

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

November 4, 2020

6:30pm

(Meeting via Zoom platform)

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Attendees:	Present	Not Present
Matt Keane, Chair	X	
Erik Voight, 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 6:30pm by Matt Keane
2. Public Comment:

No emails for public comment.

Matt Keane congratulated Mr. Michael Rubin, Principal at Uxbridge High School, on being chosen High School Principal of the Year.

Paul Paulino welcomed Giovina Ferrante-George, Grades 2-7 Team Chair at Taft and Whitin Schools.

3. Board of Health Update

Dr. Tiano introduced Jamie Terry, Interim Board of Health Agent for Uxbridge. She shared that Uxbridge Public Schools are currently following all recommendations from Governor Baker and DESE Commissioner Riley on Covid 19 protocols.

When necessary, information about positive cases in the district will be shared via letter. Close contact determinations will be based on the guidelines of having been within 6 feet of an infected person, for more than 15 minutes, over a 24-hour span.

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4. Superintendent Update

Hybrid Learning Update

Wendy Phillips, Director of Curriculum, gave an overview on the Professional Development day the staff just participated in, including some of the best practices shared and goals that were planned. Principals Rubin, DeMarco, and Bellville chimed in on what a successful day they all thought it was.

School Committee requested to receive feedback from staff on effectiveness and appropriateness of Professional Development days' agenda and activities.

Additional request for School Committee to receive update on data analysis (STAR assessments).

Principals are doing frequent check-ins to assess Social/Emotional wellbeing of students and families, and teacher-leaders are sharing feedback on how staff are doing.

Jen Ramsdell provided an update on Special Education; students are receiving IEP services. Department is busy but things are going well.

District is prioritizing bringing K-5 learners back first; determining space needs based on required 6' distance, belief is that all Grade 1 and Grade 2 students can be back in the building.

School Committee expressed concern over size of classes that are remaining full remote; agreed with plan to bring back all first graders who want to return, but request that remaining students be divided into two remote classrooms. Committee would like to receive data on current classrooms: total number of students in cohorts, and actual room capacity.

Option is available for full remote learning during potential inclement weather; decision will be made on a case-by-case basis whether it will be a remote learning day, a 2-hour delay, or a traditional snow day.

Dr. Tiano provided a staffing update on needs and available positions.

5. Athletic participation in remote learning

Decision on participation in athletic competitions, should high school or entire district need to go full remote, will be situational. School Committee will make a motion at that time, should the situation warrant it.

6. Annual Town Report 2019-2020 First Reading

Motion to approve Uxbridge School District Annual Town Report for 2019-2020 school year, in the first reading, by Debbie Stark, seconded by Erik Voight. Vote: 7-0. Approved.

7. Facilities Update

Scott Pasholian, Director of Facilities, provided an update on capital projects and facilities upkeep; including changes and improvements to buildings, such as heating and cooling, roof projects, LED lighting retrofits, and motor upgrades, and processes to deal with Covid 19 safety protocols.

8. Data Request

Motion that School Committee request that Dr. Tiano produce, on a bi-weekly basis, attendance reports, separated out by grades, and by cohorts, and by special education cohort by Debbie Stark, seconded by Erik Voight. Vote: 7-0. Approved.

Motion that School Committee request that Dr. Tiano work with Administration to design a rubric that would identify student participation, by grade level, cohort, and special education cohort, that would be given to School Committee by first meeting in December by Debbie Stark, seconded by Erik Voight. Vote: 7-0. Approved.

Motion that School Committee request Dr. Tiano provide School Committee a breakdown about how time on learning requirements are achieved by cohort, and by grade, in current models by Debbie Stark, seconded by Erik Voight. Vote: 7-0. Approved.

9. Discussion of MASC resolution 1 on MCAS testing

Motion that Uxbridge School Committee recommend Resolution 1 MCAS testing and high stakes testing, as written by the MA Board of Directors, with one alteration: in second sentence of second to last stanza change word demand to strongly request, by Debbie Stark, seconded by Brett Pomeroy. Vote: 7-0. Approved.

10. MASC Delegate Nomination

Motion that Uxbridge School Committee appoint Matt Keane to be delegate at annual MASC conference by Debbie Stark, seconded by Holly Black. Vote: 7-0. Approved.

11. Old/New Business

Old Business:

Update on fundraising for Boosters lights project at field

New Business:

Data for Star assessments

Budget Update for FY21

Budget discussion for FY22

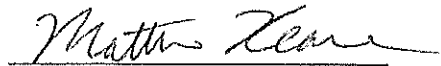
12. Executive Session

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Union Contract Negotiations, and Executive Session meeting minute approval by Debbie Stark, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 7-0.
Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dierdre Thomson

Recording Secretary



Matthew Keane – Chair




Debbie Stark – Member

Erik Voigt – Vice Chair

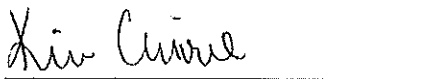


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