WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lewisberry, PA
July 9, 2026

The West Shore School Board met in regular session at 6:35 p.m. with President Guistwhite presiding.

The following members were present: Brinton, Cox, Dankosky, Davis, Dormuth, Kambic, Mickle, and Trone.

Administrators present: Stoltz, Gay, Argot, Butt, Gehosky, Herbert, Long, Rizzardo, Ryan and Vogelsong. Solicitor: Pratt.

Recognition by the Board	There were no Recognitions.
Communications	There were no Communications.
Information Items	Dr. Stoltz facilitated a discussion of School Resource Officers, School Security Guards, and School Police. In addition to administration, the following guests participated in the discussion: Anthony Minimum Chief of Police West Shore Police Department (PD); Chris Raubenstine Chief of Police Silver Spring PD; Davis Holland Chief of Police Fairview Twp PD; David Holl Director of Safety Lower Allen Twp PD; Gabriel Olivera former Chief of Police at Central Dauphin SD now at Elizabethtown School District; Braxton Ditty acting Police Chief Newberry Twp PD; School Resource Officers Lightner Lower Allen PD and Lotier Fairview PD; and WSSD School Security Guards John Salvadia, Marc Greenly, Daniel Miller, and Edward Pague. Main Topics Discussed 1. Review of Current Security Model The District currently utilizes: • School Resource Officers (SROs) at the high schools • School Security Guards (SSGs) at secondary buildings Administrators reported that the current model has generally met its original goals of improving safety and reducing behavioral issues.

2. Student Discipline and Safety Trends
Three years of discipline data showed:

- Decreases in fights, assaults, threats, weapon incidents, and disrespect.
- Controlled substance incidents remained stable or increased slightly, which administrators attributed to better detection and reporting methods.

3. Police Call Data
Local police departments reported that most school-related calls involved:

- Alarms and after-hours checks
- Custody or family disputes
- Student conduct issues
- Welfare concerns
- Vaping and sexting investigations

Serious criminal incidents inside schools remain relatively uncommon.

4. Exploration of a School Police Officer (SPO) Model
The Board discussed whether a district-operated police department could:

- Provide greater authority across all schools
- Reduce jurisdictional limitations
- Expand eligibility for safety and law enforcement grants
- Improve flexibility during school events and emergencies

Concerns included startup costs, equipment, vehicles, record-keeping requirements, and long-term expenses.

5. Input from Other Districts and Police Chiefs
Representatives from municipal police departments, Cumberland Valley, and Central Dauphin shared their experiences.
Key themes:

- Strong partnerships between schools and local police are critical.
- School police departments still rely on local municipalities for major investigations.
- Communication, collaboration, and clearly defined responsibilities are essential.

Key Takeaways

- The current security model appears effective and has contributed to improved student behavior.
- Municipal police partnerships remain strong and valued.
- A hybrid model involving SROs, SSGs, and limited SPO functions generated significant interest.
- Additional information on costs, responsibilities, and

implementation would be needed before any changes are considered.

Next Steps
The Board directed administration to continue evaluating:

- Potential hybrid security models
- Cost comparisons
- Job responsibilities and authority levels
- Grant opportunities
- Operational and legal considerations

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Guistwhite and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the Board of School Directors extend the meeting for public comment. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.

Opportunity for Students to Speak on General Items

No students addressed the Board.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak on General Items

Joei Askey, Lewisberry, would like to see the safety protocol if the District were to have School Police.

Jay Hess, Etters, likes the current security structure and advocated for the District to identify the root cause of behavior concerns.

Sheri Moyer, New Cumberland, thanked Board members for building relationships and advocated for learning all of the facts.

Abby Tierney, Lemoyne, expressed interest in knowing the demographic data associated with the student data presented during the meeting.

Shawn Zeiders, Lewisberry, gave a Shout Out for looking at the needs of the District and suggested transforming School Security Guards into School Police would provide increased options.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Guistwhite declared the meeting adjourned. (10:47 p.m.)

Ryan E. Argot

Dr. Ryan E. Argot, Secretary