

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting
November 13, 2019
UHS Library

	Present	Not Present
Debbie Stark, Chair	X	
Matthew Keane, Vice Chair	X	
Kimberly Cirrone, Secretary	X	
Brett Pomeroy, Member	X	
Erik Voigt, Member	X	
Holly Black, Member		X
Jennifer Modica, Member	X	

1. Call to order 7:02 pm by Debbie Stark
2. Public Comment
 - None
3. Class of 2020 SENIOR WEEK PROPOSAL
 - Postponed to a potential December date
4. School Improvement Plans
 - DS: Has anything changed since our October 3 meeting?
 - FT: No
 - DS: Were there any votes taken by School Councils to approve them?
 - FT: High school had been approved. Whitin has now been approved.
 - DS: Students and staff have handbooks to set policies to follow. School Committee has policy manual that is a guiding document, like a handbook we expect our students and staff to follow, along with School Committee laws.
 - MK: BDFA-E-1 reads School Council in conjunction with principal shall be responsible for preparing. Taft has brought it back to its School Council at its meeting subsequent to our last meeting.

Motion that the Uxbridge School Committee accepts the School Improvement Plans for 2019-2020 for Taft School, Whitin School, and Uxbridge High School by DS. Second by MK. Vote 5-0-1.

5. Superintendent Goals
 - MK: The updated goals are more measurable and ultimately make a better process for both Superintendent and School Committee while doing the evaluation

Motion that the School Committee accepts Superintendent Goals for 2019-2020 as presented by D.S. Second by MK. Vote 6-0.

6. Subcommittee Updates

Policy Subcommittee

- MK: Since our last School Committee meeting, we have had two meetings working on KCD policy and advertising in schools. Have a draft for subcommittee members to review. Hope to have one meeting before next School Committee meeting to be able to read that in at our first School Committee meeting in December.

Motion to accept policy ADA as written in its first reading by MK. Second by BD. Vote 6-0.

Motion to accept policy BA as written in its first reading by MK. Second by KC. Vote 6-0.

Budget Subcommittee

Brett Pomeroy presents School Committee budget subcommittee goals.

- Maintain optimal class size
- Enhance instructional technology
- Further district goals
- Provide professional development to enhance staff capacity
- Ensure the health and wellness of students and staff

Motion to accept the five budget subcommittee budget goals as written by BP. Second by JM. Vote 6-0.

7. Business Update

Mr. Hyde presents FY19 budget to actual

Mr. Hyde presents revolving accounts as of September 30, 2019

- DS: Can we get a breakdown of how the unforeseen special education costs for OOD came about? Which category each fell into? Were they existing students who were identified as potentials, existing students not identified as potentials, or students who came into our system as a move in?

Mr. Hyde presents Grants, Circuit Breaker, Medicaid as of September 30, 2019.

Mr. Hyde presents FY21 CIP

- Past, present and future capital improvement projects
- Budget managers, Dr. Tiano, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Pashoian, met together to come up with a proposal for the Town Manager. Categorized into different schools and years, shared with School Committee budget subcommittee.

Discussion on funding for capital improvement

- Potentially qualify for money from state.

- Applied to state in 2017 and were denied – had requested a roof at Whitin, boiler at Taft – denied due to age.
- SBA reimbursement requests – could qualify with roof at Whitin

8. Capital Improvement Plan

Motion to approve Uxbridge Public School's Capital Improvement Program Summary FY2021-2025 as written by MK. Second by EV. Vote 6-0.

9. Enrollment

- MK: Are any enrollment numbers getting close to capacity for the buildings?
- FT: Mr. Rubin and I spoke the other day. If it continues trending down, it will be tight. This is something we are in conversations with the principal right now.
- MR: Have three or four academic teachers this year who float, when they do not have a class. This especially happens with science labs, some humanity teachers. We would be tight on things such as lockers, if we were in a world where everyone used lockers. Overall, we are doing OK.
- MK: We have 180 Uxbridge students going OOD. Is there any capacity to reach out to those families and survey why they want OOD?
- FT: Dr. Drolet sent surveys out and received them back. Would like to send that survey again.
- MK: How do vocational schools determine students' residency and who gets billed for that student.
- FT: Through student registration.
- DS: Why have we lost so many students between ninth and tenth grade this year?
- MR: Some is retention.

10. Superintendent Update

Dr. Tiano presents first quarter reports from Bi-County collaborative and the South Western Worcester County Collaborative.

FT: We were fortunate to be chosen by the state to have an overall district review which will take place January 13-16, 2020.

11. Transfer from District Gifts Account

Motion to authorize expenditure \$4,462.00 from the district wide gift account for the CopSync 911 System by MK. Second by KC. Vote 6-0.

12. 2018-2019 Annual Town Report

Motion the School Committee accept the 2018-2019 Annual Town Report as written as first reading by DS. Second by KC. Vote 6-0.

13. SATM Article MOU Transporting Foster Children

Motion to approve the article for the MOU between the town and the Department of Children and Families as written by JM. Second MK. Vote 6-0.

14. Central Office Public Accessibility

- DS: Realized Central Office is not handicap accessible.
- FT: We have researched and contacted our attorney as well as our landlord, and we believe we have a way to resolve accessing our services. Looking into signage and believe to have a financial plan by end of the week.

15. Chain of Command and Communication

- DS: As a parent, if there is a concern with your child, it goes to his or her teacher. If it still needs addressing, it goes to administration, then superintendent, not too often but if it needs to then to the School Committee.
- DS: With regard to communication, School Committee member to member and member to administrators and Dr. Tiano.
- FT: If committee member emails Dr. Tiano, then cc the chair. If there is a question for any administrators, also cc Dr. Tiano.

16. Old/New Business

- DS: Look into getting a sense of our lockdown procedures, whether in executive session or not.
- The information Dr. Tiano sent us as accountability aspects would like to put off to potentially second meeting in December to have it paired down some then work to have it streamlined.
- DS: Like to potentially discuss if any appetite in School Committee to help fund out of school choice for the field lights.
- DS: Did we change access to our buildings for teachers and an understanding of why?
- BH: Standardized all of our buildings from 6:00 am – 10:00 pm with card access Monday through Friday for the safety of our students.
- DS: Want to revisit our recess policy.
- MK: Add the Building Committee to the next agenda.
- MK: Look into expanding daycare program.

- MK: Policy subcommittee will be revisiting food service policy on meals, so it should be on the agenda at some point to discuss as part of that policy discussion.

17. Minutes to Approval

Motion to accept Uxbridge School Committee regular session meeting minutes for October 2, 2019, as written by MK. Second by BP. Vote 5-0-1.

18. Next Meeting

- December 4, 2019, at 6:30 UHS library. Workshop hosted by our MASC representative on roles and responsibility of Superintendent and School Committee on November 25, 2019, at 6:0 pm to UHS library.

19. Adjournment

Motion to move into executive session to discuss contract negotiation/union personnel/nonunion personnel with no business to follow by MK. Second by BP. Vote: Modica-Yes, Keane-Yes, Cirrone-Yes, Pomeroy-Yes, Voight-Yes, Stark-Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Cirrone

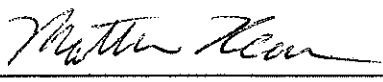
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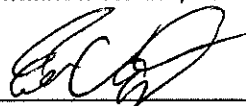

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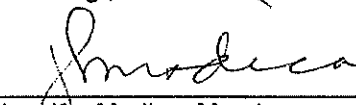

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