes has buckets for 3 dollars apiece but they might be willing to donate. That's things that Bo and I were talking about. The other supplies, we're going to have to figure out the cost. You defiantly need the biohazard bags. That's just some ideas to throw out there.

Hale: We used to have them at one point. I remember having them out at North in the tubs, they were delivered to us. They had flashlight crackers and batteries. Sundry type of things.

Boston: That's an emergency backpack, that's what I'm going to call it, and I'm assuming there's a separate charge for the backpack?

Hamby: Yeah, it's a different, Mr. Inman you had something to say?

Inman: Well, I was going in the same direction as Ms. Hale. I was wondering if there were any schools out there that already had some? I know South does, but it's not near as big as this. It's a small bag that each teacher has. It's got a flashlight.

Polson: South has some and Pine View, all of theirs have a small kit. It's not anything this significant. Certainly not what's in that bucket.

Inman: Yeah, the ones I've seen doesn't have anywhere near this much stuff, as these do.

Hamby: Of course, times have changed so there may some things that we do need now. What I'd like to ask you to do is kind of put together what you think needs to go in those bags. It could be that maybe not even a bag that says emergency supplies, but backpacks donated. We could somehow put emergency supplies on them, so it's marked properly. If you could some ideas that we need and some prices.

Boston: That's what I was going to ask. I know Anita said at one time she had one. What classes have something and what do they have? How many do we need? Are we looking at 1 per classroom, 1 per grade level? Do you have any idea what would be recommended?

Polson: Well, at the conference they are going to recommend 1 per classroom. But Mr. Magnusson makes a valid point that if the kids are in a lockdown situation, that is pretty much going to be taken care of in a pretty quick amount of time, whether the kids get moved around in the school or they get locked down in a classroom. He said maybe we could go with less to begin with and go from there.

Hamby: Most of them are going to be grouped into an area together anyway, so you're not going to need one for every single classroom. You say 5th grade hall, you're going to take all those kids that you can into 1 area instead of leaving them scattered.

Inman: Depends on what kind of lockdown. Now tornado drills, that's true. But if it's a hard lockdown, everybody stays in the classroom. They lock the doors and don't let anybody in.

Hamby: That's true too.

Boston: Ms. Hale, did you ever have the opportunity to use anything out of yours?

Hale: Well, after so many years the crackers were stale. But I guess some Band-Aids and the gloves, the pathogen type things.

Boston: Were you ever put on lockdown where you...

Hale: No, not...and they had water, bottled water.

Hamby: But you've got to look, that was quite a while ago. Things have changed so much. You never know, from one day to the next if you are going to be invaded or something is going to happen.

Polson: Safety is certainly our goal. As safe as we can in every situation that we can. If we attempt to do some now and add more later then it's certainly a reasonable thing to do.

Inman: We could look at it like we did with the computers. If you do one grade level, this year and next year you do the next grade level. Eventually you get them all.

Boston: And, you're talking one per classroom, which is very doable. I would be interested, who has them, what needs to be replaced. If you've got a bucket, you can put a flashlight and batteries and gloves in a bucket. You wouldn't have to have a backpack and a bucket. I'm a little leery about putting in a crowbar.

Inman: Well, I don't know why you would need a crowbar unless you were going to use to wedge underneath a door so nobody can't push it open.

Hamby: I think that was the idea. More of a to keep someone from...

Inman: If it's in order to bust a window out, I would rather have one of those things like a window punch.

Boston: Chairs work very well.

Inman: If I wanted out of that room, I'm not going to have to hunt for anything. A chair would work.

Boston: If it's that point and God forbid you've got a shooter in the building and your children need out of that building, a chair is going to work just fine.

Polson: I think they had that in there because if something is on top of somebody it would help to pry it off them. I think that's more like what they use it for.

Inman: Well, that would probably be in a case of a tornado in case you needed to pry something off of someone, yeah.

Hamby: We've got this summer to get this together. If you'll put together whatever you need to. What we already have, what we need to replace. Prices, where we need to look and Mr. Magnusson said it was fine, that it would go on his budget line.

Maxwell: I think it would be great what y'all have talked about. And Marsha said about the high schoolers, the classes, these are innovative projects, and it would help them if they could be a part of it.

Polson: They do a safety project and even Ms. Gilpin has done before with her HOSA group where they go in and research what needs to be in safety kits and then they make one and then they replicate that and make that their service project for the year. I think it would be very doable for those 2 groups at the high school.

Hamby: I agree. Do we need to make a motion on any of this? We don't, do we? Ok. That's what I thought.

9. Safety Vests

Hamby: We were also talking about safety vests. Are they like the bullet proof vests or what kind of safety vests are we talking about? I've looked at a hundred different safety vests.

Polson: I think we're talking about something like if you were in a tornado or a building falls down on you, the kids know who's in charge.

Hamby: Almost kind of like what they use for the traffic?

Polson: Yeah.

Boston: Would that be safety vests for the adults so the children recognize who, ok that's a safe person, I can go to them?

Hamby/Polson: Yes.

Hamby: I'm sorry, I hate putting all that on...I know you stay extremely busy.

Polson: This is good stuff. I like preventative medicine.

Boston: Well, if we could order supplies, once we determine what goes in the emergency bucket, and we order in bulk, then the different groups that could compile them, then at that point a few of them could make deliveries and we could recognize them for doing that, I think it would be impressive.

Polson: Sure.

Boston: Once we get what goes in the buckets, the cost and if we have any businesses out there that would like to sponsor.

Hamby: Rural King is kind of new to our area still, so they may want to donate cause it does help their business too. Any of our businesses. Tractor Supply, Lowe's.

Polson: Firehouse Subs because they are fire and rescue and their pickles come in a bucket.

Inman: They sell their buckets for 3 dollars I think.

Hale: Another thing we have to consider-batteries go dead. How often are we going to update? I guarantee those batteries that had been sitting in my bucket for forever and a day....

Inman: Pretty much, you're talking about every five years.

Hamby: They have a 5-year shelf life. Duracell does, I don't know about any of the others.

Polson: You'll be surprised what has expiration dates on them, but most of your bandages has expiration dates on them as well. So, about every 5 years.

Inman: The only reason they put expiration dates on that kind of stuff is so you'll throw it away and come back and buy some more. Not because it's going bad.

Safdie: You might consider also working with the PTO's. Parents could raise the appropriate money for supplies.

Hamby: We have some great PTO groups. Great idea. Anything you all would like to discuss or any other questions that you might have for Ms. Polson?

Boston: No, Ms. Polson kind of has a list together that she's compiled, and she'll get with you?

Hamby: Yes, I'll call another meeting.

9. Adjournment

Boston: Motion to adjourn.

Hale: Second.

Hamby: All in favor say aye.

Boston/Hale: Aye

VOICE VOTE: Boston (mover-yes) Hale (seconder-yes)

All Ayes

MOTION: Carried Unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:18 p.m.

Dr. Ina Maxwell
Director of Schools

Mrs. Rebecca Hamby
Safety Committee Chairman

Diane McCartney
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