

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

January 5, 2022

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 (via Zoom)	
Brett Pomeroy, Member	X (via Zoom)	
Debbie Stark, Member	X	
Lisa Mobley, Member	X (via Zoom)	
Patrick Tuer, Member	X	

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

2. Public Comment:

Emily Costa, representative of the Uxbridge Spartans Booster Athletic Club, thanked the School Committee for their attention to the "Light Up the U" project, and confirmed that Boosters has raised \$83,523.44 to date.

Paul Paulino extended best wishes to the Lyman family and their son Max.

3. Superintendent Update

District received 9000 KN-95 masks for staff and has test kits to be used, if necessary, upon return from vacation. Facilities Department did extra work over break to get all buildings ready to reopen.

Some temporary safety measures have been put in place with respect to spectator involvement at athletic events.

Dr. Dillon shared an update on year-to-date Covid 19 case numbers, and reviewed where Pool testing, and Test and Stay numbers stand. Staff and student absenteeism percentages were also provided.

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School Committee walkthroughs will resume Friday; Patrick Tuer to visit Whitin School.

Administration will provide periodic updates on Special Education population; there are currently 296 Special Education students, with 20 being in out of district settings.

Professional Development Day held on Monday, January 3rd focused on Special Education topics; staff found training helpful and beneficial.

Dr. Dillon provided an update about open positions and status of candidate searches. Positions are posted in a variety of places; Committee discussed ways to attract potential staff, including Substitute Teachers.

Proposed FY23 draft calendar will be shared with School Committee by February 2nd, with approval of final calendar on March 2nd.

Dr. Dillon will coordinate with Chair Keane to bring various town officials (Police Chief Montminy, Fire Chief Dion, and Director of Public Works Sherman) to School Committee meetings to discuss ongoing efforts to enhance public safety. Town of Uxbridge has a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; Uxbridge Public Schools has its own section which is being assessed for improvements and compliance with town plan.

4. Assistant Superintendent Update

Dr. Dwyer addressed need for reading specialist; ad will be posted again late winter to align with graduation dates when new staff might be available.

January 3rd Professional Development was a success; staff registered for TeachPoint so they can keep track of professional development points. Illustrative Math review featured prominently for Taft and Whitin Schools, and differentiation of instruction was an emphasis for all three schools.

Dr. Dwyer will continue to work with teaching staff to ensure that Illustrative Math and ST Math both offer enough for teachers.

5. FY23 Budget Presentation

Dr. Dillon reviewed preliminary budget for FY23 and outlined budget development process; there are still some unknowns because of impact of Covid 19.

Budget is needs-based with input regarding building, curriculum and instruction, facilities, athletics, and student service needs.

School Committee FY23 Budget Goals which included: high expectations for all students, measured accountability, safe and equitable learning spaces, health & wellness of all staff, and data informed decision making were incorporated in budget process.

Dr. Dillon and Business Manager Brian Hyde reviewed history of budget, enrollment, and school choice, plus discussed alternative funding sources, grants and revolving accounts.

Major variations from FY22 budget, both increases and decreases, were outlined as well as FY23 spending by category.

Committee discussed potential changes and edits to budget, affecting such items as School Choice, athletic fees, and staffing expenses.

Next Steps:

FY23 Proposed Budget will be reviewed at a formal public hearing on January 19th; School Committee scheduled to adopt budget at meeting on February 2nd, then final FY23 Budget will go before Town Meeting for a vote on May 10th.

6. "Light Up the U" Funding Source

Motion to allocate up to \$200,000 from School Choice account, to cover potential costs for the lights project should alternate funding not be available by conclusion of spring Annual Town Meeting 2022 by Paul Paulino, seconded by Patrick Tuer. Vote: 6-1 Approved. (KC-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-N)

7. Old/New Business

Old Business

Lisa Mobley and Debbie Stark will participate in Equity Audit selection process.

SY22-23 Calendar to be provided to School Committee by February 2nd.

Follow-up on DESE report

Matt Keane to follow up with Principal Rubin on status of student representative on School Committee

Update on Dr. Dillon's progress toward Superintendent Goals will occur in March; Lisa Mobley will provide training for School Committee on how to conduct an evaluation, in advance of Dr. Dillon's evaluation.

Timeline: February 16th next data review meeting, March 2nd primer on how to do evaluation and conversation regarding focus elements, March 16th discussion of progress toward Superintendent goals, April 30th Superintendent evaluations due.

Recognition of field hockey and cross-country teams, plus National Honor Society inductees.

New Business

School Council training

Open Meeting Law workshop

January 19th - Overview of staff health & wellness, based on survey

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Debbie Stark, seconded by Patrick Tuer. Vote:7-0 Approved. (KC-Y, PT-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, BP-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

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