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UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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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 Taparowsky, Member	X	

1. Call To Order

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

2. Executive Session-Unit C Contract Negotiations

Sean Dugan made a motion that the School Committee enter into Executive session with new business to follow, by roll call vote at 7:01. Charlene Miller seconded.

Michelle Taparowsky-YES, Jen Modica-YES, Debbie Stark-YES, Sean Dugan-YES, Jane Keegan-YES, Charlene Miller-YES, Melanie King-YES

3. Public Comment

None

4. Positive Behaviors Interventions and Support (PBIS) Presentation

Dr. Drolet, McCloskey principal, presented for McCloskey Middle School on their PBIS program. He showed a Power Point presentation describing the program. PBIS has a three year implementation plan and McCloskey finished their first year of the program this past school year. PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social support needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. The program centers on the three "R"s: Being Respectful, responsible, and ready.

Mrs. Fafard, Whitin principal, presented for Whitin Elementary. Whitin is in its second year of the program. Ms. Fafard said that in the upcoming year she would like to work on tweaking the differences between minor and major office referrals, getting more training for the program, and potentially creating behavioral "rewards."

2. Whitin Elementary School will meet projected Composite Performance Index (CPI) and Student Growth Percentiles (SGP) in ELA, and Math for the 2015-2016 MCAS in all subgroups. District determined measures, or common assessments, will be implemented in all content areas to monitor student growth of essential skills
3. By June 2016, all stakeholders will be familiar with College and Career Readiness (CCR) and how it applies to children at the elementary school level. Whitin Elementary School teachers will collaborate to incorporate CCR focused lessons into weekly lesson plans

Mrs. Sirois, principal at Taft ELC, Beth Riker, Kindergarten teacher, and Christine Duffy, technology teacher, presented the goals for Taft.

1. By February 2016, all classrooms will implement a writing workshop model that implements the five instructional elements. Teachers will focus on higher order thinking skills, technology, and clearly defined learning expectations
2. By June 2016, 85% of grade K, 85% of grade 1, and 90% of grade 2 students will meet or exceed grade level benchmarks as evidenced by the Developmental Reading Assessment. The STAR Math assessment will be administered and 80% of students will meet or exceed grade level benchmarks
3. By June 2016, all stakeholders will be familiar with college and career readiness and how it applies to children at the elementary school level.

Mrs. Sirois also asked the Committee to consider hiring a .5 Art teacher (@\$25,000) in order to offer Art to Kindergarten students in the 2015-16 school year. She noted the importance of offering Art to that age group in order to help with fine motor skills and upper brain development.

6. SY2015-16 Student Enrollment Projections

Mr. Carney stated that (at this time) we are projected to have 1910 students enrolled in our schools for 2015-16.

The Committee was given projected class sizes for 2015-16 at Taft, Whitin and McCloskey. Ms. Stark said that after contacting the principals at Taft and Whitin, she was told that they felt the maximum class size they could accommodate was 25 students/class at Taft and 24 students/ class at Whitin. Limited physical classroom space was a factor in making the decision at Whitin.

Ms. Stark noted that based on the numbers the Committee had received the 2015-16 third grade class was already estimated at 24 students/class.

Mr. Sawyer said that costs associated with the services needed for those school choice-in students that require special services are reimbursed 100% by the sending district.

Ms. Stark noted a discrepancy in the numbers the Committee was given for projected Kindergarten enrollment. One section said 21 students/class and the other showed 24.5/students/class.

Ms. Miller stated it is important that the Committee be proactive and not reactive to the impact of school choice in regards to class size. She suggested having school choice-in grade caps in place that are slightly lower than recommended class maximums in order to accommodate for last second move-ins to our district. She suggested not having rolling admissions for school choice in but to instead have a deadline for school choice applications and then have the district decide (based on class caps) how many out of district students each class could accommodate when the deadline is reached.

