

Shared Service Agreement

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Julia

Mayor Fahl shared with me the revised shared service agreement with the council's edits. I am fine with all of the edits with the exception of three items. I have added language in red for items 1 and 2. I think it is important that the Class III would only act where there is a threat to student and staff safety. As I described the recent situation we had at the high school with the weapon (student brought a knife to school in his backpack) the Class III was not involved as there was no threat to students and staff. We called West Amwell and they had one of their officers handle the situation, not the Class III Officer. If the student took the knife out and was threatening another student or staff member with it, then that is a different story and the Class III would act in that situation.

- Item 1: The foregoing notwithstanding, the Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officer will respond to all violations of the law committed by students or others while on school property or taking part in school activities **that pose a threat to student and staff safety**, as required by all rules and regulations pertaining to on-duty police officers. (this can be found under section 9)
- Item 2: a. Number of acts of violence against students, teachers or school property, **that pose a direct threat to student and staff safety**, addressed by the Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officer. (this can be found under section 14.)

The following that you had in section 19 can't be included in the agreement: *The City will consider renewal of this Agreement only after a majority of the Lambertville representatives on the Board have approved it.* We are a regionalized school district with each board member's vote counting equally. The Board operates by way of majority without regard to the town of residence of those voting with or against the majority. I have shared this with our Board attorney and she would not accept this as part of the agreement.

This type of language also reinforces the recent correspondence that came out from the West Amwell Township Committee against the referendum that said the following: *"The nine-member board is made up of five members for Lambertville, three members for West Amwell and one member for Stockton. West Amwell has (even when combined with Stockton) minority representation on the school board. This results not in a regional district, rather one centered almost exclusively on the wants and needs of Lambertville City but funded in part, with our tax dollars."*

The attached shared service agreement will be on our agenda for approval this coming Monday, October 25. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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