

Statement made at the August 8, 2023
Oxford Community Schools Board Meeting by Bradley Dizik.

Good evening everyone,

I am here to report this evening that we are in the ninth inning of our investigation and our work is focused on writing the investigative report.

As was indicated at the end of June, we still expect to produce the final report in the fall. The report will not be released prior to start of the school year but rather after the school year begins this fall. We do not have an exact date at this time. The Board will receive the report when it is made public at the same time as everyone else. To ensure that the district has the adequate resources in place for the impact the report will have on the victims and their families, and the community, we will give indication a few weeks in advance that the report is imminent.

Recently, we were able to meet with both the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Each provided us with additional information critical to our report. As recently as last week, the District provided us with additional materials, critical to our report. We watched the Miller Hearing, which covered matters critical to our report. We even recently interviewed additional witnesses who at this late hour decided to come forward and meet with us. Nonetheless, most of our time is devoted to writing the investigative report.

We cannot discuss which materials we have reviewed or witnesses we have interviewed. At this time, we believe we have received from the District all the materials we asked for or we have been told by the District that materials we asked for do not exist. We may have additional requests as we finalize the investigative report.

Each investigation dictates how long the investigation will take. This matter deals with death, trauma, and children. We are taking the time that we believe we need to do a thorough, professional investigation that covers many areas of concern to the Board, the victims and their families, and the Community. Any delays have NOT been caused by the Prosecutor's Office. The Prosecutor's Office has been very cooperative. The Sheriff's Office provided us with everything we have requested. Oakland County and Oakland County Corporation Counsel have been nothing but the utmost professional and have been very cooperative, producing everything we have requested from them. There have been delays in receiving materials from the District's attorneys that we believe are due to ongoing litigation against the District. We believe we now have everything we asked for or it doesn't exist. If we need additional materials, we will ask for them. Moreover, although many witnesses have talked to us, many critical witnesses have refused to talk to us on the advice of the District's attorneys, causing delays in our work. We will address all of this in our report.

We plan to use in our report information provided to us by the Prosecutor, on the condition that we will show the Prosecutor the information we plan to use before we use it, to make sure the Prosecutor is ok with us using information the Prosecutor provided so that we do not interfere with the prosecution of the shooter or his parents. Ideally, we will do this in the next few weeks.

That concludes our remarks.