

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Uxbridge School Committee Public hearing for the FY18 Budget

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2017

UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AMPHITHEATER

School Committee Members in Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Debbie Stark, Chair	X	
John Morawski, Vice Chair	X	
D. Brett Pomeroy, Secretary	X	
Charlene Miller, Member		X
Jen Modica, Member		X
Laura McGee, Member	X	
Matt Keane, Member	X	

1. Call to Order - Debbie Stark called to order at 7pm -

- Debbie made opening remarks - stressed that we want to hear all input and feedback from all.
- Mr. Carney then ran through the UPS FY18 Budget Needs and 5 year forecast presentation.
- Public Q&A - following
- Mr. Potasky - commented regarding pie chart and how salaries are the largest portion of budget.
- Peter Demers - question on laptops - needed for MCAS ?
- Peter said we should have pushed back harder on common core -
- He then asked about the 3.5% increases in salary - He then stressed that we need to control the contracts.
- if you go ahead with a needs based budget and we don't go with an over-ride - how will we pay for it.
- Stephanie Fernandez - commented on Spanish - it is very important.
- commented that bigger classes with burden the teacher, lead to bad morale and breakdowns.
- students school choosing in for FY17 is 92, yet many more school choice out -
- Mr. Carney noted that our School choice out numbers are the lowest in ten years.
- Chris Currie - does the SC work with the Finance committee -
- Why don't we have lights for our fields? It could be a revenue source -
- are we all putting our heads together to figure out a solution?
- Art. Dubois - This town needs a bigger commercial tax base -
- Revenue - over the last 5-8 years, there has been a funding issue -
- Expenses - as compared to other communities - are we higher? Teachers - total comp -
- How do we be frugal, and meet these benchmarks?
- Bob Martellio - asked about salaries
- The top 3 proposed cuts are sports and student activities -


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- Bob had great comments and passion about how great the programs are at UHS -
 - Rachel Frazier - asked about strategic direction -
 - Debbie Stark offered detailed context on the past 3 years.
 - Leanne Demarco - I speak not just for my family, and salary, but for all of the students in our system.
 - Next speaker - This is being called a needs based budget - how much would it cost without adding positions - Answer: \$1.6M deficit -
 - Bus costs? has it been discussed to have families pay?
 - Carney -
 - Taft Preschool Team - They read a letter -
 - Holly Black - I don't want more taxes, but I want the best for my kids.
 - Christine Martellio - Questions on the budget.
 - she had very positive comments on the high school experience.
 - Debbie Stark - read Charlene Miller's commentary - would not support an over-ride at this time -
 - Debbie Stark - feels that there should be a compromise - from requests and an over-ride -
 - Brett - gave context on spending to preserve the schools - over-ride
 - Matt - addressed transportation - then said in favor of over-ride
 - Laura McGee - suggested over-ride
- John made a motion that we close the public hearing - Debbie seconded it, voted all in favor 5-0
- John Morawski - in favor of an over-ride -
 - Debbie - stated she would to look at transportation fees and raising sports fees next year.
 - Debbie made a motion to adjourn at 9:47pm - John seconded it, voted all in favor 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Brett Pomeroy, Uxbridge School Committee Secretary

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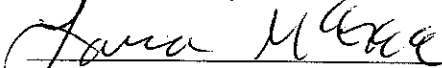


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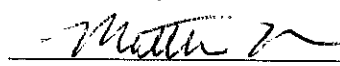


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