7. SY 2015-16 School Choice – In Caps by Grade Level (A)

Jane Keegan moved that five school choice-in to the Kindergarten class be accepted, and waitlist any further applications that arrive. For grades 2 and 3, we are only accepting applications on a waitlist basis. For grade 7 the two applications that have been received are accepted and any further applications that are received are on a waitlist basis. Motion amended to include the one second grade application already received. Debbie Stark seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

8. Annual Appointment to SWCEC Board (A)

Michelle Taparauskys made a motion to appoint Mr. Kevin Carney to the SWCEC board. Sean Dugan seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

9. Unit C Contract Ratification-July 1, 2014-June 30, 2017 (A)

Michelle Taparauskys made a motion to ratify Unit C contract for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017 as written in the memorandum of agreement. Sean Dugan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

10. Global Competency

School Committee member Jane Keegan talked about the International Fair that was held at Uxbridge High School on June 10. This was put on by all volunteers including students, teachers, parents, community members, and business leaders. The purpose of this fair, as well as the group that created it, is to promote global competency skills in an educational setting. The global competency task force, chaired by Jay Cahill, will continue to research the evolving needs of our students in preparation for entering the workforce. An international club has been formed at the high school that has 35-40 students as members.

Superintendent's Update

Mr. Carney reminded the Committee that he had submitted to them the 2nd and 3rd quarter reports for the SWCEC (Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative) for the Committee to review.

Mr. Carney will discuss the recommendations for PARCC vs MCAS at the July meeting.

11. NEASC Visit Decision

Uxbridge High School has been granted a delay of the 2017 visit and review for one year to 2018.

12. Old/New Business

Debbie Stark noted that at Taft school there is purchased rubber and wood mulch that has not been spread for the playgrounds. Mr. Carney and Mr. Sawyer said they would look into the reason and see about having it fixed.

13. School Committee Meeting Minutes-May 29, 2015 and June 2, 2015 (A)

Sean Dugan made a motion to accept the minutes for May 29, 2015 as written. Jane Keegan seconded. Ms. Taparausky abstained. The motion passed 6-0-1

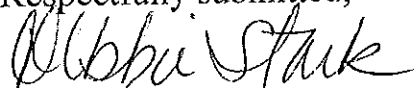
14. Next School Committee Meeting – July 21, 2105

15. Adjournment

Melanie King made a motion to adjourn to executive session with no new business to follow. Sean Dugan seconded. Roll Call Vote. Michelle Taparausky-YES, Jen Modica-YES, Debbie Stark-YES, Sean Dugan-YES, Charlene Miller-YES, Jane Keegan-YES, Melanie King-YES

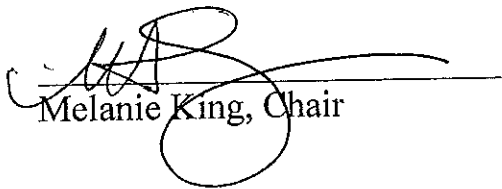
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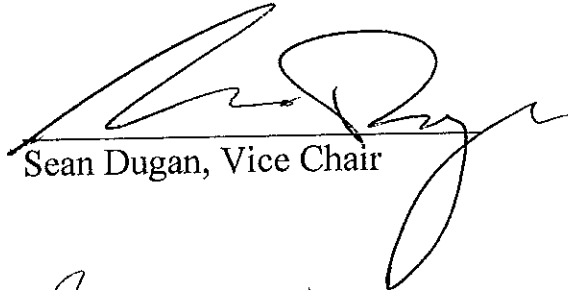


Debbie Stark
School Committee Secretary

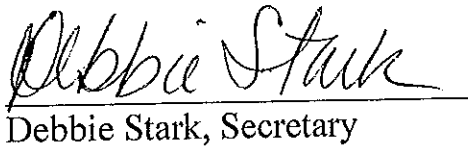
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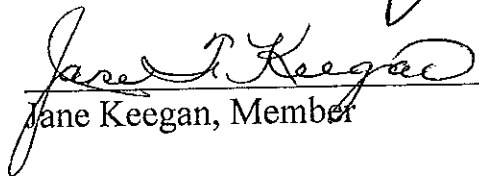
Melanie King, Chair



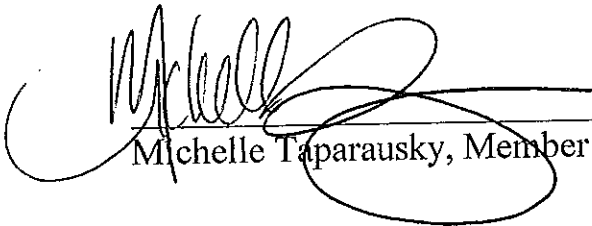
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