

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

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School Committee Members in Attendance:

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| 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. Public Comment

none

3 Introduction of New UPS Teachers

New teachers, staff, and administrators from all schools were introduced to the Committee and the public.

4 September Professional Development Update

Dr. Cavanaugh presented an overview of September's professional development work. Based on student growth in Math over the last couple of years, she said ELA and literacy will be the primary content areas. Math will continue to be addressed, but since it is seeing forward progress in the district, improving literacy will be the focus.

5 Superintendent's Report

a. Draft 2015-2016 Superintendent Goals

Mr. Carney presented the initial drafts of his goals to the Committee along with proposed benchmarks to gauge his progress.

b. Opening of School Reports

Mr. Carney said the opening of schools went very well.

c. "Listening Tours"

Mr. Carney said he and Ms. King will be visiting all district affiliations this year to listen and hear what they can do to be supportive of the organizations. They will also have neighborhood visits where administrators will also be present.

6 Policy Subcommittee Update

a. Policy BDA - School Committee Organizational Meeting - (A)

No change recommended on this policy, no action taken

b. Policy BEDF - Voting Method- First Reading - (A)

Mr. Dugan made a motion that the School Committee accepts policy BEDF relative to voting method in its first reading. Jen Modica seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-0. The motion passed.

c. Policy BDC - Appointed Committee Officials First Reading - (A)

Mr. Dugan made a motion that the School Committee deletes policy BDC, appointed committee officials, from the School Committee policy manual. Debbie Stark seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-0. The motion passed.

d. Policy DBJ - Budget Transfer Authority - 2nd Reading - (A)

Mr. Dugan made a motion that the School Committee adopts policy DBJ with the changes that were recommended by the policy subcommittee. Jen Modica seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-0. The motion passed.

e. Policy EBC - Emergency Plans - First Reading - (A)

No action taken

f. Policy JKAA - Physical Restraint

Mr. Carney told the Committee about updates to this policy that are now required by the Department of Education.

g. Policy KF - Community Use of Facilities

The Committee referred this policy to the policy subcommittee for review.

7 Special Education Advisory Committee

Jen Modica proposed the creation of a SEAC. Committee members, made up of parents and staff, would look at current special education programs and offerings in the district and make recommendations for improvement and cost savings while still providing appropriate services to students.

Jane Keegan made a motion that the School Committee appoints the Special Education Advisory Committee with the charge as outlined by Ms. Modica with the participants being as outlined and the schedule for the Committee's work be between October and June of next year with a report due back to the School Committee by the end of May. Sean Dugan seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-0. The motion passed.

8 Old/New Business

Melanie King mentioned that the Ironstone School would be opened for the public to visit on September 19, 2015 in order to commemorate its one hundred year anniversary.

9 School Committee Meeting Minutes - August 4 & August 18, September 1, 2015 (A)

Sean Dugan made a motion that the School Committee accept the meeting minutes of August 4 as written. Jane Keegan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 5-0-1. Jen Modica abstained. The motion passed.

Sean Dugan made a motion that the School Committee accept the meeting minutes of August 18 as written. Jen Modica seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-0. The motion passed.

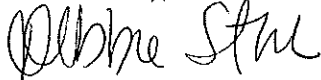
10 Next School Committee Meeting - October 6, 2015

11 Adjournment

Sean Dugan made a motion to adjourn Debbie stark seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-0. The motion passed.

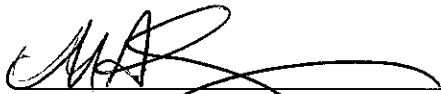
The meeting adjourned at 8:29.

Respectfully submitted,

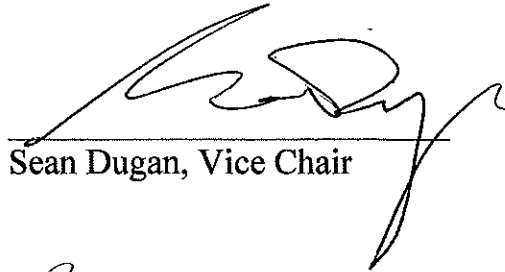


Debbie Stark
School Committee Secretary

School Committee Members:



Melanie King, Chair



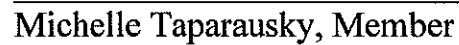
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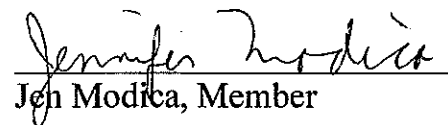
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