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## UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

(MEETING via ZOOM)

DATE: 9/21/20

ATTENDEES:	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT
MATT KEANE (Chair )	X	
ERIK VOIGT (Vice Chair)	X	
PAUL PAULINO (Secretary)	X	
KIM CIRRONE (Member)		X
BRETT POMEROY (Member)	X	
HOLLY BLACK (Member)	X	
DEBBIE STARK (Member)	X	

1. **Call to Order** 6:31 PM By Matt Keane

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

PPaulino statement of thanks to UPS Admins and staff

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### **3. POLICY APPROVAL**

#### **a. EBCFA FACE COVERINGS – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING (A)**

Dr Tiano provided a preface for the added verbiage regarding REMOTE teachers

**File: EBCFA**

#### **FACE COVERINGS**

The Uxbridge Public School District is committed to providing a safe environment as schools reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to public health experts, one of the best ways to stop the spread of coronavirus and to keep members of our school community safe is the use of face masks or face coverings. Therefore, in accordance with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), the following requirements are in place until further notice.

A face covering that covers the nose and mouth must be worn by all individuals in school buildings and school grounds. Exceptions to this policy under certain circumstances, such as for students with medical, behavioral or other challenges who are unable to wear masks, must be approved by the building principal in consultation with the school nurse or local Board of Health and must provide a written notice from a physician for a requested exemption. If an exception is made, collaboration between the parent/school/student must occur to develop accommodations to develop an educational plan for teaching protocols for mask wearing and that create a protective barrier (such as face shields, Plexiglas barriers, etc.).

Remote only teachers, teaching from their classroom, may remove their mask for instructional purposes under the following conditions: teacher is alone and remains in his/her instructional area; classroom door is closed with signage stopping entrance until precautions are taken; instructional area is sanitized by teacher when finished.

Masks can be disposable or reusable and should contain at least 2 layers of breathable material, fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face. Based upon guidance from the health authorities, open-chin triangle bandanas, and face masks containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind will not be considered appropriate masks. If neck gaiters are worn, they must contain two layers of breathable material.

If a staff member or student does not have a mask that meets the policy guidelines, they will be provided with a mask by the school district.

Student masks or face coverings are to be provided by the student's family. Staff members are responsible for providing their own face coverings. However, the district will supply disposable face covering for individuals who arrive at a building, or board school transportation, without one. All covers must be made of fabric that is approved by the CDC.

If students are in violation of this policy, the student may be removed from the school building for in-person learning until such time as they can comply with the requirement or the requirement is lifted.

Violations of this policy by staff will be handled in the same manner as other violations of School Committee policy. Visitors in violation of this policy will be denied entry to the school/district facility. This policy will remain in place until rescinded by the School Committee.

**LEGAL REF:** Commonwealth of Massachusetts, COVID-19 Order No. 31  
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>

**REFS:** Center for Disease Control and Prevention - Considerations for Wearing Masks -  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

**Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Reopening Guidelines**  
- <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Mask Up MA!** - <https://www.mass.gov/news/mask-up-ma>

**SOURCE:** MASC - August 2020

MOTION to Amend EBCFA Face Covering Policy  
1<sup>st</sup> DS 2<sup>nd</sup> HB

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#### 4. MINUTES APPROVAL

a. 6/10/2020, 6/29/2020, 7/20/2020, 7/27/2020, 8/3/2020, 8/6/2020, 8/20/2020, 8/26/2020, 9/2/2020

PASSED OVER

#### 5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting October 7, 2020

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DS Requesting Reports on ATTENDANCE,  
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT,  
STUDENT PERFORMANCE  
SAFETY OF REMOTE STUDENTS

PP looking for Status on EMOTIONAL WELL BEING of students

OLD BUSINESS HB asking about STAFFING STATUS

DR. Tiano stated we are SHORT 4-5 para-professionals

Paul Johnson (Tech Info Specialist) - hired

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to ADJOURN

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
Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Paulino

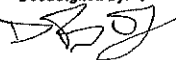
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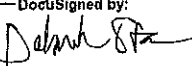
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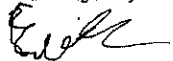
  
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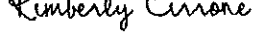
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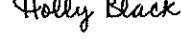
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Holly Black, Member

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