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**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
JUNE 2, 2015
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

School Committee Members in Attendance:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Melanie King, Chairperson	X	
Sean Dugan, Vice Chair	X	
Debbie Stark, Secretary	X	
Jane Keegan, Member	X	
Charlene Miller, Member	X	
Jennifer Modica, Member	X	
Michelle Taparauskys, Member	X	

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1. Call To Order

Melanie King, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

2. Student Updates

UHS student, Brooke Blackburn, listed several events that high school students participated in over the last month including an honor roll breakfast, class elections, and a Memorial Day project at Prospect Hill Cemetery where the Student Council cleaned and decorated graves.

3. Public Comment

Peter Demers asked why the School Committee had a public meeting on Friday, June 29, 2015. Ms. King responded that the meeting was called to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation because Superintendent Carney had requested additional time to respond to his evaluation. She said that because it was a time sensitive matter, a special School Committee meeting had been called.

4. School Committee Secretary Election (A)

Jane Keegan nominated Deborah Stark to serve as the recording secretary for the coming year. Sean Dugan seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

5. Special Recognitions

Several retiring educators were recognized including:

Beverly Nelson—served for 25 years as a paraprofessional in the district
Ruth Bandstra—3rd grade teacher, served 25 years in the district

Rosemary Campbell—23 years as an elementary school teacher
Cathy Chauvin—McCloskey paraprofessional, 15 years
Bruce Ewart—McCloskey Social Studies teacher
Jane Sousa—21 years as a Special Education educator in Uxbridge

Mr. Carney recognized new leaders in the district:

Marla Sirois—new permanent Taft ELC principal
Dr. Carol Cavanaugh—new k-12 Curriculum Director
Michael Rubin—new UHS principal
Marc Calarese—new Athletic Director

6. Whitin School Newspaper Club

Ms. Fafard, Whitin Elementary principal, recognized members of the Whitin Newspaper Club who published the Warrior News this past school year. There are nine 5th grade students that have been meeting, under the guidance of a volunteer, Linda Boyce (retired reading specialist), every Tuesday since October 2014 to work on the newspaper. Ms. Fafard presented Ms. Boyce with a certificate as an award for her creation and guidance of the Warrior News at Whitin Elementary School.

7. ForJake Foundation Presentation

Jill Gallerani represented the ForJake Foundation in a presentation aimed at gathering support from the School Committee to enter into a partnership with the Foundation to develop a softball/baseball field at the Uxbridge high school campus. In February 2014, the Galleranis lost their son, Jake, to cancer. Ms. Gallerani explained that Jake was a dedicated baseball player and before he died she and her husband promised Jake that they would build him a baseball field to honor him where he could continue to share his passion for baseball with the community he loved. Their hope is to build a field at the high school that will serve as both a softball field for the high school team and a little league field for the community.

Over a hundred people were present at the meeting in support of the project. Several of Jake's friends spoke to the Committee about how Jake was not just a friend but also an inspiration.

Town manager, David Genereaux, said the Galleranis came to him a few months ago in search of a field that they could develop and build to honor Jake's memory. The field they originally found did not work out for various reasons. At this point he remembered that the athletic fields at the high school still had undeveloped areas and it seemed like a possibility that the school department, town, and the Galleranis could possibly work together and combine their efforts to develop a field at the high school which could benefit the school as well as the community. He said approaching the Committee was the first step in the process to see whether building a field in memory of Jake at the high school could be a viable option.

Since this was the first time the Committee received information about the proposal Ms. King said she would be collecting questions from Committee members to begin the discussion process. She thanked the Galleranis and all who attended to support the foundation's proposal, and said she admired their passion. She explained the Committee would need time to perform due diligence in order to better fully understand the project.

8. Business Manager's Update

Mr. Sawyer said the department was in the midst of closing the district's accounting books for the fiscal year. As a result, reconciliations within accounts are happening. He had no concerns with the current year's budget at this time.

He is in the process of adjusting amounts within next year's budget (due to circumstances such as retirements and reimbursements) but as of now sees no problem with the district being able to stay within the amount allocated by the town.

9. 2015-2016 School Committee Meeting Draft Calendar

The Committee was given a list of meeting dates for the upcoming year. Meetings are scheduled to occur on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of July when there is only one meeting scheduled, July 21, 2015.

