

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

November 6, 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

3.) Retirement Presentation:

After talking about from Shel Silverstein’s The Giving Tree, Superintendent Stefanilo gave his thanks to Claire LaChapelle for her years in the school system. Then Dr. Boyaj presented a plaque for her.

After hearing no questions on the Administrative reports, Chairman Esposito commented on how out of the funds that can be collected from Medicare, the town has received 99%.

Also, the LaRondeau Family gave a \$50,000 scholarship to an Uxbridge High School student.

4.) MCAS Presentation:

Mr. Boyaj gave a short presentation on the scores of MCAS.

5.) Budget:

Mrs. Taparausky announced that on a whole, the Budget Sub-Committee has meet twice. They have come up with questions for the Administrative team to get a reasonable cost over view for the budget. They met at the Summit meetings for the town. At this time, she referred to Mr. Sawyer who outlined how the budget process will take place this year. He explained that the initial requests will be sent out for classroom supplies, when returned, they will be drafted for the Dec. 4th meeting, at which time it will be given to the town summit for their Dec 12th meeting.

The Budget Sub-Committee is also looking at job sharing and cost sharing that will be presented at the Summit meeting.

Mrs. Taparausky made a motion to instruct Mr. Sawyer and Superintendent Stefanilo to start the budget process as outlined by Mr. Sawyer. Mrs. Keegan second; vote: 6-0

Mrs. Keegan asked for a clarification on the budget and spending accusations made in a newspaper article in the Blackstone Tribune. Superintendent Stefanilo addressed the points of expense accounts for the principals and the half empty busses in the morning.

The budget presentation made at the next summit meeting will be 20 minutes long.

6.) Superintendent Updates:

The School Building Association will be sending an article to see the high school. He is not sure of the significance of this, but will notify the committee when he knows.

Superintendent Stefanilo gave a conceptual presentation on an ELC/Senior Center/Health club combination building that has been discussed for the Bernat Mills Property. The property owners are willing to do the build out for the space. Grants have been looked at to recoup some of the costs as a community project.

7.) Minutes:

September 5, 2007: Mr. Haynes made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; Mrs. Taparausky seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0

8.) Old/New Business:

Mrs. Keegan asked what happened with the pothole grant that was awarded to the town. Superintendent Stefanilo explained that there were two designations and it was not awarded to the school. The money will be used for balancing the budget.

Mr. Baghdasarian mentioned that since the Committee only meets once a month, that they should vote to allow the Chair to act on behalf of the Committee when the need arises in between meetings. It will be looked at for a future meeting.

For a future agenda, Mrs. Taparausky stated that the committee needs to vote on the RFP process for the HVAC. Mr. Higgins requested that they look to BVT for their expertise in writing the RFP quote.

9.) Adjournment:

At 8:42 p.m., Baghdasarian made the motion to adjourn to executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and a personnel Matter with no new business to follow; Mrs. Keegan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Esposito-yes, Mr. Haynes-yes, Mrs. Keegan- yes, Mr. Baghdasarian- yes, Mrs. Taparausky-yes, Mr. Higgins-yes

10.) Executive Session

Submitted by:

Bonnie Reid, Clerk

School Committee Members:

Mr. Ernie Esposito, Chair

Mr. Jim Haynes, Vice Chair

Mrs. Jane Keegan, Secretary

Mr. Peter Baghdasarian, Member

Mr. Mason Seagrave, Member

Mrs. Michelle Taparausky, Member

Mr. John Higgins, Member