

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting
March 4, 2020
UHS Library

	Present	Not Present
Jennifer Modica, Chair	X	
Matthew Keane, Vice Chair	X	
Kimberly Cirrone, Secretary	X	
Brett Pomeroy, Member	X	
Debbie Stark, Member		X
Erik Voigt, Member	X	
Holly Black, Member	X	

1. Call to order 6:31 pm by Jennifer Modica.

JM: Moving forward, I would like to talk about some of the good things going on in the school system. For example, the UHS drama is putting on a play next weekend called once upon a mattress and will be going on March 13 and 14 at 7:00 pm and March 15 at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are on sale for \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are being sold through cast members and crew or calling the high school main office or central office and speak to Barbara Emerick.

Another good news item is last Sunday I attended the 18th Annual Academic Awards luncheon at the high school to acknowledge the 70+ eleventh and twelfth graders who have been consistent with being on the honor roll. It was a great family event.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Green Communities Presentation

Dr. Kristen Black and Scott Pashoian present an update in regard to Green Communities Grant for the Uxbridge Public Schools.

MK: If we apply for a competitive grant, is there a match we have to put in?

KB: No, no match. It is competitive so if, for example, you have a \$100,000 project and the schools can put in \$10,000 from their budget and 90 percent from Green Communities, they may say that's better than the school that is not putting anything in.

MK: What is the life span of the equipment we are targeting?

SP: The life span of the equipment is 30 years; but with taking care of it, it will last longer.

MK: Is there any recourse for us for the vendor who put the initial equipment in the high school that is not working correctly?

SP: This is not unusual. A lot is taking the time and focusing where we need to focus. It is a continual process.

HB: What does the process of recommissioning mean?

SP: It is software that runs all the systems and communicates electronically to a main operating system. We make sure the operating system is working correctly.

HB: Why is the high school \$185,000 above the average high school in usage?

SP: That is not actual data. The most critical thing is to keep recommissioning the high school since it is the outlier in town.

BH: We spend about \$215,000 a year in electricity in the high school, \$85,000 at Whitin and \$85,000 at Taft.

- When we talk about things such as rehabbing HVAC pumps and fixing steam traps, these types of things feel as they are the farthest away from kids, but they really impact the kids. I would also like to publicly thank Dr. Black for spending as much time as she does regarding all of our schools.

Dr. Tiano and Dr. Black update the School Committee regarding the coronavirus.

KB: On the BOH web page, we built a coronavirus page so residents have one place to go and get all of the information. We made a tiny URL and it is [tinyurl/uxbridge coronavirus](https://tinyurl.com/uxbridge-coronavirus).

4. Charter Review Appointments

Melissa Demaris, Chris Grant, and Patrick Stephan all present why they would like to be appointed to the Charter Review Committee.

Motion to appoint Patrick Stephan to the Charter Review Committee by MK. Second HB. Vote 6-0.

Motion to appoint Melissa Demaris to the Charter Review Committee by MK. Second BP. Vote 6-0.

5. Cooperative Athletic Program

Girls Lacrosse

Motion to approve a Cooperative Athletic Program for Girls Lacrosse between Northbridge High School and Uxbridge High School as outlined in the memo dated 2/27/20 from Michael Rubin by MK. Second HB. Vote 6-0.

6. FY21 Budget

Dr. Tiano presents the Student Opportunity Act.

Dr. Tiano presents Uxbridge Public Schools Student Opportunity Draft Plan: SY 2021-2023.

7. Superintendent Update

Pupil Services Director Search Update

Local District Mutual Aide

Data Use Presentation

Dr. Tiano updates on the process of the Pupil Service Director Search.

Jennifer Modica would like to participate in the interviews.

Dr. Tiano updates on the memorandum of understanding for School Crisis Emergency Condition for Mutual Aid.

Dr. Tiano presents a Data Use Presentation.

Wendy Phillips presents the Data Improvement Process.

Jennifer Bellview presents Data Improvement Process for Taft ELC School.

Leanne DeMarco presents Data Improvement Process for Whitin Intermediate School.

Michael Rubin presents Data Improvement Process for Uxbridge High School.

Question and answer discussions between School Committee and administration regarding data process.

A workshop for data information will be put in place. School Committee members can email the chair specific questions regarding data to set guidelines for the workshop.

8. Policy Subcommittee – First Reading

Public gifts in the schools (current KCD)

Advertising in the schools (Current KHB)

Motion to approve policy KCD Public Gifts in Schools as presented in the first reading by MK.
Second EV. Vote 6-0

Motion to approve policy KHB Advertising in Schools as presented in the first reading by MK.
Second KC. Vote 6-0.

9. Approve Cove Lease for Central Office

Motion to approve the Cove Lease for Central Office for the lease between July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, by MK. Second BP. Vote 6-0.

10. Approve Business Manager Contract

Motion to approve the Business Manager contract from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, by MK. Second BP. Vote 6-0.

11. School Building Advisory Committee Appointment

Motion to appoint Erik Voight to replace Mathew Keane on the School Building Advisory Committee as a School Committee Member by JM. Second MK. Vote 6-0.

12. Old/New Business

None

13. Minutes: 2/26/2020

Motion to approve Uxbridge Public School Committee Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2020, as written by MK. Second BP. Vote 5-0-1.

14. Next meeting: 3/18/2020.

Next School Committee Meeting is March 18, 2020, in the Uxbridge High School Library.

Dr. Tiano has hand written invitations for all School Committee members for Music with Meatballs from Mrs. Penza.

15. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by MK. Second BP. Vote 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Cirrone
School Committee Members:

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