

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 OCTOBER 15, 2014
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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. School Committee Meeting Minutes

Jane Keegan moved that the Committee approve the School Committee meeting minutes of October 7, 2014. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

3. School Fees (Athletic, Bus, etc.) - Update from Budget Subcommittee

Sean Dugan provided an overview of what was discussed at the September 29th meeting of the Budget Subcommittee. He stated that the subcommittee was reviewing the fee structures from various districts in the area to get a sense of what other town's fees were but that it wasn't for the purpose of competing with these districts. He also stated that the possibility of bus fees were being reviewed.

Ms. Taparausky stated that she did not agree with the sliding scale that was used for Mendon/Upton because that would be a slippery slope and would rather look at fees for all programs and activities first.

Charlene Miller stated that she believes the majority of a flat rate is taken up by the more expensive teams. She provided the Committee with a list of town team sports that were more expensive than then school team fees. She also stated that we haven't asked stakeholders to pay, so it is not to say that these stakeholders won't pay.

Don Sawyer stated that he was still waiting on additional information from other districts and will distribute that to the Budget Subcommittee at their next meeting. He also stated that it was impossible to compare Uxbridge to other districts perfectly because each district has different variables that affect their fee schedule.

Ms. Taparausky wanted to know up front, as part of the bus process, what the Committee was contractually obligated to do.

Eileen Gorman stated that she doesn't want to make the fees to be prohibitive to students.

Jane Keegan stated that she believed the Budget Subcommittee and staff was being very thorough in the process.

Mr. Sawyer stated that any fee increase will need full Committee approval and should align with the Policy Subcommittee.

Superintendent Kevin Carney stated that a communication plan will need to be in place so families aren't surprised when a change is made.

Ms. Miller stated that it would be beneficial to explore the possibility of offering those parents within the radius of walking distance the ability to pay a fee to have the bus come to their children.

Mr. Sawyer stated that the bus fleet was determined by the number of buses needed at the largest school. He also stated that it was approximately \$76,000 per bus, and each bus has a 72 passenger capacity.

4. International Exchange Program Revolving Account

Ms. Taparausky discussed the purpose of the agenda item.

Mr. Sawyer explained the current state of the revolving account to the Committee. He stated that money will sit in that account until criteria is determined for its use. He discussed the checks and balances the money would have to go through to be spent and that it could only be decided on by the Committee on how it is spent. Mr. Sawyer assured the Committee that it was being handled completely legally. He stated that it couldn't be used for any other school than the high school because that is where the students would be learning.

Melanie King asked if it could be used to bring back the middle school Spanish program since that was related to international education. Mr. Sawyer stated that it couldn't be directly used for that purpose, but that it could be used to pay for something in the high school to offset funds and transfer those funds to the middle school. Ms. King stated that she was uncomfortable with it not being able to be a direct process. Ms. Taparausky added that the Committee was the body who was setting the parameters for the money's use, so it could be safeguarded by the policy that governs it.

Ms. Miller stated that she didn't see the point of relationship building in China if we didn't first serve the children in the district.

Mr. Carney stated that further study needed to be done on other districts to see how they were handling it.

Jane Keegan discussed her experience at the meeting of the Global Competency Task Force. She stated that a lot of questions were still to be answered.

Deb Stark asked how money could be used for high school students to travel. Mr. Carney responded that it would be the district reciprocating the cultural experience.

Ms. Miller asked what the security of the funds would be, as there was discussion from previous Committee members about administration fees that were taken out of revolving accounts. Mr. Carney stated that administration fees wouldn't be taken out because no Town officials would have authority to use the funds.

The Committee asked for a cost breakdown and receipts.

5. Adjournment-

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

6. Executive Session - Open Contracts & Negotiations

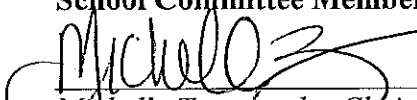
The Committee, by Roll Call vote, entered into executive session at 8:23pm.

Michelle Taparauskys-YES, Jane Keegan-YES, Sean Dugan-YES, Charlene Miller-YES, Deb Stark-YES, Melanie King-YES, Eileen Gorman-YES.

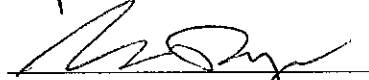
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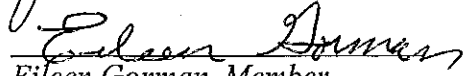

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Uxbridge School Committee Secretary

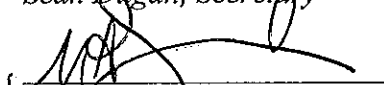
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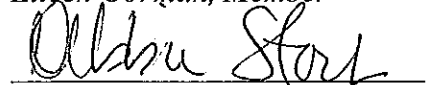

Michelle Tapauskas, Chair

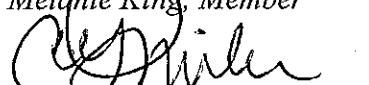

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