10. Subcommittee and Liaison Appointments (A)

Policy Subcommittee appointments: Sean Dugan (chair), Jane Keegan, Charlene Miller
Budget Subcommittee appointments: Michelle Taparausky (chair), Debbie Stark, Jen Modica
Contract Negotiation subcommittee appointments: Melanie King, Michelle Taparausky, Jane Keegan (facilitator)

School Liaisons:

Taft ELC: Debbie Stark

Whitin Elementary: Sean Dugan

McCloskey Middle School: Charlene Miller

Uxbridge High School: Jen Modica

Global Competency Task Force: Jane Keegan

College Career Readiness Task Force: Charlene Miller

No formal action was taken.

11. Policy Subcommittee – Policies to Review

Ms. King brought several policies to the Committee's attention she felt might need further discussion because they potentially conflict with current practice. These included Policy BDA (Roll Call Votes), Policy BDC (appointed Committee officials), and Policy BEDF (Voting Method).

These policies were referred to the attention of the policy subcommittee for a future meeting.

12. Superintendent's Update

Mr. Carney mentioned many of the district's year end activities which included: National Honor Society induction, Promenade, 2nd grade International Fair, Athletic Banquet, UHS Senior Academic Awards, Memorial Day Parade, chorus concerts at Taft, 8th grade debates, and the UHS Graduation.

He also recognized Becky Plasse, who received an award for her Taft guiding reading project at the Blackstone Valley Promising Practice breakfast.

Mr. Carney thanked Tara Bennett, outgoing principal at UHS, her service to our district. She will be the new principal at Millbury Junior/Senior High School.

13. Old/New Business

Charlene Miller recognized three Uxbridge high school residents who were chosen for the Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy this past school year. Each month they visited different Valley towns and learned about a new leadership/character trait and throughout the year worked on a large-scale volunteer community project of their choice. The three Uxbridge residents are Tim McCrohan, Neve Palmieri, and Tyler Miller.

Ms. King wanted to thank Brandon Silbor, for recording almost all of the School Committee meetings this past year. She also congratulated this year's graduating class.

Ms. Stark asked whether we needed to check our school choice enrollment numbers to see if we were reaching capacity in any of our grades. Mr. Carney indicated that next year's seventh grade class was currently projected to average 28 students/class. He suggested that the Committee might want to consider making a motion at the next meeting to suspend the acceptance of any further school choice-in applications for that grade and put any further applications on a waiting list. Ms. Miller said that as a district we need to assume and allow for residents first and be prepared for the summer move-ins to our district that bring children into our school system.

**14. School Committee Minutes- May 5, 2015, May 11, 2015, and May 21, 2015
(A)**

Michelle Taparausky made a motion to accept the May 5 minutes of the School Committee minutes as written. Sean Dugan seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-1. Jen Modica abstained. The motion passed.

Jane Keegan made a motion to accept the May 11 minutes of the School Committee minutes as written. Michelle Taparausky seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-1. Jen Modica abstained. The motion passed.

Sean Dugan made a motion to accept the May 21 minutes of the School Committee minutes as presented. Jen Modica seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

15. School Committee Executive Session Minutes: Vote to Release

Sean a motion that the School Committee vote to release the executive session meeting minutes of 9/10/13, 2/4/14,5/6/14,8/5/14,10/15,14,11/4/14,12/2/14,1/20/15,2/3/15,2/24/15. Michelle Taparausky seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

16. Adjournment

Ms. King made a motion to adjourn to enter into executive session to discuss Unit C negotiations and Superintendent contract and approval of minutes with no new business to follow. Sean Dugan seconded. Roll Call vote. Michelle Taparausky—YES, Jen Modica—YES, Debbie Stark—YES, Sean Dugan—YES, Jane Keegan—YES, Charlene Miller—YES, Melanie King—YES.


Meeting adjourned at 9:07PM.

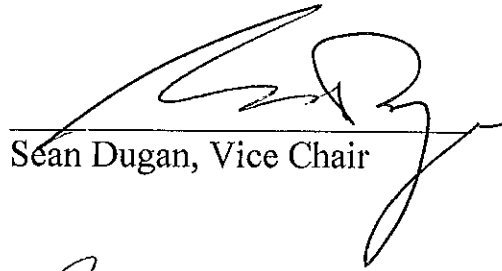
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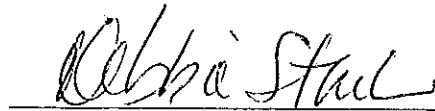


Debbie Stark
School Committee Secretary


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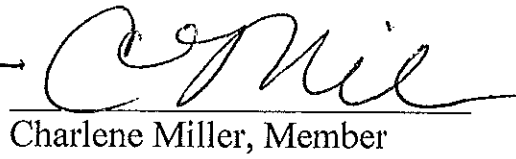

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