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UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
November 17, 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 Taparowsky, Member	X	

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

Mr. Dugan recognized Ms. Fafard and the Whitin School for holding an assembly in recognition of Veterans Day where veterans came and answered questions from the students about their service. Students also sang patriotic songs and raised money to help support our veterans.

3. Spring 2015 MCAS Result Presentation

Dr. Cavanaugh, Dr. Drolet, Ms. Fafard, Ms. Sirois, and Mr. Rubin provided overviews of the district's 2014-15 MCAS scores. Overall, scores appeared flat from the previous year. It has been determined that there needs to be some change in the instruction of English language arts in the schools. Dr. Cavanaugh explained that the district needs to increase its rigor in close reading. This should have an impact for Math testing as well since our students struggled on Math questions that used graphs or a density of text.

4. FY17 Budget Planning Update

Ms. Taparowsky updated the Committee on the progress of the budget subcommittee. The budget subcommittee met with administration from the 3 lower schools to discuss the schools' desired additions to the budget. They also met with the Director of Special Education and the district's plant and operations manager, Mike Belanger, in regards to their projected FY17 budget needs.

As it stands, the FY17 budget shows an increase of \$1,277,721 in required expenses over FY16. If desired positions are included in the budget, the FY17 budget has an increase of \$1,769,721.

The subcommittee hopes to give a recommendation to the full Committee by the late December meeting on the type of budget they believe the district should create for FY17.

Next subcommittee meetings are November 18 and December 8, 2015.

5. UPS Annual Report SY2014-2015 - 1st Reading (A)

Mr. Dugan made a motion that the School Committee approve the Uxbridge public schools annual report for school year 2014-15 for inclusion into the annual report in its first reading. Ms. Modica seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

6. Unit A Open Contract Negotiation - Athletic Director Stipend Position (A)

The athletic director position is currently a stipend position within the Unit A contract. Mr. Carney said that in the last several years the district has had challenges finding someone internally to fill the role. By opening discussions with the Uxbridge Teacher's Association the district might be able to remove this position from the contract and make it a non-union position.

Ms. Taparauskys made a motion that the School Committee approach unit A as a contract negotiation to review the athletic director stipend position being removed from the existing contract. Mr. Dugan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

7. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Carney noted that four of our high school athletic teams were recently in the playoffs: football, cross-country and the boys and girls soccer teams.

He also recognized the 32 Seniors from Uxbridge that received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship award.

8. Meeting Minutes - October 6 and November 3, 2015

Mr. Dugan made a motion that the Uxbridge School Committee accept the meeting minutes from October 6 as presented. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0-0. The motion passed.

9. Next School Committee Meeting - December 1, 2015

10. Old/New Business

Ms. Modica said she spoke with Mr. Rubin to get his opinion on a partnership with Uxbridge High School and the Cambridge Institute. Mr. Rubin then spoke to the Committee and said he felt that the program would not distract from the work being done at the high school and would benefit the school through the opportunities it would create.

The exchange program will be discussed at the December 15, 2015 meeting.

11. Adjournment

12. Executive Session

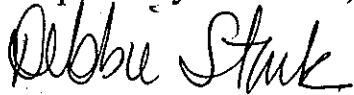
Ms. King entertained a motion to adjourn into executive session with no new business to follow. Mr. Dugan moved the motion. By roll call vote: Ms. Taparauskys, -YES, Ms. Modica -YES, Ms. Stark -YES, Mr. Dugan -YES, Ms. Keegan -YES, Ms. Miller -YES, Ms. King -YES.

The Committee adjourned from the regular meeting and entered into executive session at 10:10PM.

a. Central Office Lease Bid Opening

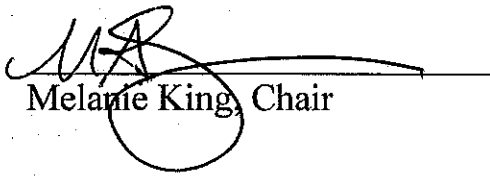
b. Open Contracts

Respectfully submitted,

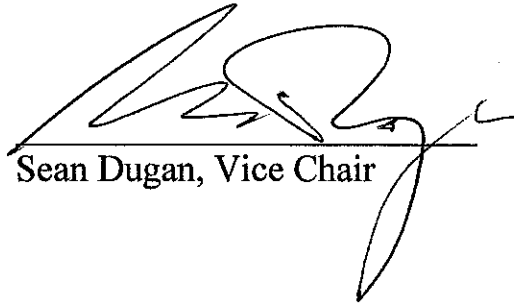


Debbie Stark
School Committee Secretary

School Committee Members:



Melanie King, Chair

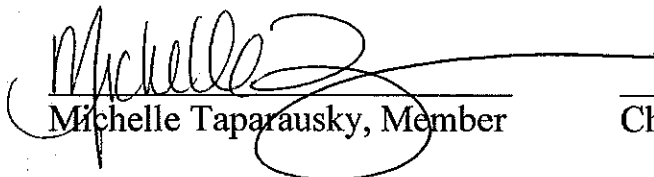


Sean Dugan, Vice Chair



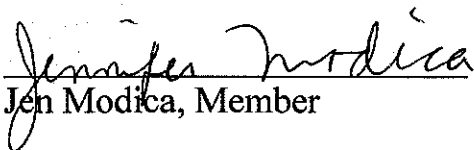
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