

UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 12, 2008, UHS Library

Meeting Minutes

1.) Call to Order at 7:00 pm

	Present	Absent
Mr. Ernie Esposito, <i>Chair</i>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Jim Haynes, <i>Vice Chair</i>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Jane Keegan, <i>secretary</i>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Peter Baghdasarian	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Michelle Taparauskay	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Mason Seagrave	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. John Higgins	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

First order of business: Pledge of Allegiance

2.) Public Comment: None

3.) Heart Screen America

Richard Cunic appeared before the committee to talk about a program for heart screening. The cost for the program will be \$49 for children and \$69 for adults. Pam Seagrave was exposed to this program during a professional development program. Screening will take place on Friday, March 7, between 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Taft School.

4.) SBA Update

SBA update was discussed by John Higgins. A copy of John’s notes of the meeting that was held on February 8, 2008 is attached to the minutes.

5.) Budget

The Budget was discussed by the committee. Don Sawyer proposed the following to be voted on by the committee:

- a) Athletic fee increase to \$75 a sport. *Motion made by Peter Baghdasarian to increase the athletic fees, seconded by Michelle Taparauskay. Vote: 6 yes, 1 no (Mr. Esposito voted “no”)*
- b) Vote to spend \$88,000 for an 18-22 year old program. *Motion made by Jim Haynes to support the \$88,000 program, seconded by John Higgins. Vote: 7-0 in favor.*
- c) Vote to add \$285,000 to the union contract settlement reserve account. *Motion made by Jim Haynes to add \$285,000 to the union contract settlement reserve account, seconded by Michelle Taparauskay. Vote: 4 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain (Mr. Baghdasarian and Mr. Esposito voted “no”, Ms. Keegan “abstained”)*
- d) Recommend no budget action by the committee to fund the athletic field and school ground maintenance. *Motion made by Michelle Taparauskay to take no budget action by the committee to fund the athletic field and school ground maintenance, seconded by Jim Haynes. Vote: 7-0 in favor.*
- e) Committee recommended submitting an article on the May Town Meeting to fund from the School/Town Maintenance Account a sum of money for the Taft School playground surface. *Motion made by Michelle Taparauskay to submit this article, seconded by Jim Haynes. Vote: 7-0 in favor.*

- f) *Motion made by Jim Haynes, seconded by Peter Baghdasarian to submit to the Town Manager the School Committee's final budget of \$18,544,516 an increase of \$509,547 over the current FY2008 budget. The School Transportation budget of \$1,307,417. Vote: 7-0 in favor.*

6.) Old/New Business:

Michelle Taparauskay asked if the High School Principal will be appearing before the committee to talk about Block Scheduling changes. The Chair informed the committee he had talked to Mr. Zini and he would be at the March Meeting.

7.) Adjournment:

At 8:50 p.m., Roll Call Vote: It was voted to enter Executive Session, to discuss personal issues, with no new business to follow. Roll call vote: Mr. Esposito-yes, Mr. Haynes-yes, Mrs. Keegan- yes, Mr. Baghdasarian- yes, Mr. Seagrave-yes, Mr. Higgins-yes, Ms. Taparauskay-yes.

Submitted by:

Ernest Esposito, Chair

School Committee Members:

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Mr. Jim Haynes, Vice Chair

Mrs. Jane Keegan, Secretary

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Mrs. Michelle Taparauskay, Member

Mr. John Higgins, Member