

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

December 21, 2022

5:00pm

Uxbridge High School Library and via Zoom

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Attendees:	Present	Not Present
Patrick Tuer, Chair	X	
Christine Pezzullo, Vice Chair	X	
Barry Desruisseaux, Member	X	
Tiffany Bashaw, Member	X	
Jonathan Rota, Member	X	

1. Call to Order 5:01 pm by Chair Pat Tuer

2. Executive Session

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining in preparation for negotiations with the UTA if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the School Committee's bargaining position, and to discuss strategy with respect to non-union personnel, with new business to follow by Christine Pezzullo, seconded by Tiffany Bashaw. Vote: 5-0 Approved. (JR-Y, TB-Y, BD-Y, CP-Y, PT-Y)

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. DECA Field Trip

Business Teacher Corey Guerra provided an overview of what DECA is, and some information about their upcoming field trip.

Vote on approval for trip will occur during January 4, 2023 meeting.

5. Grant Approvals

Interim Superintendent Dr. Baldassarre shared information about some of the grants district has been awarded this year to date.

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Motion to accept grant funds by Barry Desruisseaux, seconded by Jonathan Rota. Vote: 5-0 Approved. (JR-Y, TB-Y, BD-Y, CP-Y, PT-Y)

6. Interim Superintendent Report

Dr. Baldassarre updated the committee on Fund Code 311 (grant program established toward supporting students' social emotional learning and mental health, and wellness) and shared what the grant funding will help provide; the Department of Education has assigned a team leader, the Director of the BRYT Center in Brookline, and the district has assembled a Behavioral Health and Social Emotional Learning team which will work on cring a three tier model for working with students.

A significant portion of grant funding will be put toward behavioral healthy counselling in the after school program in the spring. A survey related to the after school program has been developed to determine who will participate and who will need transportation (goal for it to run two days a week at the Whitin School and two days a week at Taft Early Learning Center).

December 19th was the first meeting with the School Family Partnership Initiative; worked to identify strengths, gaps, and opportunities to promote positive relationships and family engagement. Olga Lopez, Coordinator of Family Engagement at Department of Education, visited district to tour each school and meet team; as a result additional funding will be made available to assist with program.

Dr. Baldassarre is working with Director of Technology Jessica Brittingham to send out the Conditions for Learning survey, via Survey Monkey.

7. Candidate Profile/Community Needs Assessment

Pat Tuer shared that the Community Needs Assessment responses (to determine what community is looking for in a Superintendent) have come back and the candidate profile will be posted on district website.

Indicated as most desired traits of a Superintendent were ability and insight to recruit strong personnel, excellent people skills, visibility in schools and awareness of schools' activities, community engagement, ability to motivate, guide, and lead people while implementing district mission statement, and use of a systematic approach to managing and improving schools while exhibiting strong organizational skills.

School Committee will look to schedule a workshop and revisit organizational goals based on feedback regarding the need for clear direction of committee.

8. Assistant Superintendent Report

Dr. Dwyer indicated that the anonymous reporting line for bullying has been updated; will be live and available on website with other bullying forms and information.

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Dr. Baldassarre introduced Mark Iacovelli Swibush, a senior at Uxbridge High School who has been working as an unpaid intern in the Technology Department. As of January Mark will become a paid intern, fixing computers at Taft Learning Center, and in July of 2023 will become a full time employee of the Uxbridge Public Schools.

Director of Technology Jessica Brittingham reviewed a new plan for the Technology Department, intended to advance student achievement through the continued integration of curriculum and technology. School Committee will vote on job description change and other action items related to plan at January 4th meeting.

9. Old Business

Pat Tuer shared that the School Committee now has two vacancies; committee will work with Select Board and a joint meeting will be held to interview candidates and appoint new members.

Former School Committee members Matt Keane and Debbie Stark will be formally recognized for their service at an upcoming meeting.

10. Future Agenda Planning

School Committee organizational goals

Education workshop on best practices for School Committees

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Tiffany Bashaw, seconded by Barry Desruisseaux. Vote: 5-0 Approved.
(JR-Y, TB-Y, BD-Y, CP-Y, PT-Y)

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Thomson

Recording Secretary

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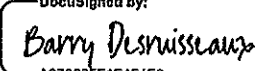
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