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**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM  
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASS  
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 – 5:00 PM**

Present: Chair/Justin Piccirillo, Vice Chair/Jeffrey Shaw, Selectmen Jim Hogan, Selectmen Peter Baghdasarian.  
Also present: Angie Ellison. Not Present: Selectmen Jennifer Modica

Meeting is recorded.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. BUSINESS**

1. Discuss the impacts/resolutions surrounding State non-reimbursement of McCloskey middle school debt service; make recommendations, and/or take any actions relating to FY19 Budget and Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

The proposed budget is balanced. The meeting is being called due to the early closing of the McCloskey Middle School at the end of this school year and the town owing the final bond payment to the MSBA. The School Committee has received notification that the MSBA will not be reimbursing the town for the final, 20<sup>th</sup> year. The \$399K would be the last bond payment due. During the School Committee meeting on Tuesday, The Town Manager delivered a message that the Town would be delivering an amendment on Article 7 which would deduct that amount from the school line item. The School Committee asked that a joint meeting be held to discuss the matter further.

Citizens were invited to speak. The following citizens spoke:

- Michael Potaski

Matt Keane, School Committee Chair would like to get a clear understanding of where we are today and would like to investigate all options. The School Committee's concern is if they make an adjustment to the operating budget on Tuesday and there is a change to the reimbursement come Fall Town Meeting, there will no reinstatement of funds. Mr. Keane stated that the letter received from MSBA isn't an official MSBA position that they won't reimburse funds. Additionally, he would like to see if the Town has reached out to the MSBA to make a case why they should reimburse the funds or look into staggering payments.

Mr. Piccirillo stated at the last School Committee Meeting, the Committee declared the building a surplus.

The Town Manager spoke with Representatives Fattman & Kuros to see if they can assist us.

The Town Manager mentioned that the town and the school has known about this issue for two years. Mr. Keane mentioned that the previous Town Manager thought this was not going to be an operational concern. The indication from the School Committee was this was outside of the levy and would essentially go back to the town as a tax increase. Mr. Piccirillo stated that this is not the case. Funds would have to be found within the operating budget.

Mr. Piccirillo asked the School Committee about their revolving fund or school choice account. Mr. Keane stated in order to achieve all of the programs and services for the school, the committee felt it necessary to use some of the school choice funds to pay for some of these expenses last spring.

Mr. Demers commented on the original savings of \$560K for McCloskey that was discussed and now there is no real savings shutting down McCloskey.

- Heidi Happy offered background information on the McCloskey savings.
- Mark Andrews would like to move forward with the balanced budget and deal with the \$399K later.
- Deb Stark discussed the school budget.
- Susan Franz asked for clarity on the direction of the Board/Committees
- Evelyn Marchard
- Michael Wilson
- Joe Marchand: Capital Committee has been good to the School Department in the past

**MOTION: Mr. Piccirillo made a motion that the Board make a recommendation to the Town Manager to deduct \$393,676 for the MSBA payment from the state line from the revenue side of the town's budget FY19. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 3-1-0 (Mr. Baghdasarian opposed)**

The Town Manager will need to cut (excluding unclassified and education) \$169,147.81.

**MOTION: To recommend a split on the expense side of 57% to the school and 43% to fund the last bond payment of \$393,676. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion carried 3-1-0 (Mr. Hogan opposed).**

Mr. Maharay spoke about a transfer to stabilization.

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan made a recommendation to the Town Manager if free cash is certified to balance the budget, there be a transfer from stabilization and if free cash is not certified, the School Committee picks up 57% of their budget and town picks up 43% out of their budget in order to balance the budget. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. The motion carried 2-1-1. (Mr. Piccirillo opposed, Mr. Baghdasarian abstained).**

The School Committee did not have a recommendation for the Town Manager. The School Committee did not have a quorum.

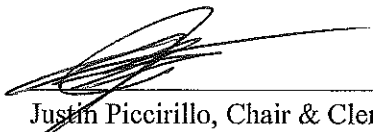
Mr. Piccirillo asked the Town Manager to have an outline of the proposed amendment prior to Tuesday for the Town Meeting.

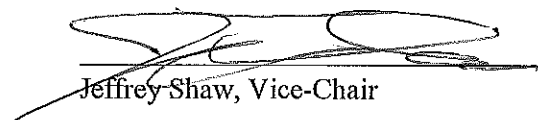
### III. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Mr. Hogan move the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ellen Welch.

May 6, 2018 Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:

  
Justin Piccirillo, Chair & Clerk

  
Jeffrey Shaw, Vice-Chair

  
James Hogan, Selectman

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Jennifer Modica, Selectman

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Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman

Date Approved: 5/14/18