

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 2, 2007, UHS Library

Meeting Minutes

1.) Call to Order at 7:00 pm	Present	Absent
Mr. Ernie Esposito, <i>Chair</i>	___x___	_____
Mr. Jim Haynes, <i>Vice Chair</i>	___x___	_____
Mrs. Jane Keegan, <i>secretary</i>	_____	___x___
Mr. Peter Baghdasarian	___x___	_____
Mrs. Michelle Taparausky	___x___	_____
Mr. Mason Seagrave	___x___	_____
Mr. John Higgins	___x___	_____

First order of business: Pledge of Allegiance

2.) Public Comment: None

Superintendent Stefanilo explained that the on-line packets were up and running. The committee members commented how smooth the process was of switching over to electronic.

Dr. Zini spoke on the opening of school and what needed to be adapted. He also gave all members of the Committee the school handbook.

Ron Farrar introduced the new Assistant Principal at Whitin Middle School, Mrs. Mayer.

Paula Montessi announced that there is a new leadership team for the fourth graders that is being led by a new gym teacher, Mr. Catalano. Also, the high school students from the life skills class are coming to the elementary school again for the "Copy Cats" program where they help the teachers to get their copying done.

Mrs. Petrowitz reported that there are 61 students in 3-full day classes with a waiting list. One of the preschool classrooms has been moved, which leaves 3 at Whitin and 1 at the ELC. She thanked the Committee for their support of the full-day program.

Mrs. Baldasara reported that the Child Care program is full at Taft except for before school.

Dr. Haughey reported on the beginning of the school year for his office. It will be 3-5 months before the mill is ready for the programs to come back in. He thanked the community for all their support.

Dr. Boyaj said that he loves his new position and the fact that he has communications with not just the teachers but the students as well. He has had 3 development days so far this year that have gone well.

3.) Budget Update:

The sub-committee will meet in the main office on October

4.) Annual Town Report:

The town wants the reports by November 1st. With all members agreeing, the report will be on-line for the members of the committee to review.

5.) Unit B Correspondence-Negotiations:

Unit B is willing to start negotiations. Mrs. Taparausky would like a letter sent to them asking to start sooner this year.

6.) Quarterly Report-District Technology:

Engaging the Administrative Team has been fluid. They are working on what the goal means and will be more comprehensive as the year goes on. All of the schools wiring has been updated for fiber optics.

7.) Quarterly Report-Operational Efficiencies:

The grants that have been applied for where talked about.

8.) Superintendent Updates:

The school will be eliminating breakfast and the intern position.

Maintenance is keeping track of requests. They help to eliminate unnecessary calls.

The sink faucets are being replaced starting at Taft and moving up through the building from there.

Photocopiers have codes to allow for keeping track of the copy count per person/group.

Company memberships available for employees are in the office & will be re-analyzed for the next budget.

All new jobs are posted on the web to cut back on postage.

The School Committee packets are on-line & working well.

The bus company Vendetti would like to talk at the next meeting. Their concerned about the time constraints.

9.) Minutes:

August 7, 2007-Executive Session: Mr. Haynes made the motion to accept the minutes as written; Mr. Higgins seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0

10.) Old/New Business:

Mrs. Taparasky announced that the Assistant Principal at Whitin, Amy Mayer, was working as the crossing guard. She asked if there is any way to replace her? It was said that although it has been tough, there is interest in the position.

Mr. Higgins asked for a charge to be given to the school building committee to investigate what the school will cost and what the cost includes. He will also ask the BOS.

Mr. Haynes asked Mr. Esposito to call about Representation for negotiations since there had no response to date after the letter sent. Mrs. Taparasky asked for another letter to document.

Mr. Esposito reminded all that the next meeting will be on November 13th. They will meet with the BOS in Executive Session about the negotiations. This session will take place at the beginning of the meeting. He asked if all members were willing to go?

Mr. Haynes said the GIC deadline is October 1st. He asked if there was a response. It was decided there is no way to make a decision in that time. The next step is to talk at the budget summit.

11.) Adjournment:

At 9:06 p.m. Mr. Haynes made the motion to adjourn the meeting: Mr. Higgins seconded the motion. Vote 6-0

Submitted by:

Bonnie Reid, Clerk

School Committee Members:

Mr. Ernie Esposito, Chair

Mr. Jim Haynes, Vice Chair

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