

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 6, 2018
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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	X
Debbie Stark, Member	X	
Heidi Happy, Member	X	

1. Call to Order: 7:03 Matt Keane Called the meeting to order.

2. Student Updates- James Stark reported- Snowball spirit week was a success, pennies for patient- collected money for cancer patients, blood donors went went. Raised money for special olympics ~ roughly \$100.

3. Public Comment-

Holly Black- Reconsideration for First Grade Teacher.

Jeanie Hebert-President and CEO of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce addressed the School Committee to request their support for the MSBA appeal that would potentially lead to the renovation and reuse of the McCloskey Middle School as a satellite campus for early college and higher education. Ms. Hebert expressed that the McCloskey campus would be part of an 'Education Hub' for the region. This is an effort that both the state and federal governments are pushing for collaborative work among K-12 school systems, higher education, and the workforce.

Bob Clark - President for Soccer Youth Services- Y14 students would like access for students to practice on the HS fields- at no fee.

Peter Demers- Fields request reiterance. Giving positive praise to administration on the fast and encouraging words spoken to children. Lastly, Peter wanted to praise Patrick Mistler for his work with IT within the town and schools.

4. Authorization to file MSBA Amendment (A)

Mr. Carney recommended that the School Committee authorize an amendment to be filed with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in an effort to suspend the recapture of \$400,000 in remaining grant money for the McCloskey Middle School. Given the School Committee's vote to close the middle school one year before the grant expires, the School Committee and/or Town now assumes the debt burden of \$400,000. Mr. Carney's recommendation to the School Committee is outlined in the February 6, 2018 School Committee documents under Superintendent's Update. For the March 6, 2018 School Committee Meeting, a letter from Mr. Carney to the MSBA Executive Director informing him of the potential authorization for amendment is attached to these minutes).

Mrs. Stark expressed that the School Committee should wait until a new superintendent is appointed to determine if this effort will be a priority for the new leader. Mr. Carney responded that the priorities of this effort are not his own. Rather, collaboration among school districts, higher education, and the workforce has been a priority and strategic improvement effort that has been documented in the School Committee's approved Strategy Overviews covering the years 2013-2020. Mr. Carney also expressed that choosing not to file an amendment this year will guarantee the School Committee with the added expense of \$400,000.

Mrs. Modica expressed concerns that the letter is too committing to a building project. Members discussed revising the letter to the MSBA to be less committing. Ms. Happy expressed the interest to revise a letter for the MSBA.

The School Committee took no action to authorize an amendment with the MSBA to appeal the recapture of \$400,000.

5. Vote to name Whiten Intermediate School (A) - Now number 6.

John Morawski made a motion to change the name from Whitin Elementary School to Whitin Intermediate School. Debbie Stark seconded the motion.

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6. Tiered Focus Monitoring and ELL Review Update- Now number 7.

- Stephanie Geddes presented on special education students
 - Making sure students are making progress
 - Indicator data collection now includes 11, 12, and 13
- Richard Drolet is in charge of civil rights compliance
 - Academic counseling, counseling is free from bias, Teachers are suppose to use DCAP, implementing process for those in the home and in the hospital.

- Ell- using proper tools to identify students
- Self assessment due May 15.

*SC Recommended copies of the pre- referral intervention manual for the schools

7. 2018-2019 School Calendar- First Reading

Debbie Stark made a motion to accept the 18-19 calendar in its first reading. John Morawski seconded the motion.

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8. SWCEC FY17 Report

-received the FY17 report and will attach to the minutes

9. School Committee New Policy- Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy EDF - Second Reading (A)

Brett Pomeroy made a motion to accept the Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy in second reading. John Morawski seconded the motion.

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10. Exxon Mobil Grant Award- (A)

Brett Pomeroy made a motion to accept Exxon Grant Award. Heidi Happy seconded the motion.

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11. Superintendent Update- Day on the Hill - April 25 Any interest?

Thank you to Mrs. Hebert- Chamber of Commerce- Fusion Laser Cutter- engineering students can engrave and cut all materials.

Mr. Carney encouraged sub policy committee to meet on:

Legal Amendments-

Policy Committee for Review- JICH

Recommend- online fundraising and crowdfunding (GoFundMe)- GBEDB

Student submission to surveys - ILD

12. Presentation of Superintendent Finalists

Matt Keane moved this to number 5.

The superintendent screening committee moved three candidates to the finalists.

Kathleen A. Burnham, Nadine Ekstrom, Frank A. Tiano

Finalist interviews on March 22

Site visits- secretary of school committee, parents, municipal members, school committee members, teachers, etc.

Matt Keane will send out a thread to see who can meet for site visits- Tuesday and on.

What days would you like them to be here? Need someone to host the day in each school.
Touring the schools with the principals- central office, etc.
Meet and Greet- with community members and/ or teachers- Feedback form for those who meet the candidates.

13. Old/New Business-

- First Grade
- Numbers for class sizes and school choice
- Soccer fields
- Liaison update
- Consideration for making plant manager position to town wide plant manager.

14. Regular Meeting Minutes

1/16/18 (Public Hearing minutes)

John Morawski made a motion to accept 1/16/18

Heidi Happy seconded.

6-1 Brett Pomeroy abstained

2/6/18

John Morawski made a motion to accept 2/6/18

Hedi Happy seconded the motion

6-0 Jen Modica abstained

15. Next School Committee Meeting - March 20, 2018

16. Adjourn

17. Executive Session- Unit Contract Negotiations

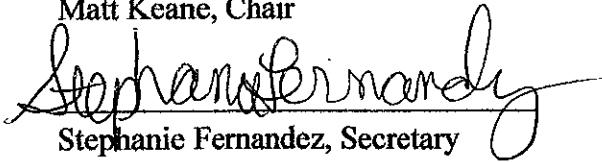
Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Fernandez

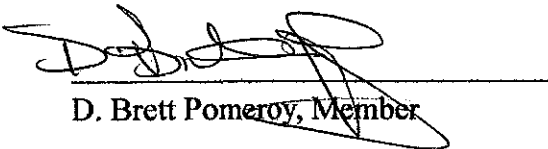
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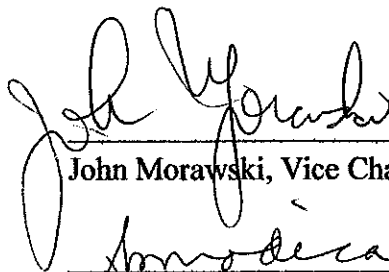
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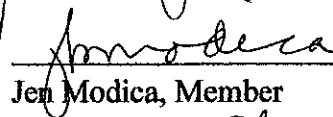
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