

# UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 8, 2008, UHS Library

## Meeting Minutes

<b>1.) Call to Order at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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**

Ms. Keegan announced that she saw a program on PBS called “By the People; Citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” She said that she sounded fascinating and recommended it to anyone that had the chance to watch it.

### **3.) Student Report:**

-Jessica Rosa reported on the school happenings for the month of December. Specifically, a program called New Beginnings, which was a drug program that most student felt was not long enough.

-Gina Prestone reported on the School Council events in December. It was a busy month with 1<sup>st</sup> night at the senior center, Caroling at the Lydia Taft house, the Holiday Shoppe at Taft and sending over 4000 cards over seas to soldiers.

### **4.) School Chairman Authorization:**

Mr. Haynes made a motion to reaffirm the vote made at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Baghdasarian seconded the motion; vote: 6-0

### **5.) Strategic Plan Vote:**

Mr. Haynes made a motion to reaffirm the vote made at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Higgins seconded the motion; vote: Vote: 5-yes; Mr. Esposito, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Keegan, Mr. Seagrave: 1-no; Mr. Baghdasarian

### **6.) Truck Sale:**

Mr. Baghdasarian made a motion to reaffirm the vote made at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Seagrave seconded the motion; vote: 6-0

### **7.) Presentation of “Yellow Book”**

Dr. Boyaj made a presentation of the Yellow Book that was created with Stephanie Lundburg. The book showcases the educational practices by the UPS teachers and allows people to look up contacts of those teachers in the school system depending on what topic you need information on. The “Book” is on-line & can be accessed through the school website.

## **8.) Budget**

Mr. Sawyer announced that the Budget sub-committee schedule has been set to meet with the Administrative team. To follow guidelines, the deadline for the budget draft needs to be the 24<sup>th</sup> of January if the public hearing will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. Mr. Esposito stated that the Public Hearing would indeed be on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **9.) Superintendent Update:**

-Superintendent Stefanilo handed out a letter from the School Building Authority setting the date in February for their meeting.

-Two items in the budget will be a program for 18-22 year olds in the town that still need schooling. Also, He will be meeting with the PTO to talk about the needs of the Taft School Playground.

-Feedback for the January 2<sup>nd</sup> Professional day is still being collected and will be reported soon.

-A climate survey, which talked about how people felt about the physical school and what people think about them, are being collected as well.

-Superintendent Stefanilo also talked about the grants that have come in over the past few months. The quarterly efficiencies and technology reports was also handed out. Ms. Keegan asked if Grant writing and approval has increased since last year, and it was reported to be up significantly.

-Mr. Haynes asked if anybody at the town treasurer's office had a MCPPO Designation, which is needed for the building of a new school building. Mr. Sawyer will look into it.

## **10.) Budget Summit Minutes:**

*-September 2007: Mrs. Keegan made the motion to accept the minutes as written; Mr. Higgins seconded the motion. Vote: 4-yes; Mr. Esposito, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Keegan; 0-no; 2- abstention; Mr. Baghdasarian, Mr. Seagrave*

*-A quorum was not met for the October meeting.*

*-The November minutes could not be voted on due to the absence of Mrs. Taparousky.*

*-Mrs. Keegan reminded the Committee that they were suppose to make and approve a statement on Stabilization use. It will be placed on the next agenda.*

## **11.) Minutes:**

*-October 2, 2007: Mr. Haynes made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; Mr.. Higgins seconded the motion. Vote: 5-yes; Mr. Esposito, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Baghdasarian, Mr. Seagrave: 0-no: abstention-1; Ms. Keegan.*

*-November 13, 2007: Ms. Keegan made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; Mr. Baghdasarian seconded the motion. Vote: 5-yes; Mr. Esposito, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Baghdasarian, Ms. Keegan: 0-no: abstention-1; Mr. Seagrave*

*-December 4, 2007: Mr. Haynes made the motion to accept the minutes as written; Mr. Seagrave seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0*

**12.) Old/New Business:**

Mr. Esposito asked is everyone was OK getting the agenda on-line. The members all thought it was a great idea.

**13.) Adjournment:**

*At 8:09 p.m., Mr. Haynes made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with no new business to follow; Mr. Higgins seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Esposito-yes, Mr. Haynes-yes, Mrs. Keegan- yes, Mr. Baghdasarian- yes, Mr. Seagrave-yes, Mr. Higgins-yes*

*Submitted by:*

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Bonnie Reid, Clerk

**School Committee Members:**

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*Mr. Ernie Esposito, Chair*

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*Mr. Jim Haynes, Vice Chair*

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*Mrs. Jane Keegan, Secretary*

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