

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**Received by
Uxbridge
Town Clerk**

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 Taparausky, Member	X	

Debbie Stark arrived at 7:09

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

Peter Demers mentioned that he wished the School Committee would have public comment at both the beginning and end of their meetings. He also commented that he felt that projects, such as the Memorial Garden at McCloskey, are often implemented without understanding the costs of sustaining the project long term.

3. Approval of SY 2015-2016 District Goals (A)

Michelle Taparausky made a motion to accept the Uxbridge Public School district's improvement plan for 2015-2016 as written. Sean Dugan seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-0. The motion passed.

4. SC Policy DBJ – Budget Transfer Authority: First Reading (A)

Sean Dugan made a motion that the School Committee accepts the changes to Policy DBJ as recommended by the policy subcommittee in its first reading. Jen Modica seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-0. The motion passed.

5. Business Manager Reports

a. FY16 Budget Update

Don Sawyer said there are no surprises affecting the budget at this time.

Jen Modica asked if the Committee could also receive reports on the revolving accounts. Mr. Sawyer answered that if the Committee would like reports on those accounts he could provide them in addition to the general account summary.

b. Budget Planning Update for FY17

The budget subcommittee will break down the budget into its components and address those blocks individually throughout their meetings and then present their discussions to the full Committee. The first component to be discussed at the subcommittee meeting is utilities. Mr. Sawyer and the town manager are currently watching the electricity rates in anticipation of locking in a price for the new contract.

A public hearing on the budget will likely take place in April 2016.

c. Budget Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for September 22 at 7:00 at UHS library to discuss utilities and transportation.

6. Central Office Subcommittee

RFPs for the new central office space are due September 22, 2015.

Mr. Carney said that, while there is no set time frame in moving the central office, due to structural engineer's report, the Committee needs to be proactive in finding new space.

A Central Office Feasibility Subcommittee was formed with Michelle Taparausky to serve as chairperson and Jen Modica and Debbie Stark to serve as members. Ms. Miller asked if the Committee would be getting a second engineering report to verify the structural issues with Town Hall. Ms. Modica said that there was work done to the assessor's office that might have contributed to the new load bearing parameters. Ms. Miller then asked if it was possible to move some staff out of the central office and still keep others in the existing space in order to potentially buy time to find a less expensive, longer term solution. Ms. Taparausky said there were some legal requirements that would make separating out some staff a challenge.

It was determined that the Committee would like to know the true required move out date.

The first meeting of the subcommittee was set to be September 16, 2015 at 9:30AM in the Central Office meeting room.

7. Fall Town Meeting Articles

Neither the Committee nor Mr. Carney felt there was anything to be addressed at the Fall Town Meeting.

8. Superintendent's Report

The gymnasium at Taft was repainted with help of the many volunteers. The memorial garden at McCloskey was cleaned up for the start of school through the volunteer efforts of the UHS football team. Mr. Carney presented the Committee with individual school event calendars that will be posted on the district website. Mr. Carney said he will begin drafting his goals to present to the Committee.

9. Old/New Business

Melanie King mentioned that at staff opening day it was wonderful to see everyone together and ready to kick off the new school year.

Chief Kessler spoke to the Committee regarding an issue at the high school in which the fire and burglar alarms were not getting phoned out to the monitoring company. The problem was rectified.

10. School Committee Meeting Minutes – August 4, and August 18, 2015 (A)

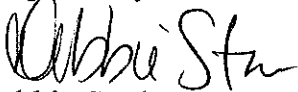
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11. Next School Committee Meeting – September 15, 2015

12. Adjournment

Mr. Dugan made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Keegan seconded.
The meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

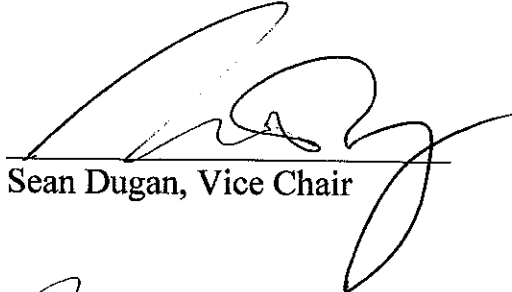
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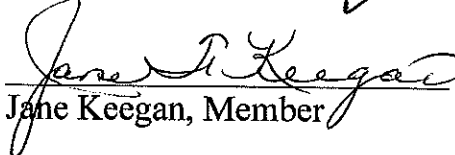
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School Committee Secretary

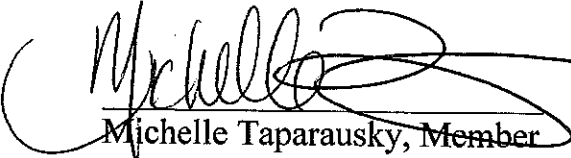
School Committee Members:


Melanie King, Chair

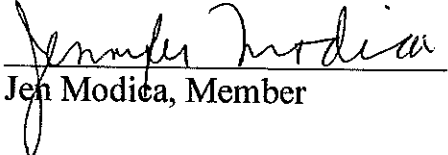

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