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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE VERSAILLES CITY COUNCIL,
WOODFORD COUNTY FISCAL COURT, MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL, AND THE WOODFORD
COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
WOODFORD COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL/6:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUGOTT WAS PRESENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE
COUNCIL MEMBERS MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON,
KEN KERKHOFF AND FRED SIEGELMAN. COUNCIL MEMBER AARON
SMITHER WAS ABSENT.**

**DEPT. HEADS: MIKE MURRAY, T.A. RANKIN, AND ELIZABETH REYNOLDS WERE
PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

Dani Bradley, Woodford County Board of Education Chair, called the meeting to order.

Assistant Superintendent Garet Wells went over Woodford County Public Schools safety highlights, including having a School Resource Officer in every school and the Versailles Police Department having remote access to every school's video camera system.

Superintendent Danny Adkins spoke about the high importance Woodford County places on school safety. He praised the School Resource Officers in place in each of the schools.

Jon Akers, Executive Director of the Kentucky Center for School Safety provided a statewide update on school safety. He noted the importance of all exterior doors being locked at all times as well as all classroom doors being kept closed and locked during instruction. Mr. Akers stressed the importance of relationships being built between students, teachers, SRO's, and other school staff. He shared information regarding Kentucky Center for School Safety anonymous tip line to report suspicious or concerning activity. The "S.T.O.P!" tip line is a safe place to call or text to report anything concerning or threatening that someone may have seen or heard.

Ms. Bradley opened the floor for public comment or questions:

Sarah McCoun shared information regarding different things that have been implemented across the nation to increase school safety.

Adam Brickler stated that he had recently participated in the Southside Elementary Watch D.O.G. program as the parent of two students. He praised everything currently being done at the school to protect the students including locked outside and classroom doors, a vestibule for visitors to sign in before having access inside, and regular perimeter checks. He also praised School Resource Officer Patrick Shryock for his relationships with the students.

Police Chief Mike Murray spoke regarding the importance the Versailles Police Department places on school safety throughout Woodford County. He noted that they regularly participate in different training activities and that the SRO's at the middle and high schools are tactically trained as part of the Special Response Team.

Ms. Bradley closed the meeting by thanking every government body for participating and for all working together to ensure Woodford County is a safe place for every student.

APPROVED:

BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK