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UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Budget Public Hearing

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School Committee Members in Attendance:

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

1. Call to Order: 6:00 Matt Keane Called the meeting to order.

John Morawski arrived between 6:15-6:25

2. Supt. Carney discussed the proposed budget.

- SC inquired moving cleaning costs into the general fund
- Reinstatement of Math Coordinator
- School Council Requests

Overall budget of 3.15% budget increase.

-Final budget should be voted on Feb. 6

Brian Hyde explained important documents:

- Powerpoint which is available online (discussion on: unknown variables, needs based budget, facilities and technology and SC goals).

Public Comment:

1. Peter Demers - Time concerns- not sure there was enough time to discuss a 22 million dollar budget.

Questions on Out of District Transportation Decrease

Questions if there is a master document to see all of the positions that there are in the district, the positions that will be cut and up to date documentation of these changes?

Questions on the closure of MMS and the funds owed to the state.

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2. Jennifer Spiecker- Spoke about Taft and the size of the classrooms in TLC.

Looking at the overall town budget the schools take up about 49%. Many surrounding Valley Schools have a larger town percentage. She brought up the point of trying to increase the town budget for the children's benefit.

3. Bob Martellio- Why is transportation going up?

Athletics will be responsible for funding transportation costs-

10% increase was budgeted for transportation costs as this is the trend across the state.

Anticipated athletic transportation will be approximately \$40,000.

This year we asked for Athletic Transportation, Regular Education Transportation and Special Ed Transportation.

Have we looked into buying a brand new bus?

4. Holly Black - Concerns about taft -

Math Coordinator- what grades will this cover- is this best for the children (covering grades k-5)?

In the past years- two reading specialist were cut- suggesting this be considered when choosing the positions.

5. Mike Kling- Ways of supplementing our revenue- are we maxing out grants ?

Supt. Carney mentioned that currently the district is working on repurposing the MMS building. Brian Hyde explained that we do not have a grant writer in the district. There are people that do write grants.

Parent asked "Are there any other ways that parents can contribute to the schools? Such as foundations, etc?"

6. Peter Demers circled back to discuss the website.

Encourage SC to ask why there is the need for more FTEs.

John Morawski made a motion to adjourn at 7:00. Heidi Happy seconded the motion.

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