

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
November 3, 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 | |

1. Call to Order

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

2. Executive Session – Contract Negotiations

Ms. King entertained a motion to enter executive session with new business to follow. Ms. Taparausky moved the motion. Ms. Modica seconded. By roll call vote: Ms. Taparausky-YES, Ms. Modica-YES, Ms. Stark-YES, Mr. Dugan-YES, Ms. Keegan-YES, Ms. Miller-YES, Ms. King-YES.

*The Committee entered into executive session at 7:03PM.
 The Committee re-entered into regular session at 7:07PM.*

3. Student Updates

Trevor Rafferty spoke for the Student Council and student body, and highlighted several of their past activities including the Crop Walk and Homecoming. He also mentioned upcoming events including a blood drive, Soup for Troops and the Town Loop Challenge.

4. Public Comment

Peter Demers told the Committee he feels that for-profit businesses should be charged fees toward their use of school facilities because he felt their organizations should not be subsidized by taxpayers.

5. Superintendent Contract (A)

Ms. Taparausky made a motion that the School Committee accept the contract as written and signed for Superintendent Carney, a three year contract to conclude in June 2018. Ms. Keegan seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Ms. Taparausky-YES, Ms. Modica-YES, Ms. Stark-NO, Mr. Dugan-YES, Ms. Keegan-YES, Ms. Miller-YES, Ms. King-YES. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1-0.

6. Business Manager's Report

Mr. Sawyer said areas of concern in this year's budget include costs associated with:

- a. building maintenance
- b. utilities (due to the impending December rate increase)
- c. recent activity in regards to Special Education

7. Budget Subcommittee Update

FY17 Budget Planning Progress

Ms. Taparausky informed the Committee of recent discussions at the budget subcommittee level. The FY17 budget currently shows a \$1 million increase over the current year. This includes increases in utilities, transportation, contractual raises, Special Education, and technology.

The budget subcommittee recommends an increase in substitute teacher pay from \$65/day to \$75/day to bring Uxbridge's rate closer to the level offered by most districts in our surrounding area. The new rate would increase the FY17 budget by approximately \$30,000.

Ms. Taparausky told the Committee that the subcommittee has been exploring ways to decrease the cost associated with Out-of-District transportation. One of the ways discussed, was to determine whether it would be beneficial for the district to purchase 1-2 vehicles to be used on the routes that currently have the highest contracted costs.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2015, at 4:00PM, in the Lower Town Hall.

Central Office Space Update

Ms. Taparausky, Ms. Modica, and Ms. Stark have visited all three sites that were submitted in the RFP process. Ms. Taparausky told the Committee that the group would like to negotiate with their first choice and that the Committee would have to approve the negotiations in an executive session.

8. Policy Subcommittee Update

Mr. Dugan said that the subcommittee would be meeting at a future time to further discuss policy KF.

Policy JKAA - Physical Restraint - 2nd Reading (A)

Mr. Dugan made a motion that the School Committee approve policy JKAA regarding physical restraint in its second reading. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

9. Foreign Exchange Program (A)

Ms. Keegan made a motion that the School Committee vote to renew the affiliation with Cambridge Institute to enroll foreign students at Uxbridge High School as soon as is practical. Ms. Modica seconded the motion.

Ms. Stark said she would not be in favor of the proposal since she was still waiting on answers to questions she asked about the program in January. Mr. Dugan said he wanted the district's focus and resources to be on the current proposed changes at the high school and did not support moving forward with an exchange program until the changes at the high school have had time to settle. Ms. Miller said she also wanted to focus on strengthening the basics at the high school before focusing on anything extra.

Ms. Keegan said she was disappointed because the global competency task force sees the program as a benefit to the district. She said that if the district is looking to educate students on a career readiness path that this type of program is one that should be considered. She felt it is in the district's best interest to enter into a renewal with the Cambridge Institute.

Ms. Modica felt that the Committee needed to have more discussion on the program before it makes 11/30/2015 a decision.

The motion was tabled.

10. Uxbridge Youth Basketball League (A)

The Committee decided not to take any action to reduce the rental fees that will be charged to the basketball league for their use of the McCloskey gym.

11. Superintendent's Report

Blissful Meadows Gold Club Gift Donation

Mr. Carney presented a gift of \$5000 from Blissful Meadows golf course that would be given to the district's athletic department.

Ms. Taparausky made a motion to accept the gift of \$5000 of the Blissful Meadows Gold Club gift donation to be awarded to the athletic department. Ms. Modica seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

Douglas School Committee request to consider regionalization

Mr. Carney mentioned that the Douglas Superintendent sent him an email to see if the School Committee would like to discuss the possibility of regionalizing with their district. Ms. King will reach out to the Douglas School Committee Chair for clarification on their request.

Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative 1st Quarter Report - July 1 - September 30, 2015

Mr. Carney provided the 1st quarter report from the Collaborative on their program services and financials.

2014 MCAS Presentation - November 17 School Committee Meeting

At the next meeting, school administration will present their reports on the 2014-15 MCAS results.

National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation Recipients

12. Old/New Business

The Destination Imagination club is searching for volunteers to be appraisers at their competitions that are scheduled for Spring 2016.

Ms. Modica said that the SEAC met for the first time this evening.

13. School Committee Meeting Minutes - October 6, October 20 (A)

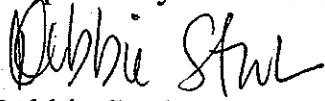
Mr. Dugan made a motion that the Committee approve the School Committee meeting minutes of October 20, 2015, as written. Ms. Taparausky seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

14. Next School Committee Meeting - November 17, 2015

15. Adjournment

Mr. Dugan made a motion Ms. Taparausky seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

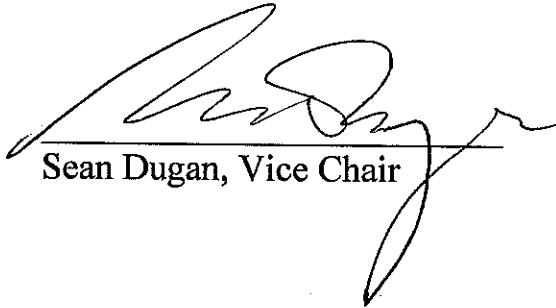


Debbie Stark
School Committee Secretary

School Committee Members:



Melanie King, Chair

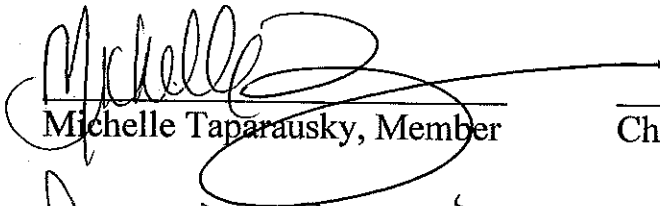


Sean Dugan, Vice Chair



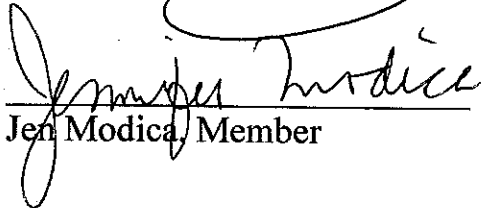
Debbie Stark, Secretary

Jane Keegan, Member



Michelle Tapanausky, Member

Charlene Miller, Member



Jen Modica, Member