

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 APRIL 7, 2015
 UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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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, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. UPS Public Hearing on FY16 Proposed School Department Budget

Ms. Taparausky read the legal notice into the record.

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

Kevin Carney, Superintendent, noted that he and Ms. Taparausky attended the Finance Committee public hearing. He stated that at the current moment, the School Department is confident that they will be able to meet the recommended budget number set by the Town Manager without reductions.

Eileen Gorman commented that the Finance Committee public hearing shouldn't have been held during a religious holiday.

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

Ms. Taparausky explained that a vote on the budget would come at the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting.

3. Student Updates

Dan Lanoue announced the kickoff of the spring sports.

Brooke Blackburn provided the Committee with an update on the Student Council initiatives that were carried out since the last meeting. She announced that the Student Council won a gold medal at the annual statewide conference.

4. Public Comment

Kim Demers stated that she was concerned with the Program of Studies at the high school, stating that she felt there were too many elective choice offered with very few budget dollars to support it.

5. UHS Drama Club Field Trip Proposal

Barbara Emerick presented a proposed trip to Storrs and Hartford, CT in June for approximately 70 students and 7 chaperones on the drama club to see a show in Hartford and take part in other activities.

Melanie King moved that the Committee allow the UHS Drama Club to go to Storrs and Hartford, CT in June 2015. Sean Dugan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

6. Unit Contract Ratifications

Mr. Carney informed the Committee that they needed to vote on the contracts of Units B and D.

Sean Dugan moved that the Committee ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Uxbridge School Committee and the Uxbridge Teachers Association for Unit B. Melanie King seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

Sean Dugan moved that the Committee ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Uxbridge School Committee and the Uxbridge Teachers Association for Unit D. Melanie King seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

7. Policy Subcommittee Update

Jane Keegan, Policy Subcommittee Chairwoman, presented the changes to policies DK and DGA. She stated that policy DK is proposed to be changed to require 3 committee members to sign warrants. She explained that the change to policy DGA would allow Vice Chair and Business Manager to sign the official documents in the absence of the Chairperson and Superintendent.

Ms. Taparausky didn't support the change to policy DK because it has been tough in the past to get the extra signatures.

Sean Dugan added that he believed the Committees makeup supported the changes with a number of members will to take time to go and sign them.

8. SC Meeting Date to make final vote on the FY16 School Department Budget

Ms. Taparausky stated that the date for the vote on the FY 16 budget would be May 5, 2015.

9. SC vote to establish parameters on the use of Revolving Acct. Foreign Tuition

Mr. Carney stated that he supports the approach Marlborough Public Schools have taken in handling foreign tuition funds.

Melanie King stated that she didn't agree with the funds being used for traveling and hosting.

Deb Stark was concerned with the limiting the purview of the parameters. Don Sawyer, School Business Manager, added that the parameters can be modified at any time, but the Committee shouldn't make it so people have to keep coming back for approval.

Ms. Taparausky stated that the vision for the funds is to develop the current foreign language program. She stated that she wants the Committee to have a say in how the funds are used to avoid abuse.

Ms. Keegan stated that the Global Competency Task Force wants to start an international club, which has been supported by a number of students to raise awareness.

Ms. Stark added that it needs to be made clear as to what the benefit is to Uxbridge students by going forward with this program.

Jane Keegan moved that the Committee table the discussion to allow for school committee members to gather more information. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

10. Superintendent's Evaluation

Ms. Taparusk explained that she needed the superintendent's evaluation back by April 24th.

11. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Carney congratulated the Student Council on winning their gold medal at the statewide conference. He also reported that he would be meeting with the administration team to discuss goals.

12. Old/New Business

Ms. Stark expressed concern with misinformation that has been spread regarding the program of studies, which has resulted in a long and drawn out discussion on the matter. She stated that Mr. Carney reminded her of protocol that she wasn't allowed to speak to staff members directly, when if the possibility to come together and discuss matters were there then there wouldn't have been so much confusion. She also stated that she was disappointed that the issue of Spanish at the High School hadn't been resolved.

Mr. Carney stated that previous budget years forced the administration to make tough decisions.

13. School Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

Sean Dugan moved that the Committee approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 2015. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said minutes 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

Melanie King moved that the Committee approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2015. Charlene Miller seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 6-0-1, with Sean Dugan abstaining. MOTION PASSED.

14. 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 8:28pm with no new business to follow.

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

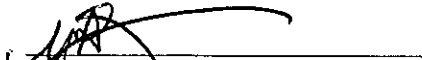
Respectfully submitted,


Sean Dugan,
Uxbridge School Committee Secretary

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