

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

November 17, 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 m	

1. Call to Order 6:30pm by Matt Keane

2. Public Comment:

Paul Paulino offered congratulations to the Uxbridge High School girls' field hockey team on their successful season thus far; and wished them good luck in their game against Ipswich.

3. Superintendent Update

Dr. Dillon provided an update on Covid 19 case numbers, and the use of the Pool testing, and Test and Stay programs.

CIC (organization used by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) did provide a resource to assist with testing.

Board of Health is hosting a vaccination clinic on Saturday, November 20th from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Uxbridge Senior Center. Pre-registration is required.

District is hiring for a school nurse.

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Blissful Meadows Golf Club presented a \$6,000 donation to Uxbridge Public Schools; Administration is looking to use to enhance safety and security planning measures within district.

Motion to accept the gift of \$6,000 from Blissful Meadows, with gratitude, and appropriate the funds to be used toward safety and security planning by Patrick Tuer, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 6-0. Approved (PT-Y, BP-Y, KC-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

There is an uptick in social and emotional needs in students; the district is taking measures to support each student.

Uxbridge Public Schools is working with the Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, and Uxbridge Police Department to evaluate traffic patterns and determine ways to improve safety around entrance to high school.

Administration will send out survey after Thanksgiving to measure staff emotional health and wellness; Dr. Dillon to provide opportunities (including tours) for School Committee members to show staff they are appreciated, and their wellbeing is important.

4. Assistant Superintendent Update

Looking to finish data collection in schools by beginning of January.

Both ESSA and ASOST (Afterschool and Out-of-School time) grants have been submitted; team is working on process of streamlining grant submissions and awards.

Dr. Dwyer is talking with Principals, teachers, and consultants about curriculum development; how to drive district forward in terms of student achievement and align curriculum with Massachusetts' standards.

She is visiting classrooms at each school; and working with representatives for the new curriculum programs (OpenSciEd and Illustrative Math), as well as formalizing building walkthroughs for district leadership team.

There is a 2-day training session in January for OpenSciEd which Dr. Dwyer and Principal Demarco will attend.

Dr. Dwyer is looking to get permission to put videos on the district website so parents can be able to see samples of curriculum.

School Committee requested information on data subgroups; Administration will share data broken down into subgroups, to help determine needs and what can be done for particular groups, without sharing identifying information.

5. FY22 Business Update

Brian Hyde, Business Manager, reviewed the FY22 budget packet and shared updates and changes from Budget to Actual.

Question regarding whether committee needs to proactively plan for reenactment of fees (athletic, transportation, etc.), or alternative funding source (operating budget) when revolving account no longer has surplus.

Grants continue to be reviewed to ensure awarded money can be spent, per stipulations.

Discussion regarding school choice numbers and Chapter 70 funding.

Food Service department had net profit of \$41,000 last month.

Brian Hyde reviewed revenue and expenses for October, and balance for fiscal year, for Extended Day program. Benefits from collected revenue will be paid at the end of fiscal year. Need for discussion in future whether fees that were increased during Covid will remain at new rate or revert back.

School Committee made request that Budget Subcommittee reviews all fees and makes recommendations for future action.

6. School Council Liaison Update

Kim Cirrone met with Principal Rubin and did walkthrough of Uxbridge High School; she shared positive review of overall process and school happenings.

Committee discussed creating rotating schedule of walkthroughs in each building, once a month.

School Committee liaison is not participatory role in School Council; they are simply a communication conduit and available to answer questions.

7. School Choice Financial Policy

Plan is to create a policy regarding usage of revolving account money (primarily school choice) and recommendations with respect to what remaining balance should be.

School Committee will establish priorities for spending and projects; Administration will help determine what reserves should be, based on history and previous expenditures.

8. Facilities and Capital Planning Subcommittee Update

Review of the list Administration created prioritizing capital needs. Identified priorities as 1, 2, and 3, with 1 being highest. Priority 1 projects total \$1,437,250.00 and projects from all 3 levels add up to \$9,561,000.00.

Plan to separate infrastructure needs from athletic needs.

Discussion regarding having smaller Capital expenses amounts (those not large enough to hit Capital Planning level) put into operating budget; if other emergencies arise the needs could still be covered through school choice account.

All capital expenses, even those funded through alternate source, should still be shared with Capital Planning Subcommittee.

All capital project asks will require 3 quotes, with 1 being from a local vendor, unless they need to go out to bid.

Motion to approve Administration prioritization of capital needs for facilities in the amount of \$1,437,250.00 by Patrick Tuer, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 6-0. Approved. (BP-Y, PT-Y, KC-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Motion to approve potential alternative town funding projects in the amount of \$2,635,000.00, as presented, by Patrick Tuer, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 5-0-1 (Paul Paulino abstained) Approved (BP-Y, PT-Y, KC-Y, DS-Y, MK-Y)

9. "Light Up the U" Funding Source

Motion to authorize use of \$200,000 from School Choice account to fund Uxbridge High School "Light Up the U" campaign, once all other funding sources are exhausted, by Paul Paulino, seconded by Patrick Tuer. Vote: 3-3. Denied. (BP-Y, PT-Y, PP-Y, KC-N, DS-N, MK-N)

10. School Committee/Administration Communication

Dr. Dillon requests that he and Barbara Emerick be cc'd on any communications from School Committee to district staff and Administration. He will have his staff update him regarding phone conversations.

Any appeals made by other town departments to meet with Administration should come in through School Committee.

11. 2020/2021 Uxbridge Public Schools Annual Report Approval

Motion to approve 2020/2021 Uxbridge Public Schools Annual Report, in the second reading, by Paul Paulino, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 6-0 Approved. (BP-Y, PT-Y, KC-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

12. Old/New Business

Old Business

Follow-up on request for training for School Committee around responsibility with respect to ESSER funds allocation

Meeting with DESE re: report

Timeline for equity audit

Decision on Building Commission (dissolve or charge?)

Review of Superintendent goals

New Business

Policy subcommittee meeting

13. Minute Approval

Motion to approve the November 3, 2021 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented, by Kim Cirrone, seconded by Patrick Tuer. Vote: 6-0 Approved. (BP-Y, PT-Y, KC-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

14. Executive Session

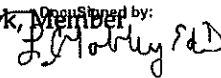
Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss non-union contract negotiations and union contract negotiations, with no business to follow by Kim Cirrone, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 6-0 Approved (PT-Y, BP-Y, KC-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Respectfully Submitted,

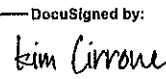
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