

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

October 21, 2020

6:30pm

(Meeting via Zoom platform)

Attendees:	Present	Not Present
Matt Keane, Chair	X	
Erik Voight, Vice Chair	X	
Paul Paulino, Secretary	X	
Kim Cirrone, Member	X	
Brett Pomeroy, Member	X (joined late)	
Holly Black, Member		X
Debbie Stark, Member	X	

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

Paul Paulino stated concern over the open window policy on district buses, given the impending colder temperatures.

3. FY21 Budget Update

Business Manager Brian Hyde reviewed the budget packet and shared updates and changes from budget to actual.

Food Service Department doing an outstanding job; projected to be in the black for the entire year.

Committee had discussion regarding packaging for weekly pick-ups and how distributed meals are tracked.

Uxbridge Extended Day program may operate in a deficit for this school year; currently losing \$6,000 a month. Raising tuition is a possible way to minimize or reduce losses.

Dr. Tiano shared that Administration is determining how long-term substitutes will be paid for, once designated grants expire in December. They will come back to the School Committee with requests against the operating budget for the remainder of the year.

A survey has been sent to substitutes to gather feedback regarding concerns about coronavirus and pay equality.

Motion to set per diem substitute rate of \$90.00/per day, through end of SY20-21, by Debbie Stark, seconded by Brett Paulino. Vote: 6-0. Approved.

4. FY22 Budget

Committee needs to have discussion to identify which revolving accounts contribute towards operating budget.

School Committee, Finance Committee, and Board of Selectmen are looking to hold a joint meeting to define which capital projects need to go before Town Meeting, and which expenditures are the biggest priorities for School Committee.

5. Superintendent Update

Dr. Tiano recognized and thanked Blackstone Valley Engineering for their generous donation of 750 face shields (worth approximately \$10,000).

Uxbridge School District has been approved for an FY21 Innovation Pathways Planning grant of \$25,000.

Administration has also sought a Skills Capital grant worth \$75,000; awaiting word on approval.

Next Wednesday, October 28th at 11:00am will be a ceremony to recognize Mr. Rubin receiving the High School Principal of the Year honors.

Dr. Tiano shared that district has been receiving good feedback from participants in the Hybrid Learning model; other districts have sought guidance on policies.

District is still considering snow day options; state is allowing districts to make decision on the local level.

Uxbridge is currently in the yellow range for Covid numbers.

A survey has been sent to parents of Grade 1 students; District is looking toward a full in-person return for Grade 1 learners. Additionally, a return of high need students, and those in practical arts (shop and lab time) is being assessed.

Discussion regarding how synchronous and asynchronous learning is being measured.

Dr. Tiano shared announcement that he and School Committee have mutually agreed to not renew his contract for upcoming school year; Matt Keane and Paul Paulino thanked Dr. Tiano for his hard work to date and wished him luck in future endeavors.

6. MASC Resolution 1 MCAS testing

Brett Pomeroy and Debbie Stark will review language in MASC resolution regarding MCAS testing and present feedback at next meeting.

7. School Building Study Group deadline

Motion to amend School Building Study Group report deadline to June 30, 2021 by Erik Voight, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 6-0. Approved.

8. Meeting Minute Approval

Motion to Approve June 24, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented, by Kim Cirrone, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 5-0 (Debbie Stark abstained). Approved.

Motion to Approve August 20, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented, by Debbie Stark, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 5-0 (Paul Paulino abstained). Approved.

Motion to Approve September 2, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented, by Kim Cirrone, seconded by Erik Voight. Vote: 6-0. Approved.

Motion to Approve September 22, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented, by Debbie Stark, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 5-0 (Kim Cirrone abstained). Approved.

Motion to Approve October 7, 2020 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented, by Kim Cirrone, seconded by Brett Pomeroy. Vote: 5-0 (Erik Voight abstained). Approved.

9. Adjournment

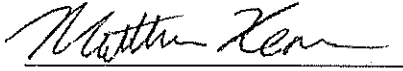
Motion to Adjourn by Kim Cirrone, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 6-0. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

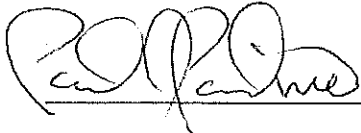
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Recording Secretary



Matthew Keane – Chair

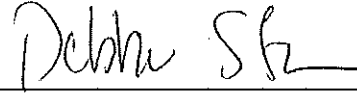
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