

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MARCH 3, 2015  
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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Uxbridge  
Town Clerk

School Committee Members in Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Michelle Taparausky, Chair	_____	_X_
Jane Keegan, Vice Chair	_X_	_____
Sean Dugan, Secretary	_X_	_____
Eileen Gorman, Member	_X_	_____
Melanie King, Member	_X_	_____
Charlene Miller, Member	_X_	_____
Debbie Stark, Member	_X_	_____

**1. Call to Order-**

Jane Keegan identified herself as the acting Chairperson in the absence of Michelle Taparausky and called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**2. Student Updates**

Dan Lanoue presented the end of season results for the winter sports teams and announced that the boy's basketball team was still in the playoffs.

Brooke Blackburn provided the Committee with an update on the Student Council initiatives that were carried out since the last meeting.

Shawn Morrissey presented to the Committee his experiences from the Project 351 day at the State House in Boston. He explained that he spent time at Brighton High School performing community service, met elected officials, and participated in team building events. He stated that as part of the project he was going to be doing a clothing drive, which starts on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Public Comment**

Peter Demers stated that he appreciated the depth of conversation at the last meeting and would like to see more of a concentration on core classes.

Ms. Keegan reported that she was a part of the Dr. Seuss reading night at Taft, and she was pleased to see a turnout of over 100 families.

**4. SY2015-2016 School Calendar**

*Eileen Gorman moved that the Committee accept the School Calendar for the 2015-2016 School year in its final reading. Charlene Miller seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.*

## **5. Parent Survey Presentation**

Superintendent Kevin Carney informed the Committee of his findings after polling parents in a recent survey. He discussed:

- The purpose of the survey
- Establishing a culture of customer service
- Targeting of general issues in public schools
- How families have been engaged with the community

He stated that the survey was an overall success and learned many things that will be helpful in moving the district forward.

## **6. FY16 Budget Update**

Mr. Carney provided a presentation of the FY16 Budget Request and discussed:

- If the Committee supported the school council requests
- Went through the requests from all four schools
- A list of priority requests (\$49,000 SPED Staff + \$26,000 Spanish teacher .5)

He asked the Committee to consider the requests ahead of the April 7<sup>th</sup> public hearing.

Tara Bennett, Uxbridge High School Principal, discussed scheduling as it related to the budget. She outlined what different scenarios would be like in different departments, such as History, Spanish, Math, etc. She read letters from the History and Math Departments stating their positions on the topic of scheduling.

Charlene Miller stated that she appreciated the work of the teachers and explained that questions of the program of studies weren't meant to discredit their ideas but to problem-solve and find a resolution to the scheduling issue. She also stated that she would like the administration to look at the addition of a seventh period to accommodate a core class and elective mix.

Melanie King stated that although world history is important, she believed that we should leave it as is because it is being reviewed by the state. The Committee agreed.

Ms. Keegan stated that she appreciated the hard work that was put in over the last week in terms of gathering information for scheduling.

## **7. Old/New Business**

Mr. Carney stated that he would be polling schools who have international education funds setup and look at how they spend their money.

Carol Gahan, SPED Director, discussed issues such as FERPA Laws and the definition of “mosaic”, at which point she reported that she spoke with someone from the state and they told her the definition was compliant. She also stated that the updated mosaic document would be available online soon.

Mr. Carney reminded the Committee and the public that the UHS Musical Program was putting on High School Musical March 13-15<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Executive Session - Open Contracts**

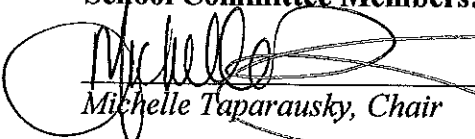
*Sean Dugan moved that the Committee adjourn open session and enter into executive session with no new business to follow. Charlene Miller seconded the motion. The Committee, by roll call vote, adjourned the open session meeting and entered into executive session at 9:12pm with no new business to follow.*

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

Respectfully submitted,

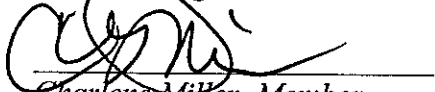
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