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ARMED SECURITY OFFICERS

The Berlin Board of Education (the “Board”) authorizes the placement of armed security officers in its school buildings during times that the Superintendent or his/her designee deems necessary in order to provide for a safe school environment. The armed security officers shall support the school administration and staff in maintaining a safe and positive school environment, and shall work under the immediate direction and supervision of the Director of School Security, Safety and Residency and under the overall direction of the Superintendent of Schools.

At the discretion of the Board, the armed security officers shall be authorized to carry firearms on school grounds in the performance of their duties, consistent with state and federal law, Board policy and administrative regulations, and any applicable memorandum of understanding or agreement with the town of Berlin. An armed security officer shall be authorized to utilize such firearms only when necessary in order to protect a person on school grounds from the use of deadly physical force. Accordingly, an armed security officer will not draw, point, or discharge his/her firearm on school grounds unless there are no reasonable alternative measures available and the use of such firearm is therefore necessary in order to protect one or more persons on school grounds from what the armed security officer reasonably believes to be the imminent use of deadly physical force. Any use of a firearm shall be preceded by a verbal warning when practical and possible. Any use of firearms must be consistent with state and federal law, Board policy and administrative regulations, and any applicable memorandum of understanding or agreement with the town of Berlin.

The Superintendent will adopt and maintain administrative regulations to implement this policy.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-244a
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-217b