

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MARCH 1, 2016

UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

*The meeting adjourned from regular session to enter into executive at 7:02PM.  
The meeting reentered regular session at 7:26PM*

- Business Manager Employment Contract
- Office Lease Bid

**3. Public Comment**

Trevor Rafferty highlighted past and upcoming Student Council events. These events included the Souper Bowl of Caring, Snowball week at the high school, and the annual student council meeting that will take place in Hyannis.

Peter Demers made comments on the following:

- a. He noted that he had been told that checks for winter sports athletic fees had not been deposited, despite being submitted to the district at the beginning of the season.

- b. He presented several questions regarding the recently found 2010 Special Education audit that he would like answered.
- c. He asked the Committee to request, if they have not already, to see how budgeted funds are moved within accounts during the year.

#### **4. 2016-2017 School Calendar Revised - Second Reading (A)**

Mr. Carney said that the original calendar presented for the 2016-17 school year had a misprint. February break was originally listed as February 14-17, 2017 and should be listed as February 20-24, 2017. As a result, the high school release day originally approved for February 12, 2017 will now be February 10, 2017.

Also the calendar will reflect that September 1, 2016 is Preschool open house and September 2, 2016 is the 1<sup>st</sup> day for preschool.

*Ms. Keegan moved that the School Committee accept the revised calendar for the academic year 2016-2017. Ms. Stark seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of the motion. The motion passed.*

#### **5. Central Office Lease Space Bid Award (A)**

The Committee has come to agreement to award a 10 year lease for the district central office and the district's Independence Project. The cost savings to the district over the next 10 years is approximately \$200,000.

*Ms. King made a motion to award the lease described in RFP UXB 16-002 to Andrew Mosher and Richard S. Mosher, owners of River Glen Office Building contingent upon Town Meeting approval pursuant to chapter 20 Article 4 of the Uxbridge General Bylaws for the purpose of providing office space for school administrative staff and school district educational programs. Ms. Keegan moved the motion. Ms. Stark seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 5-0-0. The motion passed.*

#### **6. 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles (A)**

Because the town does not allow contracts that extend beyond three years without Town Meeting approval, an article which allows the central office lease to cover a 10 year period needs to be approved at Spring Town Meeting.

*Ms. King read the following proposed article: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Uxbridge General Bylaws, Article 4, to authorize the School Committee to enter into a lease agreement to run for a period of ten years, the cost and start date of such lease to be subject to negotiation, with Andrew J. Mosher and Richard S. Mosher, owners of River Glen Office Building located at 10 River Road, Uxbridge, MA, for the purpose of providing office space for school administrative staff and school district educational programs. Or take any other action relating thereto.*

*Ms. Keegan moved the article be placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant on behalf of the School Committee. Ms. Modica seconded. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 5-0-0. The motion passed.*

Ms. King read the following proposed article: *To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of x dollars from the Town Stabilization Fund and to authorize expenditure of up to that amount to purchase vehicles for the School Department or take any action relating thereto.*

*Ms. Keegan moved that the School Committee accept that language and present it as an article on the annual town meeting warrant. Ms. Modica seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 5-0-0. The motion passed.*

*\*\*\*the amount of money requested will be given to the town manager for inclusion in the warrant article, prior to the town meeting, once the total vehicle costs have been determined*

Ms. King read the following proposed article: *To see if the Town will vote to reimburse the sum of x dollars from the town stabilization fund to the school choice in revolving account for the purpose of a water well installation at the Uxbridge High School or take any action related thereto.*

*Ms. Stark moved the motion. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 5-0-0. The motion passed.*

*\*\*\*the amount of money requested will be given to the town manager for inclusion in the warrant article, prior to the town meeting, once the total water well costs have been determined*

## **7. Discussion on Schedule of Budget Public Hearing**

The public hearing will be on April 5, 2016.

## **8. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Carney mentioned the following:

- a. Mr. Carney will discuss the recently discovered 2010 Special Education audit in more detail at a future meeting. He said he was not pleased that he was not made aware of the report until this year since the district has been challenged with the cost of providing special education services.
- b. There are 6 district Destination Imagination teams that will compete in the regional competition.
- c. Mrs. Remillard's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class read the most books during the recent reading event at Whitin Elementary.
- d. Over 170 letter are being sent each week in the WeDeliver program at Whitin Elementary. 2089 letters have been sent in total.
- e. Taft ELC is currently participating in the Pennies for Patients fundraiser.
- f. Uxbridge curriculum director, Dr. Cavanaugh, has accepted the Assistant Superintendent position at Hopkinton and will be leaving Uxbridge at the end of June.

## 9. Old/New Business

None

## 10. Meeting Minutes- January 19, February 2, 2016, February 23, 2016

*Ms. Keegan made a motion that the School Committee approve the February 2 meeting minutes as written. Ms. Stark seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0-1 in favor of the motion. Ms. Modica abstained. The motion passed.*

*Ms. Stark made a motion that the School Committee approve the meeting minutes of February 23, 2016 as written. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0-1 in favor of the motion. Ms. King abstained. The motion passed.*

## 11. Next School Committee Meeting - March 15, 2016

## 12. Adjournment

Ms. King entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Modica moved the motion. Ms. Stark seconded the motion. *The Committee voted in favor of the motion 5-0-0. The motion passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debbie Stark

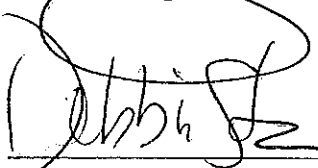
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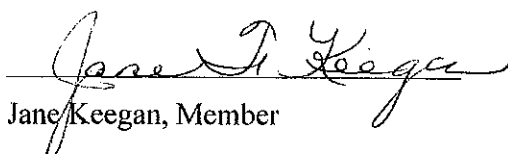


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Charlene Miller, Member

*Jennifer Modica*

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Ms. Taparausky, Member