

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 19, 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 Matt Keane called the meeting to order
7:04 Stephanie Fernandez arrived

2. Student Updates: none

3. Public Comment: none

7. School Start Times Related to Transportation Bid (A) Matt Keane asked to take this out of order. The Vendetti's came to discuss questions/comments.
-Discussion on start/stop times as well as riderships and fleet of buses needed for 18-19'
-Still have to impact bargain this situation.

Stephanie Fernandez made a motion to move forward to Plan A (Taft same start/end time, WES start time at 7:40-2:05, UHS- 7:30-2) Brett Pomeroy seconded the motion. 5-1-1

Still going to be more children on eighth grade buses with
Work closely with sidewalks, lighting- however, switching times will decrease foot traffic on granite.

4. Member Issues- (moving forward this will be on the agenda)
-Special education update- address staffing (replacements or new hires.)
-Sharing of IT Director with the town- Minutes uploaded onto the website, recommendation to get feedback from the community on the new website. How will we shift the website?

5. Business update:

FY2018 Current Updates

-Central office telecommunications: allotted \$4000.00 already spent \$11,000

Looking for clarification--Pat Mistler

-Clarification on Taft School substitute teacher budget as we are out of substitute budget for Taft due to multiple LTS positions. We will have to possibly put a budget freeze in 2018.

-Updates on Daycare, Food Service, Circuit Breakers and Grants.

-Clarification on Bus Transportation Fees: \$180/child and cap at \$540. Bus Transportation Bid Update- **January 3 at 10 am.**

-Discussion on Sports Fees: MS Football \$150 to 200. F&R (HS) \$100/\$175, MS \$50/\$100, 75/140

Superintendent will send out rough draft by end of week.

Public hearing January 16

Voting on it February 9

Minimum wage discussion on substitute teachers and cafeteria workers. Moved to add this to next meeting agenda for an action item.

\$15,000 increase for substitute line (65 change to 75) and \$700 increase for cafeteria staff (9.50 change to 11).

6. Acknowledgement of Gift from Mr. Thomas Hudgins (A)

\$150- used to the discretion of building administrations.

8. McCloskey Middle School Building

Presentation of Potential use by outside organization

-target population- middle/average population

-Purpose to send children to school with core classes therefore increasing their potential and decreasing their debt.

-Mt. Wachusett Community College agreed to be a partnership

-Additional the Federal Government is trying to rejuvenate agricultural development in the state. USDA is providing funding for the rural rejuvenation

Discussion on the definition of the funding available:

-Chapter 74: Mass General Funding for Technical, Agricultural and Vocational

-Perkins Grant: Federal Funding for this type of education.

Discussion on next steps:

1. Talk with consultant about initial programs that we would be able to host.

2. Grant writing for Chapter 74 and Perkins Grant

Next steps from Superintendent and Principal:

1. Consultant update (looking for background information on the consultant-What company does he work for? What are the monthly reports from your meetings?)
2. Further investigation on different pathways that would be successful in the area.

Brett Pomeroy made a motion to move forward with the motion to move forward with further engagement with Educational Alliance to prepare for and pursue grant funding for Chapter 74/ Perkins Grant for programmatic studies at McCloskey. Stephanie Fernandez seconded the motion.

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Stephanie Fernandez requested to move to a five minute recess. John Morawski seconded.

9. Superintendent Search

Vote to approve MASC contract (A)

John Morawski made the motion to approve the MASC contract

Brett Pomeroy seconded the motion

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10. Committee Reorganization (A)

11. Old/New Business -

Orientation a success

Clerk investigation for SC- looking for neighboring comparatives for SC clerk.

Website update

SPED follow up

Consultant update

Transition to McCloskey from a Staff perspective on McCloskey Building

Sports Fees F/R and Middle School- 1/16

Joint meetings with Board of Selectman/ FinComm/ SC in discussion

12. Regular Meeting Minutes (A) 11/15/17, 11/21/17, 12/5/17

John Morawski made a motion to accept November 15th minutes, Brett Pomeroy seconded the motion.

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John Morawski made a motion to accept November 21st minutes, Heidi Happy seconded the motion.

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John Morawski made a motion to accept December 5th minutes, Brett Pomeroy seconded the motion.

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13. Next School Committee Meeting: January 2, 2018

14. Adjourn 9:55 John Morawski made a motion to move into executive session. Brett seconded the motion. 7-0

15. Executive Session:

Unit Contract Negotiations

Non Union Contracts

Approve Executive Session Minutes

John Morawski made a motion for the committee to move into executive session. Stephanie Fernandez 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.

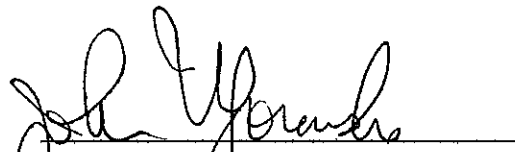
Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Fernandez

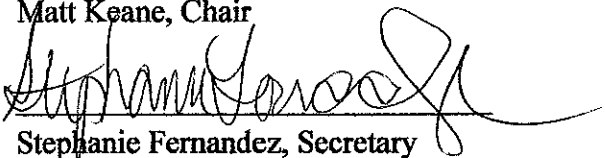
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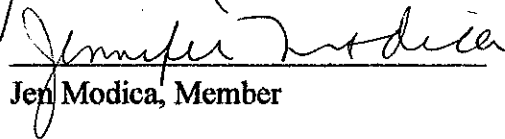
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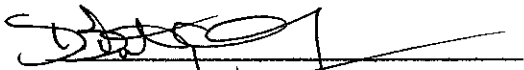
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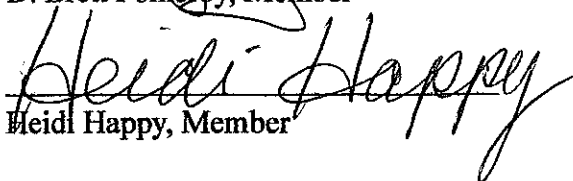
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