

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF May 5, 2009
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

School Committee Members in Attendance:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ernest Esposito, Chair	___X___	_____
Michelle Taparausky, Vice Chair	___X___	_____
Peter Baghdasarian, Member	___X___	_____
Mason Seagrave, Member	___X___	_____
Mary-Meg Walsh, Member	___X___	_____
John Higgins, Member	___X___	_____
Jane, Keegan, Secretary	___X___	_____

2.) Public Comment

A group of parents addressed the Committee about their concern with the new bus contract. Concerns of splitting the Taft School start time and middle school students riding the bus with high school students were expressed. Comments by the Superintendent and the School Committee members were expressed to the parents as to the reason for the change in bus transportation. The savings of \$214,000 helped to keep more teachers in the classroom and helped keep class sizes manageable.

3.) Finalist Superintendent Vote

The Committee agreed to select two Finalists from the list of five semi-finalists. The five semi-finalists were: Mr. Fernand Fuentes, Mr. Kelly Clenchy, Mr. George Zini, Dr. Paul Haughey, and Mr. Michael Tempesta. Each Committee member voted for their top two candidates:

Mr. Esposito	George Zini	Michael Tempesta
Ms. Taparausky	George Zini	Michael Tempesta
Mr. Baghdasarian	George Zini	Michael Tempesta
Ms. Keegan	George Zini	Michael Tempesta
Mr. Seagrave	George Zini	Kelly Clenchy
Mr. Higgins	George Zini	Kelly Clenchy
Ms. Walsh	George Zini	Kelly Clenchy

Mr. Zini and Mr. Tempesta were voted as the two finalists.

The Committee agreed to hold final interviews on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 8:30-9:15 a.m. for Mr. Tempesta, and 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. for Mr. Zini.

4.) Budget FY10

The budget for FY10 at this time has not changed and will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on May 12, 2009. Michelle Taparausky updated the Committee that the numbers are still subject to change.

5.) Graduation Diploma Presentation

A motion was made by Peter Baghdasarian, seconded by Mary-Meg Walsh to allow former Superintendent Daniel Stefanilo's wife, Nancy, to present her daughter, Elizabeth, her high school diploma on June 6, 2009 at the graduation exercise. Vote 7-0 in favor.

6.) MSBA Appointment

The motion was made by Michelle Taparauskys, seconded by Mary-Meg Walsh to appoint John Higgins as the School Committee representative for the Architect Selection Committee. Vote 7-0 in favor.

7.) School Calendar Revision

The Superintendent presented to the Committee a possible revision to the school calendar, contingent on a positive vote of the UTA. The Committee agreed to the revision if the UTA vote was to be casted on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

8.) Superintendent Update

The Superintendent updated the Committee on the great showing of the Destination Imagination team from the Uxbridge School District. The Team will be traveling to Tennessee on May 20-23 to participate in the National Finals.

The Superintendent also presented to the Committee, calendars for the month of May and June listing all the activities that will be happening during that time.

9.) Old/New Business

Paula Montesi, Principal at Taft School, spoke about the murals that were given to each School Committee member and how successful the program had been.

10.)Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m., a motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Peter Baghdasarian to adjourn the meeting. Vote 7-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Ernest Esposito, Chair

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Michelle Taparauskys, Vice-Chair

Jane Keegan, Secretary

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