

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

June 21, 2016

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School Committee Members in Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Melanie King, Chair	X	
Debbie Stark, Vice Chair	X	
Brett Pomeroy, Secretary		X
Charlene Miller, Member	X	
Jen Modica, Member	X	
John Morawski, Member	X	

***Ms. Stark took the minutes

1. Call To Order

Ms. King called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Ms. King entertained a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the UPS unit negotiations with new business to follow. Mr. Morawski moved the motion. Ms. Modica seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Ms. Modica-YES, Mr. Morawski-YES, Ms. Stark-YES, Ms. Miller-YES, Ms. King-YES

The Committee entered into executive session at 6:32PM.

2. Executive Session

--UPS Unit Negotiations

***Committee reentered regular session at 7:21PM.

3. Public Comment

Bob Martellio asked the Committee to consider changing the 2017 graduation date to a different day. He said that some parents felt that a Sunday afternoon graduation was an inconvenience to families hosting out-of-state guests. He suggested possibly moving the date to the Friday evening

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to alleviate the problem and still accommodate Saturday high school sports events. He noted that 9 UHS Seniors played in a MIAA baseball game the Monday after graduation this year.

Recent Gateway to College graduate Alexis Soto read the Committee her graduation speech which highlighted the significance the program had made in her life. She thanked Uxbridge for becoming the program's district partner. Twenty-three students graduated this year from the program and it currently has a 90% graduation rate.

4. Special Recognition

None

5. Sub-Committee Appointments

The following appointments were made:

Budget Subcommittee: John Morawski (Chair), Debbie Stark, Jen Modica
Policy Subcommittee: Charlene Miller (Chair), Brett Pomeroy

Ms. Miller will remain as the liaison to McCloskey Middle School and Ms. Modica will continue that role at UHS. Members can contact Ms. King if they would like to be a liaison for the Taft or Whittin schools.

6. Superintendent's Update

The high school has interviewed 107 candidates and has recommended 8 for open positions at the school. A ninth recommendation is being processed.

Copies of school improvement plans are attached to the minutes.

Mr. Carney presented a parent letter reminding parents and guardians that there was a policy change regarding admission and residency that went into effect in Spring. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

7. SC Vacancy

Because the BOS has not yet decided whether they will fill their vacant seat with a special election, the School Committee decided to wait to appoint a new member to see if their vacancy could be put on a special election ballot as well. (if the BOS chooses that option)

8. School Committee Meeting Dates for 2016-2017

Ms. King presented a list of meeting dates. The list is attached to these minutes.

9. Old/New Business

The Committee decided to hear discussion about changing the 2017 graduation date at their next meeting, August 2, 2016.

Ms. Miller requested an update on the retake policy at the high school for a future meeting.

10. Meeting Minutes - 1/19/16, 5/3/16, 5/17/16, 6/7/16

Ms. Stark made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 3, 2016 as written. Ms. Modica seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0 in favor of the motion. Mr. Morawski abstained. The motion passed.

11. Next School Committee Meeting - August 2, 2016

12. Adjournment

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

The Committee adjourned at 8:43PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debbie Stark

Uxbridge School Committee Secretary Vice chair

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