From: John Weidl
To: Heather Boehm
Subject: SRO meeting Agenda Item
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Attachments: May SRO Update and Guidance Request.pdf

Heather, use this version. I corrected one line: The School Board **did not discuss** the City's extension proposal. However, we believe they received it. They did not receive the Chief's letter. - JSW

From: Dan Meyer <DMeyer@whitewater-wi.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 6:30 PM
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Subject: Confidential: SRO meeting

John and Tim,

Just a brief update from the SRO meeting today. Overall, I thought it was productive, and I think it gave an overall better understanding of the perspectives on the issue. In attendance were Patrick Singer, Brian Schanen, Stephanie Hicks, Miguel Aranda, and Jen Kienbaum. Stephanie Hicks is going to be typing up a summary document, but here's a bulleted list of my key takeaways:

- Jen Kienbaum discussed the list of grievances – there are no bombshells whatsoever. There was one case brought up I had not heard to be a concern, but it was not significant.
- Board members did not turn over a document of SRO grievances at the meeting, however, Stephanie Hicks agreed she would be sending it to me.
- Received confirmation that the 120-agreement was never considered by the board, and they also never saw the letter that was sent to the district from me.
- Their due date for SRO RFPs is their next board meeting (May 27th), which is also when they will be selecting a "vendor" or determining next steps:
    - They stated that they want the PD to submit an RFP, and collectively the Board prefers that the PD remain in the schools
    - I informed them I had not received an RFP and had no idea where to locate it (Stephanie Hicks will be sending me that). They didn't know where I could get it either…
    - Supposedly another unidentified entity has stated their intent to submit an RFP (how they received it is unknown)
    - When asked what they would do if only a private firm submitted an RFP, they stated they were unsure, but they could always refuse to award the RFP if they didn't like the submissions
    - When asked if they would consider canceling the RFP and simply agreeing to the 120-day extension, there seemed to be resistance to that due to the plans in place for the RFP, but a recommendation was made that they consult their Board attorney about doing that
    - I explained all our previously stated reasoning for why the 120-day extension made

good sense, including getting the buy-in of the new Superintendent
    - When asked what they'd do if they received the redline agreement I've already drafted (which I don't think I could because Council would need to approve the $ aspect), they said they want it put into the format of the yet-to-be-seen RFP agreement as that is the only way for them to consider it

Follow-up:

1. I'll send you the grievances document as soon as I receive it as well as the RFP documents
2. John – I'll need to discuss with you if submitting a proposal by May 27th is something we can or even want to consider (I'm assuming anything with dollars and cents could not even be sent without Council approval)

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