

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 10, 2016

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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 7:01 PM.

2. Public Comment

None

3. 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant Article

The Committee discussed sponsoring an article at the Spring town meeting which would allow the town to vote for an independent audit of the school department. Since the school department does not have the money to fund an audit the town would have to pay for one with a stabilization transfer.

Ms. Stark said she supported an audit article based on concerns she had that if the district's financial concerns continue to be an issue, the district would have audit documentation that showed ways to reduce expenses and/or showed that the district could not effectively support services without additional financial support.

Ms. Miller also said it would help with transparency in case of future financial problems.

Ms. Modica said she believed that the district should have independent audits as part of a regular practice.

Ms. Taparausky said that she would support an audit, but her challenge was that whatever information an audit produced would likely raise more questions about the district. She wanted to ensure that the Committee had clear guidelines on what type of audit it wanted to sponsor.

The Committee discussed that it would be important to determine the specific kind of audit (scope of services) that would be conducted and mentioned several different options including best practice, financial and performance audits.

*Ms. Taparausky made a motion to see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the town stabilization fund for the purpose of funding a performance audit for the Uxbridge public schools or any action related hereto. Mr. Dugan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 6-0-1. Ms. Keegan abstained. **The motion passed.***

4. Adjournment

*Ms. King entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dugan moved the motion. Ms. Modica seconded the motion. The Committee voted 7-0-0 in favor of the motion. **The motion passed.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

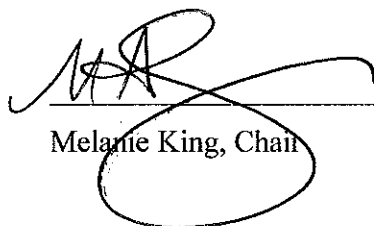
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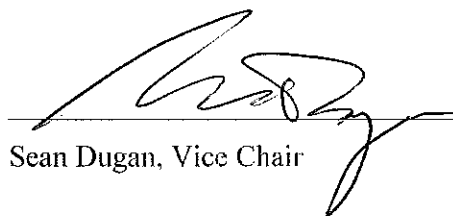
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