

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
October 20, 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 Taparausky, Member	X	

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

Peter Demers urged the Committee to take time when deciding whether to accept the donation of a baseball field that would occupy the space currently designated as a future high school softball field. He also mentioned that the nonprofit status of groups can be checked by either requiring the group to present proper documentation or by entering the group name in the state website.

3. Whitin School "WEE Deliver" Program

Ms. Fafard updated the Committee on the status of the program, which involves students at the elementary school running a post office system within the school. Street signs that will be placed on the school's hallways were presented and students will be able to submit job applications for the various postal positions in November.

4. Uxbridge Youth Basketball League

Mike Fortini and Neil Kelley asked the Committee to reconsider the amount they would be charged to use the McCloskey gym for their Uxbridge youth basketball program. Per policy KF rental fees for the gym are \$34/hour. Mr. Fortini stated that the \$12750 he would be charged would financially not allow him to run the program. The Committee decided they needed more time to make a decision and will address it again at the November 3, 2015 meeting.

5. October Professional Development Update

Dr. Cavanaugh presented an overview of the October professional development sessions as well as feedback she received from the staff that was in attendance.

6. District-wide Literacy Plan Overview

Dr. Cavanaugh presented her overview on how literacy will be addressed in the schools.

7. UHS Program of Studies & Diplomas of Distinction

Mr. Rubin outlined his recommendations for a new program of studies and its corresponding staffing needs. In his proposal, almost all core classes will be scheduled as full year courses. In order to accomplish this, he stated that the high school would need additional staff which would include: 1 Math teacher, 2 Social Studies teachers, a .4 fine art teacher, a .4 ELA teacher and 1 Spanish teacher. He also said that in order to accomplish this change in course structure, Uxbridge would have to go to a 7 period schedule.

Mr. Rubin also presented his idea to offer diplomas of distinction that would recognize students for completing a pathway that requires civic, social, academic and/or global participation inside and outside the classroom during high school.

8. Special Education Advisory Appointments (A)

Jen Modica made a motion to appoint the following people to the SEAC: Dr. Joseph Vandergrift, Ms. Linda Benoit-Ashby, Mr. Jason Tronerud, Ms. Kerry Bradshaw, Ms. Jillian Burr, Ms. Sharon Ross, Carrie Maconi, Donna Tivedo, Steve Collins, Melissa Shelley, Tina Dean, and Jackie True. Sean Dugan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

9. Old/New Business

Ms. King shared thank you votes that students in the Gateway to College sent to the School Committee.

10. School Committee Meeting Minutes - September 1, September 15, October 6

Sean Dugan made a motion to approve the school committee meeting minutes, as amended, for September 1, 2015. Jane Keegan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

Sean Dugan made a motion that the School Committee approve the meeting minutes of September 15, 2015 as presented. Jane Keegan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-1. Ms. Taparausky abstained. The motion passed.

11. Next School Committee Meeting - November 3, 2015

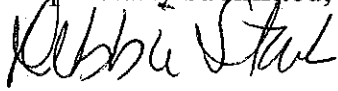
12. Adjournment

Melanie King entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session with no new business to follow. Ms. Miller moved. Jane Keegan seconded. Roll call vote: Ms. Taparausky-AYE, Ms. Modica-AYE, Ms. Stark-AYE, Mr. Dugan-AYE, Ms. Keegan-AYE, Ms. Miller-AYE, Ms. King-AYE

The meeting adjourned at 10:09

13. Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

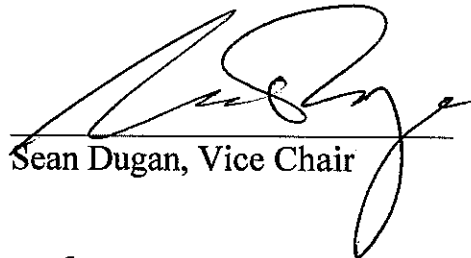


Debbie Stark
School Committee Secretary

School Committee Members:



Melanie King, Chair



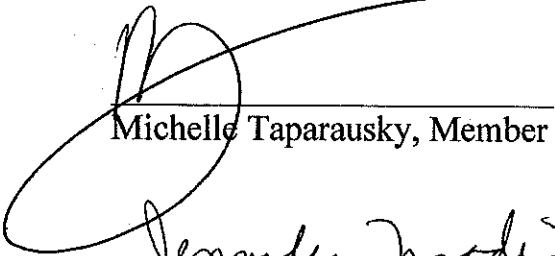
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