

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
JUNE 3, 2014
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

School Committee Members in Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Michelle Taparausky, Chair	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jane Keegan, Vice Chair	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Sean Dugan, Secretary	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Eileen Gorman, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Melanie King, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Charlene Miller, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Debbie Stark, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

1. Call to Order-

Michelle Taparausky, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

2. UHS Student Update-

Mr. Abate, a UHS Junior, provided an update to the Committee of the spring sports teams since the last time the Committee met. Ms. Blackburn, also a UHS Junior, provided the committee with an update of the UHS Student Council since the last time the Committee met.

3. Special Recognition-

Superintendent Kevin Carney recognized three teachers within the district who are retiring at the end of the school year.

Mr. Carney recognized Carol Halacy for her 23 years of service to the Uxbridge Public Schools (UPS). McCloskey Middle School Principal Dr. Richard Drolet spoke about the impact she made to the district.

Mr. Carney then recognized John Raymond for his 28 years of service to the Uxbridge Public Schools. Dr. Drolet spoke of the many ways Mr. Raymond contributed to the community over the years.

Mr. Carney finally recognized the departure of Linda Patrick after 25 years of service to the Uxbridge Public Schools. Taft Early Learning Center Principal Judi Lamarre spoke highly of Ms. Patrick's dedication to the community and her students and that she will be greatly missed.

4. Public Comment-

Ms. Taparausky read the law regulating public comment at public meetings into the record. She noted that she read the law to the public in order to avoid confusion and arguments at future meetings.

Pam Yukna, President of the Teacher's Union, welcomed the new Committee members.

Another resident noted that they were supportive of the Committee, but they didn't appreciate the Committee going to the Spring Town Meeting asking for money two years in a row and urged the committee to proceed with caution moving forward.

5. Elementary Schools Math Program Presentation & School Committee Approval-

Jennifer Gaudet provided a visual presentation of the math programs that were piloted in the district in grades K-5. She stated the three programs were Math in Focus, Envisions, and Math Expressions. Ms. Gaudet noted that the programs were piloted between September 2013 and February 2014. Ms. Gaudet noted that Math in Focus was the program of choice.

Each Committee member posed questions about the piloted programs and ultimately decided that it was too soon to make a decision on the program. The Committee requested that they be updated at a future meeting about additional findings the district has made regarding the programs.

6. School Committee Decision regarding PARCC or MCAS-

Mr. Carney provided a recommendation to the committee to not move forward with the adoption of the PARCC assessment due to a lack of data supporting its success.

*Jane Keegan moved that the Committee continue to use MCAS as the preferred method of assessment for the Uxbridge Public Schools. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0.
MOTION PASSED.*

7. FY14 Budget Update-

Donald Sawyer provided an overview of the FY14 budget to the current day as the fiscal year comes to a close. He stated that there would be a remaining balance of \$145,000 at the end of the year, a number which is lower than expected at this time of the year. Mr. Sawyer discussed the method for closing out the budget at the end of a fiscal year.

8. FY15 Budget Update-

Mr. Carney provided an update on the FY15 budget and noted that the budget shortfall adopted at Town Meeting wasn't a community problem, but a problem the School Department was taking responsibility for.

Mr. Sawyer noted the Town is currently forecasting a budget for the next 3 years. He cited a grave concern with using the School Department's reserve account, as

it took 12 years to accumulate the approximately \$400,000 in the account. David Genereux discussed the benefit of forecasting the Town's budget 3 years in advance, but noted that FY15 was the current priority. He noted that the Town is exploring economic development opportunities.

Committee members posed questions regarding the budgeting process and the Town's future.

Mr. Sawyer provided an update on the contracting process for the District's cleaning service, which would run from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017. He noted that after a vigorous vetting process, that he recommended Dynamic Janitorial Services Inc. of Milford, MA.

The Committee posed questions to Mr. Sawyer regarding the process of choosing the company and how well they would fit within the district. Mr. Sawyer stated that, in his opinion, they were the best qualified for the best price.

Jane Keegan moved that the Committee hire Dynamic Janitorial Services, Inc. of Milford, MA, with the School Committee Chairwoman signing the contract for the Uxbridge Public Schools. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

9. Old/New Business-

Mr. Carney discussed the acts of discipline legislation and the amendments that were being adopted across the state.

Ms. Tapaurasky congratulated the Destination Imagination team on competing at the Global Finals in Tennessee.

Sean Dugan congratulated the Uxbridge High School Class of 2014.

10. School Committee Meeting Minutes - May 6 and May 21, 2014

Jane Keegan moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting of the Uxbridge School Committee. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 4-0-3, with Melanie King, Charlene Miller, and Debbie Stark abstaining. MOTION PASSED.

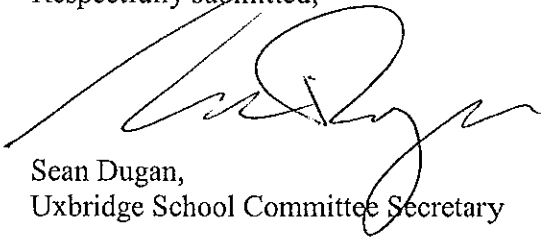
Eileen Gorman moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting of the Uxbridge School Committee. Sean Dugan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

11. Adjournment-

Sean Dugan moved that the Committee adjourn. Debbie Stark seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

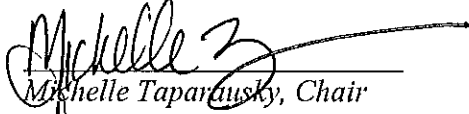
The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Dugan,
Uxbridge School Committee Secretary


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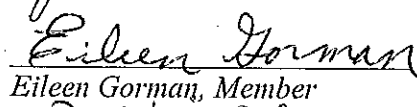
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