

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

November 9, 2022

6:30pm

Uxbridge High School Library and via Zoom

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

1. Call to Order 6:32pm by Matt Keane

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Recognitions

Interim Superintendent Dr. Baldassarre and Principal Jenn Belleville introduced Mrs. Sharon Manz, a Reading Instructional Coach, and Mrs. Reasha Kling, a Math Coach, both of whom are at Taft Early Learning Center.

Mrs. Manz has been with Uxbridge Public Schools for 30 years in a variety of roles, most recently supporting teachers in the implementation of Tier 1 Instruction.

Mrs. Kling has been with the district for 2 years and has been instrumental in modeling the curriculum.

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5. Superintendent Update

Dr. Baldassarre gave an introduction to, and goals update on, the School Choice program.

More information about which school districts accept school choice students, and their policies, is on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website.

District gets \$5,000 per student, per year, for school choice students; Special Education students get additional increments to cover costs of services.

Payments for school choice are overseen by State Treasurer.

Dr. Baldassarre explained how funding works for students coming into district for school choice, and for those leaving to go to other districts.

Districts can specify how many seats they have available by school and by grade.

After School Program

Dr. Baldassarre shared an update on the After School Program, including funding sources and status of professional development related to project based learning.

Program dates will be designed and shared once administration knows how many students will be participating.

Engagement

Uxbridge has been accepted into a 2022-2023 cohort for Family School Partnership Consultancy to help improve family and community engagement; only five or six districts from across state are chosen each year.

2021-2022 Annual Town Report

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Town Report as presented in the first reading by Christine Pezzullo, seconded by Barry Desruisseaux. Vote: 7-0 Approved. (JR-Y, TB-Y, BD-Y, CP-Y, PT-Y, DS-Y, MK-Y)

6. Assistant Superintendent Update

Dr. Dwyer collaborated with Principals Rubin, DeMarco, and Belleville to present data analysis for 2022 MCAS results and STAR assessments.

Administrators acknowledged that there is work to be done to get more students into the meeting and exceeding standards ranges, however growth has been achieved.

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The key action plan is focused on increasing the achievement of all students; this is being done by monitoring students regularly, creating targeted interventions, and focusing on early interventions to combat issues before the need for special education assistance. District has adopted new curriculums like CKLA and Illustrative Math, is soliciting grants for additional programs, and is utilizing literacy and math coaches, and adjustment counselors, all to balance the social and emotional needs of students with academic achievement

The three building Principals shared that they are working together to determine how what they do in one building can positively impact and benefit the students as they move to the subsequent building and grade levels.

7. Liaison Updates

Luke Boisvert from the Student Advisory Council updated the school committee on some events happening at Uxbridge High School, including a Student Council food drive, the Girls on the Run 5K (taking place this weekend) and a coffee and donuts event held in conjunction with the senior citizens at the Senior Center, in recognition of Veterans Day.

Additionally the Drama Club will be presenting "The Play that Went Wrong" on November 18th and 19th (tickets are \$3 for children/students/senior citizens and \$5 for adults), and both the football team and field hockey teams are in the Elite 8 round of the state playoffs.

Starting Wednesday, November 16th National Honor Society members will be offering tutoring after school to any students looking to receive assistance with their classwork.

8. Overnight Travel Approval

Motion to approve overnight travel for Nature's Classroom trip for the 6th grade class for March 22-24, 2023, as presented by Debbie Stark, seconded by Christine Pezzullo. Vote: 7-0 Approved. (JR-Y, TB-Y, BD-Y, CP-Y, PT-Y, DS-Y, MK-Y)

9. Sub-Committee Updates

Motion to approve FY24 Budget Calendar as presented by Barry Desruisseaux, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 7-0 Approved. (JR-Y, TB-Y, BD-Y, CP-Y, PT-Y, DS-Y, MK-Y)

Patrick Tuer, Chair of the Budget Subcommittee, reminded the committee of the 5 goals the budget subcommittee has identified as their priority items.

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Motion to approve FY24 budget goals as presented by Barry Desruisseaux, seconded by Tiffany Bashaw. Vote: 7-0 Approved. (JR-Y, TB-Y, BD-Y, CP-Y, PT-Y, DS-Y, MK-Y)

10. Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss union contract negotiations, and to discuss non-union contract negotiations, with no business to follow by Barry Desruisseaux, seconded by Christine Pezzullo. Vote: 7-0 Approved. (JR-Y, TB-Y, BD-Y, CP-Y, PT-Y, DS-Y, MK-Y)

School Committee Members:

Matthew Keane, Chair


Debbie Stark, Member

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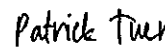
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Barry Desruisseaux, Member

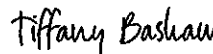
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