

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

January 20, 2021

7:30pm

(Meeting via Zoom platform)

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Attendees:	Present	Not Present
Matt Keane, Chair	X	
Paul Paulino, Secretary	X	
Kim Cirrone, Member	X	
Brett Pomeroy, Member	X	
Holly Black, Member	X	
Debbie Stark, Member	X	

1. Call to Order 7:30pm by Matt Keane
2. Public Comment:

No Public comment.

3. Superintendent Search

Tracey Novick shared an update, including feedback she has received as a result of a survey that was conducted and conversations with stakeholders in the district (ex. Staff, Parents, Student Council members).

Community is looking for School Committee to share their feelings on the leadership in the district; there is some concern from stakeholders as to rapid turnover in the district at the superintendent level.

Miss Novick recommended some language to use in the job posting brochure, based on priorities and needs.

Motion to approve Superintendent job description as presented by Brett Pomeroy, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 2-4. Failed

Committee discussed need for revised language addressing specific innovations and teaching styles.

Motion to approve Superintendent job description as amended by Kim Cirrone, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 6-0. Approved.

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4. Superintendent Update

Dr. Tiano offered kudos to all in district for resiliency and growth during pandemic year.

As of January 19th, all first graders who chose to be were back in the building for in-person learning. 90 students are now in person (in 6 sections of 15 students each), with 19 remaining remote.

Winter sports are underway.

Nursing staff have been trained and have implemented Binex Now Antigen Testing. Pool testing concept has also been considered but not being implemented at this point.

Board of Health is looking for a site to host vaccination clinic (potentially Uxbridge High School); looking to get staff vaccinated as soon as eligible.

Emails sent regarding positive case(s) in the district are only sent if the person was in the building and potentially transmitting the virus.

Committee requested update at next meeting of needs, both space and staff, in order to get additional grade levels back in the school buildings.

Dr. Tiano and Principal DeMarco shared an update on open requisitions for teachers.

5. FY21 Budget Update

Brian Hyde, Business Manager, reviewed the FY21 Budget update.

6. FY22 Budget

Director of Technology Patrick Mistler spoke to changes in technology budget numbers.

Wendy Phillips, Curriculum Director, answered questions about math curriculum expenditures.

Committee requested documentation on reasons for math pilot.

Issue raised regarding softball transportation costs and placement in budget.

Committee preference that the International Fund be used towards cultural enrichment and experiences, not towards salaries, which can be moved to a General Fund request

Request for review of specific line items with regard to School Choice vs. General Fund.

Committee inquiry into what resources are being allocated to address concerns/issues caused by Covid.

7. Request for DESE presentation on findings

Motion to request DESE presentation on findings from district review by Debbie Stark, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 6-0. Approved.

8. Old/New Business

New Business:

Softball transportation options/costs

Budget review

Summer programs

9. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Brett Pomeroy, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 6-0. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21pm.

School Committee Members:

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