

Uxbridge School Committee Meeting

December 1, 2021

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

1. Call to Order 6:31pm by Matt Keane

2. Public Comment:

No public comment.

3. Superintendent Update

Dr. Dillon shared accolades for success of several student groups, including Uxbridge High School Girls Field Hockey team on their state championship; Uxbridge High School Track and Field, and Cheer teams on their seasons; and the induction of forty-two students into the National Honor Society.

An update of year-to-date Covid 19 case numbers, and the continued use of Pool testing, and Test and Stay programs was provided.

Board of Health had good turnout at recent vaccination clinic for children aged 5-11; number of students in that age group who have had a vaccination now stands at about 200-250. There have been incremental increases in both the 12–15-year-old, and 16–18-year-old student groups as well.

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Administration distributed the Wellness Survey to staff before Thanksgiving; Dr. Dillon will share more information on responses and the resulting action items once survey is officially closed.

Enrollment impact on Chapter 70, and the Administration's recommendations on what School Choice account balance should be, and what project priorities are, will be provided at next meeting.

Vendors have been chosen for an Equity Audit; request for a School Committee member to work with Administration to review who will be best choice for audit.

Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative Board is back to operating at pre-pandemic levels, although staffing is a challenge, and they are nearly at capacity with regard to number of children they can serve.

4. Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative Board Representative

Motion to appoint Dr. Patrick Dillon as Uxbridge Public Schools' board member representative for the Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative Board by Paul Paulino, seconded by Lisa Mobley. Vote: 5-0. Approved. (BP-Y, KC-Y, LM-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

5. Assistant Superintendent Update

Dr. Dwyer reviewed some historical information on MCAS performance; two takeaways include that dynamic of Uxbridge is changing (there is an increase in economically disadvantaged students, an increase in students who speak English as a second language, and more students with disabilities); and that MCAS scores have declined since 2016.

Administration is working to update curriculum to align more with standards (which have changed in the past few years) and will make a plan to address needs of changing population.

A Universal Design for Learning workshop will be included in professional development days in January and February.

Math teachers in grade 6 will be piloting the Illustrative Math program for second semester; at the end of April recommendations will be provided about whether to proceed with the program for grades 6-8. Dr. Dwyer is communicating with other districts (Bellingham, Foxboro) that use Illustrative Math in other grades to get their feedback.

A curriculum page has been added to Uxbridge Public Schools website; it includes videos on Illustrative Math and ST Math. OpenSciEd will be uploaded in future. Administration will send notice to parents once webpage is fully representative of all grade levels.

Dr. Dwyer created a schedule for School Committee members to participate in walk-throughs of school buildings; Walk-throughs will be monthly and done on a rotating basis of the schools.

Search for a consultant who specializes in Equity Audits has been narrowed down to five candidates; School Committee member will partner with Dr. Dillon and Dr. Dwyer for interviews. Matt Keane to send out request for volunteers to School Committee.

6. Uxbridge High School Out of State Travel

Motion to approve out of state travel for the Uxbridge High School prom on May 13, 2022, to Wright's Chicken Farm in Burrillville, Rhode Island by Lisa Mobley, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 5-0 Approved. (BP-Y, KC-Y, LM-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

7. Liaison definition discussion

Matt Keane clarified that a liaison acts as a buffer to channel information in both directions (ex. between School Council and the School Committee, or between School Committee and the Finance Committee).

Kim Cirrone is liaison to School Council at Uxbridge High School; Debbie Stark/Brett Pomeroy are liaisons for Whitin School Council; Patrick Tuer is the liaison to the School Council at Taft Elementary; and Lisa Mobley is the liaison for SEPAC.

8. Approve Superintendent Goals

Motion to approve Superintendent's goals, as presented, by Kim Cirrone, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 5-0 Approved. (BP-Y, KC-Y, LM-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

9. Old/New Business

Old Business

Tracey Novick - obligations of school committee members toward ESSER fund expenditures

Protocol for town committee members needing to reach Dr. Dillon (email to Chair of School Committee subcommittee, with Dr. Dillon cc'd)

Possible extension of Building subcommittee mandate

Revisit "Light Up the U" funding discussion, after School Choice account clarification conversation

New Business

Signs recognizing athletic championships


10. Minute Approval

Motion to approve the November 17, 2021 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented, by Paul Paulino, seconded by Kim Cirrone. Vote: 4-0-1 (Lisa Mobley abstained)
Approved. (BP-Y, KC-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kim Cirrone, seconded by Lisa Mobley. Vote: 5-0 Approved. (BP-Y, KC-Y, LM-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

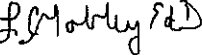
Respectfully Submitted,


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Matthew Keane, Chair

Paul Paulino, Secretary

Deb Stark, Member



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Lisa Mobley, Member

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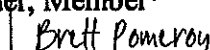
Kim Cirrone, Vice-Chair



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Brett Pomeroy, Member