

**Uxbridge School Committee Meeting**

**October 6, 2021**

**6:30pm**

**Uxbridge High School Library and via Zoom**

Uxbridge School Clerk  
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<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
<b>Matt Keane, Chair</b>	X	
<b>Paul Paulino, Member</b>	X	
<b>Kim Cirrone, Member</b>	X (via Zoom)	
<b>Brett Pomeroy, Member</b>	X	
<b>Debbie Stark, Member</b>	X	
<b>Lisa Mobley, Member</b>	X	
<b>Patrick Tuer, Member</b>	X (via Zoom)	

**1. Call to Order 6:31pm by Matt Keane**

**2. Public Comment:**

Emily Costa, 53 Henry Street, Uxbridge, spoke as a representative of Uxbridge Spartan Boosters Club in support of the "Light up the U" project and fundraising plan, as originally developed.

David Lyman, 4 Holbrook Lane, Uxbridge (Staff member/coach/parent) requested update on athletic field(s) project plans.

Cecelia, President of the Uxbridge High School Student Council, shared updates on the opening of school and student activities such as the pep rally and Homecoming. Student Council, with Administration, is reviewing feedback from the Google forms sent to parents.

**3. Superintendent Update**

Dr. Dillon introduced Joe Buckley, a former Superintendent who is acting as a coach and mentor during transition process. Mr. Buckley shared steps and program by which he is offering guidance.

K-5 math program that was approved over the summer has been implemented with students; both paper and digital formats being utilized.

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Dr. Dillon recognized Patrick Mistler, Director of Technology, and his team for their excellent work and tech support.

He shared an update on Covid 19 cases in district, Test and Stay Program numbers, and the 2% increase in vaccination rates since last report.

Mobile vaccine clinic request was rejected; Board of Healthy may run a smaller vaccination event in future.

District is administering a joint survey with Teacher's Association to determine staff vaccination status. Committee will plan discussion regarding how to determine if reaching vaccination percentage threshold is enough to remove mask mandate.

Board of Health is hosting a flu shot clinic on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm at Uxbridge High School.

Asphalt shingle project on Taft roof is complete; remainder of Taft roof project is 65% complete. Whitin School roof completion is 80%.

Dr. Dillon spoke to challenges with staff absences and a lack of available subs. Plan to add one additional in-house sub at each school building. Administration will be distributing a poll to existing subs to determine what might incentivize people.

Jaclyn Brochu was recognized for receipt of Blackstone Valley Superintendents' and Curriculum Consortium "Promising Practices Education Award" for being innovative with technology and motivating and inspiring students.

ESSER III grant was submitted on time.

#### **4. Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Entry Plan**

Dr. Dillon reviewed the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Entry Plan including goals and process, and the tasks and timeline to get goals met.

#### **5. Assistant Superintendent Update**

Dr. Dwyer shared an analysis of current data collection review process, per school and grade level, for both literary assessments and mathematic assessments, and what is being done to address needs and discrepancies.

#### **6. Update on school playgrounds**

Dr. Dillon recognized Brian Hyde, Business Manager, and Facilities Director Scott Pashoian, for their work gathering information.

Nancy White of Playground Inspections of New England is preparing a report detailing safety status of playgrounds; will provide recommendations for fixes and improvements (report expected mid-October).

Concurrently work is being done on the Taft Pre-K playground to address and adjust the accessibility ramp; it is being re-graded, and compacted, and weed blocker and stone dust are being added.

Town-wide there is an assessment into ADA compliance of all buildings, so playgrounds will be included in this project.

On the Taft community playground there will be removal of dangerous tree limbs, and addition of new mulch in larger quantities; this project will happen in late October/November. Spacewalk component of play structure will be repaired on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

At Whittin School more mulch has been added and some play areas will be expanded to meet use area requirements.

Some initial work is being done on each playground and then additional considerations/suggestions will be presented once ADA town report, and the Playground Inspections of New England reports are received.

Discussion about how and when projects are determined to be priority items that might then warrant donations or fundraising initiatives.

#### **7. ESSER II fund allocation approval**

Dr. Dillon reviewed the historical context for ESSER II and ESSER III funding, including two small changes.

Motion to approve ESSER II grant request in the amount of \$947,003 by Paul Paulino, seconded by Lisa Mobley. Vote: 6-0-1 (Debbie Stark abstained). Approved (MK-Y, PP-Y, KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, PT-Y, DS-abstained)

#### **8. School Committee Goal Review**

Dr. Dillon presented the 2021-2022 School Committee Goals for review, including key actions and benchmarks for (4) goals:

- Improve Family and Community engagement;
- Ensure access to high quality curriculum and instruction;
- Sustain a safe environment, supportive of students and staff needs; and

**Provide an ongoing commitment to Human Resources Management and Development.**

**School Committee to send any action items or benchmarks to Matt Keane or Dr. Dillon.**

**9. Appoint SEPAC Liaison**

**Paul Paulino selected as the School Committee liaison to SEPAC.**

**10. Old/New Business**

**Old Business**

**Meeting with Town Manager regarding process to present article to town for funding request.  
Work together to determine a list of priority projects.**

**Action item to determine "Light Up the U" funding amount**

**Discussion regarding expectations for amount of money in School Choice account**

**Creation of SPED Stabilization Account**

**New Business**

**Procure updated estimate on April 3, 2020 document**

**Status and update of Emergency Response situation in schools**

**11. Minutes Approval**

**Motion to approve December 16, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented by Paul Paulino, seconded by Brett Pomeroy. Vote: 5-0-2 (Lisa Mobley and Patrick Tuer abstained). Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, KC-Y, DS-Y, BP-Y)**

**Motion to approve December 23, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented by Brett Pomeroy, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 5-0-2 (Lisa Mobley and Patrick Tuer abstained). Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, KC-Y, DS-Y, BP-Y)**

**Motion to approve September 22, 2021 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as amended by Paul Paulino, seconded by Brett Pomeroy. Vote: 5-0-2 (Kim Cirrone and Debbie Stark abstained). Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, PT-Y)**

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Motion to approve September 22, 2021 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented by Brett Pomeroy, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 6-0-1 (Kim Cirrone abstained). Approved. (MK-Y, PP-Y, BP-Y, DS-Y, LM-Y, PT-Y)

12. Executive Session

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss union contract negotiations, non-union contract negotiations, and Executive Session minute approval for 04/01/2020, 04/06/2020, 04/22/2020, 04/27/2020, 05/06/2020, 05/27/2020, 08/08/2021 by Brett Pomeroy, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 7-0 Approved (MK-Y, PP-Y, BP-Y, KC-Y, DS-Y, LM-Y, PT-Y)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Matthew Keane*

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Matthew Keane, Chair

Paul Paulino, Secretary

Deb Stark, Member

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Lisa Mobley, Member

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Kim Cirrone, Vice Chair

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Patrick Tuer, Member

*Brett Pomeroy*

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Brett Pomeroy, Member

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