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Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

February 16, 2022

6:30pm

Uxbridge High School Library and via Zoom

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 (via Zoom)	
Lisa Mobley, Member	X	
Patrick Tuer, Member		X

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

2. Public Comment

Paul Paulino welcomed McKenna Savage and her family back to Uxbridge.

3. Retirement Presentation – Christine Keown

Principal Mike Rubin acknowledged the retirement of Christine Keown, a Special Education Liaison who spent 35 years in the Uxbridge school community; thanking her for her hard work and dedication to Uxbridge Public Schools.

4. State Representative Michael Soter and Representative Joseph McKenna

Matt Keane introduced State Representative Michael Soter and incoming (to Uxbridge) Representative Joseph McKenna.

State Representatives Michael Soter and Joseph McKenna will be sharing duties in the Town of Uxbridge, with Representative McKenna representing Precinct 1, and Representative Soter working for Precincts 2, 3 and 4.

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Both representatives expressed pride in the district and recognized the commitment of the Administration and the staff to the students.

5. Superintendent Update

Dr. Dillon provided an update on Covid 19 numbers; shared that there has been a reduction in case numbers since last meeting.

At home tests are being utilized by staff and students who have opted into program; positive test results need to be reported to maintain accurate numbers.

Governor Baker, the Department of Public Health, and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Riley announced that the mask mandate will be lifted on February 28th. District will continue to follow DESE and Department of Public Health guidance, including requiring mask usage on buses and in the nurses' offices.

Dr. Dillon shared information about status of Entry Plan; from beginning plan has focused on communication, community involvement, and accountability, and decisions made are student centric.

Three themes emerged during plan development: Meeting needs of all students; Academic excellence; and Changes in innovation.

6. Assistant Superintendent Update

Dr. Dwyer reviewed the middle of the year data presentation for grades K-12; highlighted academic, and social and emotional learning successes and concerns. Focuses for the second half of the year, for both the Administration and the staff, were also addressed.

Principals Jennifer Bellville, Leanne DeMarco, and Mike Rubin then shared academic, and social and emotional learning successes, growths, and concerns for their respective schools, Taft Early Learning Center, The Whitin School, and Uxbridge High School.

7. Uxbridge High School Program of Studies

There have been a few revisions to the program of study, including approximately half-dozen new courses.

Motion to approve Uxbridge High School Program of Studies for SY2022-2023 by Lisa Mobley, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 6-0 Approved. (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

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8. Business Office Update

FY22 Update

Business Manager Brian Hyde presented the FY22 Budget Update, including Budget to Actual, Revolving Accounts, Grants, Food Service report, and Uxbridge Extended Day numbers.

FY23 Budget updates

Brian Hyde provided a quick recap of that FY23 budget that was approved at the February 2, 2022 School Committee meeting.

Approve ESSER III funding

Motion to accept ESSER III grant funding in the amount of \$2,187,022.00 by Paul Paulino, seconded by Lisa Mobley. Vote: 6-0 Approved. (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

ESSER II funding end date is September 30, 2023.

9. Director of Finance and Operations

Discussion of hiring process.

Dr. Dillon shared that position has been posted in multiple places.

Search committee will feature several stakeholders, some from district (Superintendent, Administration, staff, School Committee member) and some from town departments.

Timeline : intent to start week after February vacation, should be a 4-week process with screening, initial interview, second interview, choice of final candidate.

Appointment of School Committee member to sit on search committee.

Matt Keane will reach out to Patrick Tuer as potential appointee on search committee; Paul Paulino will be back-up option. Decision will be shared with Dr. Dillon by March 2nd.

10. School Year 2022-2023 Calendar

Motion to approve SY2022-2023 calendar as presented in the second reading by Paul Paulino, seconded by Lisa Mobley. Vote: 6-0 Approved. (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

11. Old/New Business

DESE representative to share presentation at March 2nd meeting

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New Business

Lisa Mobley reported that SEPAC is planning to have a Transitions Fair/Night on April 12th for SEPAC students and families.

Dr. Dillon shared appreciation for School Resource Officer Dan Deveau; District recognized him on School Resource Officer Appreciation Day last Tuesday.

Plan to provide staff with lunch after February break, to improve morale and show gratitude for hard work.

12. Minute Approval

Motion to approve the April 5, 2021 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes as presented by Paul Paulino, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 5-0-1 Approved (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-abstained, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Motion to approve the April 8, 2021 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes as presented by Debbie Stark, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 5-0-1 Approved (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-abstained, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Motion to approve the May 19, 2021 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes as presented by Paul Paulino, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 5-0-1 Approved (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-abstained, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Motion to approve the February 2, 2022 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes as presented by Debbie Stark, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 6-0 Approved (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

13. Release Executive Session meeting minutes

Motion to release the September 4, 2019, January 22, 2020, February 26, 2020, March 16, 2020, April 6, 2020, April 22, 2020, April 27, 2020, April 1, 2020, and May 6, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee Executive Session meeting minutes as presented by Debbie Stark, seconded by Brett Pomeroy. Vote: 4-0-2 Approved (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-abstained, DS-Y, PP-abstained, MK-Y)

Motion to release the January 8, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee Executive Session meeting minutes as presented by Debbie Stark, seconded by Brett Pomeroy. Vote: 3-0-3 Approved. (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-abstained, DS-Y, PP-abstained, MK-abstained)

Motion to release the December 4, 2019 Uxbridge School Committee Executive Session meeting minutes as presented by Debbie Stark, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 3-0-3 Approved. (KC-Y, BP-abstained, LM-abstained, DS-Y, PP-abstained, MK-Y)

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Motion to release the May 27, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee Executive Session meeting minutes as presented by Paul Paulino, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 5-0-1 Approved. (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-abstained, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Motion to release the February 5, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee Executive Session meeting minutes as presented by Debbie Stark, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 3-0-3 Approved. (KC-Y, BP-abstained, LM-abstained, DS-Y, PP-abstained, MK-Y)

14. Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session to approve Executive Session meeting minutes for the dates of June 10, 2020, June 24, 2020, July 27, 2020, September 2, 2020, September 22, 2020, October 7, 2020, November 18, 2020, December 16, 2020, September 22, 2020, February 3, 2021, February 4, 2021, February 2, 2022, and February 9, 2022 with no business to follow, by Paul Paulino, seconded by Brett Pomeroy. Vote: 6-0 Approved. (KC-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

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