

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

September 22, 2021

6:30pm

Uxbridge High School Library and via Zoom

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Attendees:	Present	Not Present
Matt Keane, Chair	X	
Paul Paulino, Member	X	
Kim Cirrone, Member		X
Brett Pomeroy, Member	X (via Zoom)	
Debbie Stark, Member	X	
Lisa Mobley, Member	X	
Patrick Tuer, Member	X	

1. Call to Order 6:34pm by Matt Keane

2. Public Comment:

No public comment.

3. Town Manager Introduction

Matt Keane introduced Town Manager Steve Sette. Sette shared that town is in good financial position; there has been substantial growth past year. There are some infrastructure needs but with additional funds they should be addressed.

Plan for joint meetings between Board of Selectman, Finance Committee, and School Committee in order to best prepare for budget process.

Town Meeting is on October 26th and 27th, scheduled for 2 nights. First night will be all warrant articles except for Charter Review, second night will be dedicated to Charter Review changes. Masks are required at the meeting, which will be held at Valley Chapel.

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4. Uxbridge Charter Review Update

Patrick Stefan, Chairperson, reviewed the function and make-up of the Charter Review Committee, and the process to amend and update the Uxbridge Town Charter. Town Charters are above by-laws or policies in precedence in Massachusetts government.

The nine-member committee meets every ten years and recommends amendments to the Town Charter; in order to proceed an amendment needs a 2/3 vote in favor at Town Meeting, and then it will advance to the Attorney General for approval process.

Mr. Stefan shared some of the proposed revisions, including changing the name of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board; granting the Finance Committee discretion to pass on Town Meeting warrant recommendations; Establishing an elected Board of Public Works; Adding a Human Resources professional to assist Town Manager; and introducing annual audits and quadrennial forensic audits, among others.

5. Superintendent Update

Dr. Dillon thanked town administration and departments, and school principals for their leadership and hard work to start the school year.

He announced that Uxbridge High School has been designated a Unified Champion School by the Special Olympics.

SEPAC has made a recommendation to have a School Committee member as a liaison with their team; once a month they will meet and then liaison will report back to ensure that SEPAC has a voice at School Committee meetings.

Principal Rubin and Dr. Dillon are working to determine criteria for being the student representative on School Committee and will have a recommendation for first meeting in October. School Committee members requested to review Student Council by-laws to ensure they are the most appropriate student body group from which to choose a representative.

Dr. Dillon shared the current vaccination rates for eligible students and provided an update on the success of the Test and Stay program to date.

Taft and Whitin Schools are having virtual Open Houses; Whitin has Meet the Teacher Night tomorrow, Thursday, September 23rd, and Taft's Open House is next Thursday, September 30th.

Uxbridge Public Schools have a recommendation in to utilize the State's mobile unit for a vaccination event.

Taft and Whitin roof projects still on track for estimated completion dates; Taft shingle work should be finished by mid-October and the roof is estimated to be finished by the end of October. Whitin is still on track to be completed by the second week of October.

Small areas of each roof will be delayed due to insulation being on back order, however maintenance will be done to mitigate leaks, etc. in the interim.

A plan is in place to recognize and thank Food Service workers.

Committee members inquired about the possibility of remote learning; Dr. Dillon shared that an Owl has been purchased (and more can be acquired) to be used for meetings and can be used for remote learning if necessary.

6. Assistant Superintendent Update

Dr. Dwyer reviewed recommendations for use of the \$2,187,022 in ESSER 3 funding that will be available over the next two years.

She provided historical context for ESSER 2 and ESSER 3 funding, and shared which stakeholder groups responded to the survey about use of the funds.

School Committee requested to see data to support or debate necessity for some of the positions and expenditures recommended in funding plan; Dr. Dwyer will provide by beginning of February.

Administration will be reviewing data and analytics outline for whole district to determine best methods of collecting and assessing data, to accurately measure success of programs.

Patrick Mistler, Director of Technology, communicated a list of some of the technological purchases and enhancements the district has made in the past two years, to highlight commitment district has made to educational technology.

Dr. Dwyer provided feedback and results from the district DESE report, which was a targeted review of SY19-20.

Motion to approve ESSER 3 grant proposal as presented by the Administration by Patrick Tuer, seconded by Lisa Mobley. Vote: 5-1. Approved. (MK-Y, BP-Y, PT-Y, LM-Y, PP-Y, DS-N)

7. Business Office Update

Business Manager Brian Hyde reviewed Budget to Actual as of August 31st.

Discussion regarding grant application and fulfillment process and staffing needs.

School Committee requested to see Year End Budget to Actual for Food Service department.

Numbers are up for Uxbridge Extended Day program; report will be provided at the end of September on their enrollment, tuition etc.

8. "Light up the U" funding discussion

Discussion regarding whether to contribute funding to project, and if so, how much.

School Committee will consider forming a study group to determine priorities and requests for athletic improvements (including lights at football field), which will then be discussed with Town Manager and/or proposed as an article for Town Meeting.

9. Old/New Business

Old Business

Matt Keane sent an email to Tracy Novick requesting slides, will send out upon receipt.

District Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plans will be discussed after School Committee and Superintendent goals are determined.

New Business

Process/protocol for when School Committee needs to address an issue brought up by a parent.

Preschool playground update – ADA compliance

Process of how ESSER 2 money was appropriated

Calendar review

MASC conference, November 3rd-6th; virtual attendance still available

10. Minute Approval

Motion to approve Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes for November 18, 2020, as presented by Paul Paulino, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 4-0-2 (Lisa Mobley and Patrick Tuer abstained). Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, DS-Y, BP-Y)

Motion to approve Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes for July 6, 2021, as presented by Paul Paulino, seconded by Lisa Mobley. Vote: 5-0-1 (Patrick Tuer abstained). Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, DS-Y, LM-Y, BP-Y)

Motion to approve Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes for August 4, 2021, as presented by Paul Paulino, seconded by Lisa Mobley. Vote: 5-0-1 (Brett Pomeroy abstained). Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, DS-Y, LM-Y, PY-Y)

Motion to approve Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes for August 20, 2021, as presented by Lisa Mobley, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote:6-0. Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y)

Motion to approve Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes for September 8, 2021, as presented by Patrick Tuer, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 6-0. Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y)

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Patrick Tuer, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 6-0. Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y)

Meeting adjourned at 10:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Matthew Keane

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Matthew Keane, Chair

Paul Paulino, Secretary

Deb Stark, Member

L. Mobley

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Lisa Mobley, Member

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Kim Cirrone, Vice-Chair

Patrick Tuer

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Brett Pomeroy, Member

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