

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
 JANUARY 5, 2016  
 UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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School Committee Members in Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Melanie King, Chair	X	
Sean Dugan, Vice Chair	X	
Debbie Stark, Secretary	X	
Jane Keegan, Member	X	
Charlene Miller, Member	X	
Jen Modica, Member	X	
Michelle Taparausky, Member	X	

### 1. Call to Order

Ms. King called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

### 2. Public Comment

Trevor Rafferty spoke on behalf of the Student Council. He highlighted past events that included delivering care packages to students who graduated from UHS high school last year, as well as adopting a family from the Food Pantry for the Christmas season.

Peter Demers made comments on the following:

1. He was curious as to why the Superintendent's new contract did not have merit increases tied to performance targets.
2. He questioned why the Superintendent had suggested teachers take a pay cut to offset the deficit, but did not offer a pay cut himself.
3. He suggested the Committee take the time to investigate the root causes of budget issues.
4. He asked the Committee to not simply trust information given to it by the administration, but to independently verify the information.

### 3. Senior Class Trip Approval - Lake George (A)

Mr. Rubin requested approval for the Senior class to attend an overnight trip to Lake George from May 20-May 22, 2016.

*Ms. Taparausky made a motion that the School Committee approve the Senior class of 2016's trip to Lake George that would be taking place on May 20, 21, and 22, 2016. Mr. Dugan seconded the motion. The Committee voted 7-0-0 in favor of the motion. **The motion passed.***

#### **4. FY16 Budget Update**

Mr. Sawyer provided an update of the current year's budget in each member's packet.

Outside of the unexpected special education expenses (\$500,000), the budget is tracking as scheduled with no other anticipated shortfalls.

However, the district has already used most of its budgeted building maintenance funds. This area has seen atypical expenditure due to boiler issues at McCloskey and Taft, and damage to the McCloskey auditorium. Mr. Sawyer said the district will closely watch this over the rest of the fiscal year.

Jen Modica expressed concern about the large amount of unexpected special education costs. She asked for a breakdown of costs that make up the total number. (\$500,000). Mr. Sawyer said that would be available for the budget subcommittee.

Ms. Taparausky also said she would like to hear what the district is doing to try and reduce that expense moving forward.

#### **FY17 Budget Planning Update**

Next budget subcommittee meeting was scheduled for January 13, 2016, in the UHS library, and would start at 4:45PM with a stop time of 6:45PM. The primary focus will be on special education costs.

The district has learned that closing the McCloskey school cannot be an option to reduce the projected FY17 deficit. The district is still receiving MSBA grant money of \$400,000 annually from the 1996 school projects. This grant does not expire until 2019. Closing the school would forfeit the upcoming scheduled reimbursements.

Mr. Carney mentioned that McCloskey could potentially be used as a special education space that would be shared with other area collaboratives. He said it would require significant discussions, but because of the rising costs of special education it is something that should be explored.

#### **Open Budget Forum Considerations - Mr. Carney**

Budget Forum, January 19, 2016, 6:00PM, High School Auditorium

#### **5. SWCEC 2014-2015 Annual Report; SWCEC 2014-2015 Auditor's Report**

Mr. Carney noted that he had provided the Committee with copies of both the SWCEC 2014-2105 annual report and auditor's report.

Mr. Carney told the Committee that the district had received a check for \$50 from Kelly Maguire as a gift.

*Ms. Keegan made a motion to accept the generous donation of \$50 from Kelly Maguire on behalf of the School Committee. Ms. Taparausky seconded the motion. The Committee voted 7-0-0 in favor of the motion. **The motion passed.***

Mr. Carney recognized Allison Cotter for receiving the Superintendent's Scholar Award.

## **6. Old/New Business**

Items that will be added to the next meeting's agenda include discussion surrounding MCAS/PARCC and the foreign exchange revolving account.

Ms. King and Mr. Dugan are working on a revised composite tool for the Superintendent's evaluation. April 15, 2016 will be the date evaluations will be due.

Ms. King described the process the Committee used to determine the salary amount that was offered to the Superintendent in his new contract.

Ms. Taparausky mentioned that there is a termination clause in the Superintendent's contract that allows for termination due to poor performance.

Mr. Dugan asked Mr. Sawyer if there was any update on Policy KF. Mr. Sawyer said they had been tied up in budget preparation but will be gathering that information for the end of January.

## **7. Meeting Minutes - December 1 and 15, 2015**

*Mr. Dugan made a motion that the School Committee approve the December 1 meeting minutes as written. Ms. Stark seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-2 in favor of the motion. Ms. Keegan and Ms. Miller abstained. **The motion passed.***

*Mr. Dugan made a motion that the School Committee approve the meeting minutes of December 15, 2015 as written. Ms. Stark seconded the motion. The Committee voted 6-0-1 in favor of the motion. Ms. Keegan abstained. **The motion passed.***

## **8. Next School Committee Meeting - January 19, 2016**

Open budget forum will start at 6:00PM in the high school auditorium.

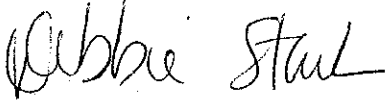
## **9. Adjournment**

*Ms. King entertained a motion to enter in to executive session with no new business to follow. Mr. Dugan moved the motion. Ms. Keegan seconded the motion. **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 meeting adjourned from regular session to enter into executive at 8:38PM.*

**10. Executive Session  
Central Office Lease Negotiations**

Respectfully Submitted,

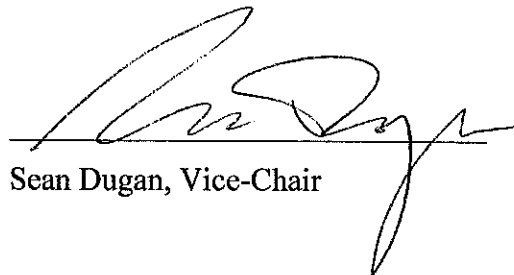


Debbie Stark  
Uxbridge School Committee Secretary

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Melanie King, Chair



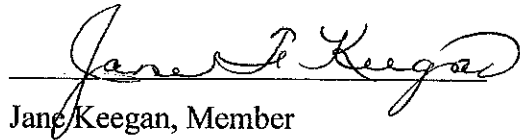
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Sean Dugan, Vice-Chair



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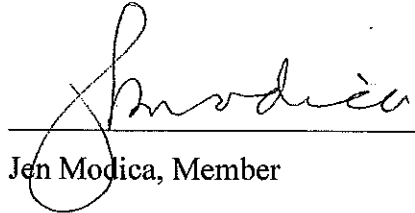
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