

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

Budget Public Hearing

January 19, 2022

6:30pm

Uxbridge High School Library and via Zoom

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| Attendees: | Present | Not Present |
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| Matt Keane, Chair | X | |
| Paul Paulino, Member | | X |
| Kim Cirrone, Member | X (via Zoom) | |
| Brett Pomeroy, Member | X (via Zoom) | |
| Debbie Stark, Member | | X |
| Lisa Mobley, Member | X (via Zoom) | |
| Patrick Tuer, Member | X (via Zoom) | |

- 1. Call to Order 6:32pm by Matt Keane**
- 2. Uxbridge Public Schools Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Public Hearing**

Matt Keane opened the Uxbridge Public Schools Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Public Hearing.

Dr. Dillon thanked Business Manager Brian Hyde and team for great work done on budget to date.

Dr. Dillon referenced preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023), presented to School Committee on January 5, 2022, including knowns and acknowledgment of unknowns.

Copies of preliminary budget are available to public.

Next anticipated step is for School Committee to vote on budget at February 2nd meeting.

Matt Keane opened meeting to questions from School Committee members and members of the general public.

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Motion to close public hearing by Lisa Mobley, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 5-0 Approved.
(KC-Y, PT-Y, LM-Y, BP-Y, MK-Y)

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Patrick Tuer, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 5-0 Approved. (KC-Y, PT-Y,
LM-Y, BP-Y, MK-Y)

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

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2. Executive Session

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Non-union contract negotiations and Union contract negotiations by Debbie Stark, seconded by Patrick Tuer. Vote: 6-0 Approved. (KC-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y. LM-Y. DS-Y, MK-Y)

3. Public Comment:

No public comment.

4. Superintendent Update

Dr. Dillon provided an update on year-to-date Covid 19 case numbers, and where Test and Stay, and Pool testing numbers stand.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and Department of Public Health (DPW) have announced new testing protocols; students and staff who opt-in will have ability to self-test at home. Logistics are still being determined but this will lessen impact on nursing staff within schools.

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DESE extended mask mandate within school buildings until the end of February.

Dr. Dillon congratulated Cecelia Schleinitz, who has been awarded the Mickey Sullivan Student Achievement Award in recognition of her athletic contributions and overall leadership in the Uxbridge High School and MIAA communities.

The January 24th Board of Selectman meeting is at 6:00pm; it will feature acknowledgment of Field Hockey and Cross-Country athletes for their successful fall seasons.

National Honor Society inductees will be recognized at the School Committee meeting on February 2nd.

Jen Ramsdell, Director of Pupil Personnel, communicated update on Special Education community:

Department is working on Peer Focus monitoring.

DESE site visit to Uxbridge Public Schools is on May 23rd; will involve observations in all three buildings, records review, and interviews with key personnel.

Dr. Dwyer, Ms. Ramsdell, and Principals Rubin, DeMarco, and Bellville are looking at interventions and supplemental programs, based on data review, to target areas of need.

Dr. Mobley has been invited to next SEPAC meeting; they are looking to host a virtual Transitions Night (details to follow).

Dr. Dillon shared appreciation for administrators and teachers supporting the social emotional needs of students while boosting academic development during a difficult time.

Discussion regarding Reading Specialist search, and how to get role filled.

5. Assistant Superintendent Update

Dr. Dwyer met with teacher leaders at Whitin School and Uxbridge High School, to get a sense how they are doing.

Professional Development for February and March is being planned.

Mentor Program within district is very robust; meeting for third year teachers was last week, it was very successful and focused on equity.

Dr. Dillon and Dr. Dwyer did a walk-through at Whitin School; 6th grade science students presented projects and administrators viewed ST Math lessons in action.

Dr. Dwyer to meet with first year teachers in Mentor Program about assessment and grading.

6. Business Office Update

FY22 Budget Update

Brian Hyde, Business Manager, reviewed the FY22 budget packet and shared updates and changes from Budget to Actual.

Grants – end dates of a couple title grants are incorrect; will be fixed for next month's report.

District is still waiting for approval from Commonwealth on ESSER III funds; once approved usage will be determined

Food Service Department continues to operate in the black.

Business Office recommends to not change any fees, except for daycare which would be slightly reduced.

FY23 Budget Discussion

Discussion regarding using alternate funding source for portion of Out of District Special Education transportation cost (potentially School Choice account), and whether revolving accounts should be used for known expenses, leaving unknown expenses to be paid from the School Choice account.

School Committee requests breakdown of items designated against budget accounts versus alternate funding, such as ESSER funds, and more in-depth look at why certain accounts (School Facility rentals, School playground, and Pre-School Tuition) maintain significant balances.

7. Approve memorandum of agreement between Uxbridge Teachers Association and Uxbridge School Committee regarding opening of school.

Motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement between Uxbridge Teachers Association and Uxbridge School Committee regarding opening of schools, as presented by Debbie Stark, seconded by Patrick Tuer. Vote: 6-0 Approved. (KC-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, MK-Y)

8. Old/New Business

Old Business

DESE review

Dr. Dillon working with Principal Rubin to identify student representative to School Committee for next school year.

Policy Subcommittee meeting to be scheduled to discuss MASC policies.

Aiming to meet with Capital Planning subcommittee on March 1st.

Dr. Dillon gave brief explanation of Memorandum of Agreement between UTA and Uxbridge School Committee.

New Business

Request for executive session conversation regarding budget for non-union COLA appropriation for FY23.

Lisa Mobley met with Kara Guy re: vision for Uxbridge SEPAC.

February 2nd meeting – recognition of NHS inductees

Approval of FY23 budget

Fee structure approval, prior to budget vote

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