

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

May 30, 2023

BOS Meeting Room

***Joint meeting with BOS**

School Committee Members in Attendance:

| | Present | Absent |
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| Mr. Barry Desruisseaux, Acting Chair | X | |
| Mr. Benjamin Casper | X | |
| Ms. Arlene Liscinsky | X | |
| Mr. David Shinnick | X | |

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Desruisseaux called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

2. Appointments to the School Committee

The Committee and the BOS interviewed residents who had asked to be considered to be appointed to two seats on the School Committee until the May 2024 elections.

The following questions were asked by Board and Committee members:

Mr. Shinnick: "How would you go about defining and measuring success in the district and what measures would you take for measuring accountability for that success? What role do you see feedback from the community in terms of school board/school committee meetings?"

Ms. Liscinsky: "What do you believe is school board members' statutory role and responsibility and how does that role differ from the role of the superintendent or administration (as your perception)? How does a school board balance the need to provide a quality education with the need to respond to the local taxpayer burden?"

Mr. Casper: "What would you name as the three key process indicators to define the success of the school district?"

Mr. Demers: "How many school committee meetings have you attended in the last 12 months?" He also asked that, with 4 school committee seats open during the previous week's election, "how come [you] weren't on the ballot?"

Mr. Wise: "Do you understand the time commitment and will you be able to fulfill it and be able to stay with the Committee?"

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Mr. Mandile: "With a steadily increasing population of English language learners, what are your ideas on how best to support these students and their families?"

As a follow-up to Mr. Mandile's question, Mr. Shaw asked questions which included the following: "How would you think would be the best method as a school committee member to implement a program such as that? What would be your process? Would that be a policy of the school committee or is that something that the school committee would want to direct the superintendent to look into?"

Mr. Plasko asked Ms. Tamsky and Mr. Maharay: "How do you deal with people who may have conflicts whether it be board members having a difference of opinion on something, or maybe the superintendent? How would you get everyone on the same page?"

These following candidates answered the above questions and shared their background and reasons for seeking the appointments:

- a. Aaron Lenart (6:32-6:59)
- b. Claudia Tamsky (7:00-7:29)
- c. Ed Maharay (7:29-7:47)

Mr. Desruisseaux entertained a motion to take a 10 minute recess. Ms. Liscinsky moved the motion. Mr. Shinnick seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0 in favor of the motion. The motion passed. (7:48)

Mr. Desruisseaux entertained a motion to come out of recess and get back to our joint meeting. Ms. Liscinsky moved the motion. Mr. Casper seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0 in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Upon the return from recess, Mr. Desruisseaux announced that the 8:00 candidate did not show up and they were going to wait a few minutes for the 8:30 candidate. Mr. Sette used this time to discuss his recommended scoring system for the members to vote on the two appointments. The members would rank the candidates on a scale of 1st choice, 2nd choice and 3rd choice. The first choice would get assigned 1 point, the 2nd choice would get assigned 2 points, and the 3rd choice would get assigned 3 points. After all points are tallied the two candidates with the lowest total points would be appointed. Mr. Demers suggested an alternate system where each member would simply vote for their two selections. The members of the Committee and BOS agreed to Mr. Demers's proposal.

At 8:35, Mr. Desruisseaux announced that the last two candidates did not show up so he asked everyone to vote on their sheets for their selections.

Town manager Sette counted the votes.

Mr. Desruisseaux entertained a motion to appoint Aaron Leinart to a one-year position on the Uxbridge school committee. Ms. Liscinsky moved the motion. Mr. Shinnick seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0 in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Desruisseaux entertained a motion to appoint Ed Maharay to the school committee for a one-year term. Ms. Liscinsky moved the motion. Mr. Shinnick seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0 in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

The following 2 candidates were appointed:

Aaron Leinart

Ed Maharay

3. Adjournment

Mr. Desruisseaux entertained a motion to adjourn the school committee meeting. Mr. Casper moved the motion. Mr. Shinnick seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0 in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:41PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Stark

Uxbridge School Committee Recording Secretary

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Mr. Barry Desruisseaux, Chair

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