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# **Uxbridge School Committee Meeting**

**March 2, 2022**

**6:30pm**

**Uxbridge High School Library and via Zoom**

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
<b>Matt Keane, Chair</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Paul Paulino, Member</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Kim Cirrone, Member</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Brett Pomeroy, Member</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Debbie Stark, Member</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Lisa Mobley, Member</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Patrick Tuer, Member</b>	<b>X (via Zoom)</b>	

**1. Call to Order 6:32 pm by Matt Keane**

**2. Public Comment**

**Paul Paulino recognized an article in the Uxbridge Times about Leanne DeMarco, Principal at Whitin Middle School, and the school's participation in World Read Aloud Day.**

**3. DESE District Review Presentation**

**Laura Richane, representative from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, spoke to findings from the district review done on Uxbridge Public Schools in January of 2020.**

**The purpose of the review is to assist school districts by bringing outside assessment and perspective, and to identify if there are particular resources that DESE offers that a district could benefit from. Process is based on DESE's District Standards and Indicators, used to measure the quality of education students are receiving.**

**District Standards are:**

**Leadership & Governance**

**Curriculum & Instruction**

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**Assessment**

**Student Supports**

**Human Resources & Professional Development**

**Financial & Asset Management**

**Ms. Richane reviewed the summary of findings and recommendations and indicated that there were several substantial areas of strength in all District Standards.**

**Leadership & Governance is Standard most directly tied to School Committee work; recommendations suggest that a more focused, refined District Improvement Plan will allow each school to have clearer, more defined goals for their School Improvement Plan(s).**

**Additionally DESE advised that current allocation of resources does not support equitable conditions and participation in after school activities.**

#### **4. Superintendent Update**

**Dr. Dillon reviewed Covid 19 case numbers; indicated there has been a significant drop in positive case numbers.**

**Mike Smutok, a Technology and Engineering teacher at Uxbridge High School, has been recognized as a Project Lead the Way Master Teacher, which means he is a national model for his peer group. He is one of only five Master Teachers in Massachusetts.**

**There are a handful of educators on emergency licenses; DESE has extended these until the end of 2023 so proper training and certification can occur.**

**New date for meeting in front of Capital Committee is March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**District will be participating the Blackstone Valley Job Fair on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Dwyer and Jen Ramsdell will represent the district. 12 other local districts are participating as well.**

**Conversations are happening about summer academies and programs; more details to follow.**

**Dr. Dillon will have school choice numbers to School Committee by the end of the month.**

**A communications survey will be sent to internal and external stakeholders by the first part of next week.**

**Dr. Dillon has been working with Chief Montminy to determine best practice school safety protocols. On Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> Dr. Dillon will be meeting with Smart Security Partners for no-cost evaluation.**

An RFP for the custodial contract will be released by March 31<sup>st</sup> with proposals due back around April 21<sup>st</sup>. A vendor selection will then be made on or before May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**5. Assistant Superintendent Update**

Meeting with DESE today; discussed use of TAG grant for implementation of Universal Design for Learning (math) curriculum at Uxbridge High School. DESE shared alternate, expansive ways to use grant money.

Dr. Dwyer is soliciting feedback from Principals on their must haves and requirements for the data dashboard; then will invite companies in to discuss how dashboard can be tailored to these needs.

DESE confirmed that ELA curriculum is not aligned with state standards, so district needs to do a review to determine what needs to be done to be in compliance. A curriculum review committee will be organized shortly.

Dr. Dwyer applied for Accelerated Mathematics grant; depending on funds received, idea is to pay for adoption of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum, workbooks for K-5 math curriculum, and/or Professional Development.

Professional Development committee has been reinstated; PD plans for 2022-2023 will be developed.

Engineering class will be making a sign to represent Uxbridge Public Schools at the Blackstone Valley Job Fair.

**6. Executive Session**

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Non union contract negotiations and to approve Executive Session meeting minutes for June 29, 2020, February 2, 2022, and December 15, 2021 by Paul Paulino, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 7-0 Approved. (KC-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Meeting resumed at 8:13pm.

**7. Discussion of Director of Finance and Business Operations Search Update and appointment of School Committee member.**

Search committee is almost fully formed; Patrick Tuer will be School Committee representative.

Plan is to begin interviews middle to end of next week, with identification of a candidate by the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of March.

**8. Old/New Business**

**No Old Business**

**No New Business**

**9. Minute Approval**

**Motion to approve the June 29, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes as presented by Brett Pomeroy, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 4-0-3 Approved (KC-Y, PT-abstained, BP-Y, LM-abstained, DS-abstained, PP-Y, MK-Y)**

**Motion to approve the December 15, 2021 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes as presented by Brett Pomeroy, seconded by Patrick Tuer. Vote: 5-0-2 Approved (KC-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y, LM-abstained, DS-abstained, PP-Y, MK-Y)**

**Motion to approve the February 16, 2022 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes as presented by Brett Pomeroy, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 6-0-1 Approved (KC-Y, PT-abstained, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)**

**10. Committee Reorganization**

**Matt Keane stepped down as Chair of the School Committee; Lisa Mobley volunteered to take over Chair responsibilities for the rest of the term.**

**Motion to elect Dr. Lisa Mobley to serve as the Chair of the Uxbridge School Committee by Paul Paulino, seconded by Patrick Tuer. Vote: 7-0 Approved. (KC-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)**

**Debbie Stark and other School Committee members thanked Matt Keane for hard work and energy while serving as School Committee Chair.**

**Motion to elect the Negotiating subcommittee as Dr. Lisa Mobley, Debbie Stark, and Kim Cirrone by Patrick Tuer, seconded by Brett Pomeroy. Vote: 7-0 Approved. (KC-Y, PT-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)**

**11. Adjournment**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.**

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**Matthew Keane, Chair**

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**Patrick Tuer, Member**

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**Paul Paulino, Secretary**

