

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 7, 2017

UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

School Committee Members in Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Matt Keane, Chair	X	
John Morawski, Vice Chair	X	
Stephanie Fernandez, Secretary	X	
D. Brett Pomeroy,, Member	X	
Jen Modica, Member	X	
Debbie Stark, Member	X	
Heidi Happy, Member	X	

1. Call to Order: 7:01 Matthew Keane called this meeting to begin.

2. Student Updates: James Stark- Recent events: Hurricane relief fundraiser, town loop clean-up. Coming up blood drive, cemetery clean-up, CDMASC

3. Public Comment- none

4. Nature's Classroom Field Trip Approval:

Heidi Happy made a motion to accept the Nature's Classroom field trip, Brett Pomeroy made a second motion. 7-0

5. Annual Town Report FY2016-2017, 2nd Reading:

Heidi Happy made a motion to accept the change as written. Brett Pomeroy seconded the motion. 7-0

6. 2017 MCAS Next Generation and Legacy Results Presentation:

Discussion on results.

Looking for growth/does not meet expectations for special education population; did our special education population improve?

Additionally, looking for data from this year to last year- need to calibrate different scale for scoring from this year to last year.

What percentage of our population was at the warning level last year and how does it compare to this year's population and scores?

Minutes 11/7/17

7. PSAT, SAT and AP results:

Every student took the PSAT- at or around meeting grade level benchmarks.
Challenges- lots of correlation between challenging questions from PSAT, SAT and AP.
Teachers are beginning to change instruction to aide these challenges.

AP passing rates have gone down across the valley.
SAT scores are improving for Uxbridge.

8. Social Emotional Learning Task Force- SC Appt:

Vary the times- after school and evenings (3-5) or (6-8) - Looking for a SC member- tabled until next time.

Special Education Update:

Pathways- K-12

Peers program at WES, helps with trauma students and students with social emotional needs.

Phoenix Program in the High School

1 OT- Preschool through second grade (providing in the moment teaching and consistency).

1 OT- 3rd through 12th grade.

Reflection on the last year 27 students went out of district to now 21 went out of district. With that being said *Special Education Update:* There are a few social/emotional needs for students in the Taft Building. Stephanie Geddes is looking to replicate the Peers Model at Taft. This would reflect in her upcoming budget - one added special education teacher, two paraprofessionals and .5 counselor.

Independence project- Doing well and looking for a kitchen update. Koopman provided one quote and looking for more quotes.

9. Nashville Career Academics Report:

One8 Foundation funded the trip. Recap on the trip.

- Discussion on different pathways for the high school populations.

How We May Use Some of What We Learned to Improve UHS-

- Identify some possible courses/ industries/ academies for UHS:

- * Engineering, Manufacturing, Culinary, Finance, Biotech, Biomed, Communications, Animal Sciences, etc.

10. Superintendent's Report:

MSBA- Building study group will reconvene to discuss ways to repay \$400,000.

Discussion to reuse the building for an agricultural school.

Follow up will take place next meeting on November 21st.

Bliss Family provided 3 touch screens to the Taft Schools in payment of \$4,500. The Taft School has a total of 5 Touch Screens in the building.

Blackstone Valley Education Foundation provided a \$2,500 grant for the Code WES. Stephanie Fernandez made a motion to accept. Brett Pomeroy Seconded the motion. 7-0.

11. Superintendent Search Committee Process-Wednesday, November 15 at 7pm.

12. 2017 SWCEC 1st Quarter Report:
-Covers July 2017-September 2017

13. Old/New Business:

MSBA closure- request to change the Building Study Group to an Advisory Committee. Decision will be made after their meeting tomorrow. Tabled until November 21.

New Business- Superintendent recommended a budget sub committee meeting prior to the next meeting.

Policy Sub Committee should meet to discuss the transportation

- Recommendation for how to come into alignment and put children into transportation mileage. Distance measures and ridership implications.
- Public Safety meeting and how traffic will look like with estimated 240 extra kids with school closure.

14. Regular Meeting Minutes

17- Oct-17

Heidi Happy made a motion to accept the minutes. Stephanie Fernandez seconded the minutes. 4-0-3

15. Next School Committee Meeting

21-Nov-17

16. Adjourn - 8:55 PM- John Morawski made a motion to go into executive session with no new business to follow. Jen Modica seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Debbie Stark - yes, Jennifer Modica-yes, Brett Pomeroy- yes, John Morawski- yes, Heidi Happy- yes, Stephanie Fernandez- yes, and Matt Keane- yes.

17. Executive Session

Unit Contract Negotiation

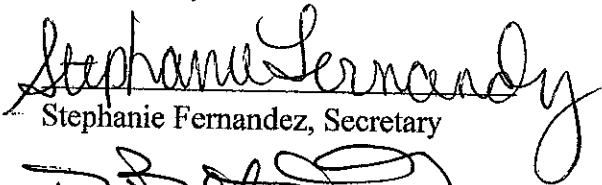
Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Fernandez

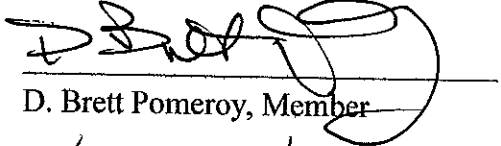
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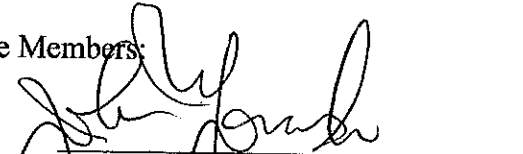
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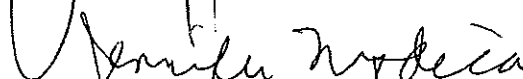
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