

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF June 2, 2009
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

School Committee Members in Attendance:

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

2.) Re-Organization

The Committee first agenda item was a re-organization.

The motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Mason Seagrave to appoint Ernest Esposito as Chairperson. No other nominations were put forward. Vote 6 -0 -1 (Esposito abstained)

The motion was made by Mary-Meg Walsh, seconded by John Higgins to appoint Michelle Taparousky as Vice-Chairperson. No other nominations were put forward. Voted 6-0-1 (Taparousky abstained).

The motion was made by Michelle Taparousky, seconded by John Higgins to appoint Jane Keegan as Secretary. No other nominations were put forward. Vote 6-0-1 (Keegan abstained).

3.) Public Comment

Citizen, Christine Cote, appeared before the Committee to express her concern about the French program in the High School due to the loss of a French teacher. Mr. Zini explained the reasoning behind the change and would be looking into on-line courses.

4.) Retirement Presentations

The Superintendent and the High School Principal presented a plaque to William Smith for his 36 years of service and Sharon Petrowicz for her 31 years of service.

5.) Student Report

No Student Report

6.) Bus Schedule Discussion

The Business Manager explained the process of the bus contract and the five (5) options that were presented to the School Committee. Parents who were present during the meeting questioned the process and offered suggestions. The Committee stated that adjustments would be made if the schedule caused students to remain on the buses longer than an hour. Bus

monitors are a possible solution for the Whitin and High School bus routes if funds are available. The Committee is still looking at an additional budget reduction of approximately \$400,000.

7.) Sub-Committee Appointments

The Chair appointed to the Budget Sub-Committee: Michelle Taparausky, Mary-Meg Walsh, and Ernest Esposito.

The Chair appointed to the Policy Sub-Committee: Jane Keegan, Mason Seagrave, and William Robertson.

John Higgins is the School Committee Representative to the School Building Committee.

8.) Budget

Michelle Taparausky gave an update on the budget process and the possible reduction of an additional \$400,000 to the current school budget.

9.) MSBA Vote

To ensure the MSBA of the School Committee involvement, three (3) votes were taken:

- a.) *The Committee voted to approve the OPM Selection Committee. The motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Michelle Taparausky. Vote 7-0 in favor.*
- b.) *The Committee voted to approve the OPM RFC. The motion was made by Mary-Meg Walsh, seconded by Michelle Taparausky. Vote 7-0 in favor.*
- c.) *The Committee voted to authorize advertising the OPM RFS. The motion was made by Mary-Meg Walsh, seconded by Michelle Taparausky. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

10.) Superintendent Update

The Superintendent updated the Committee on graduation, Saturday, June 6. He also informed the Committee that the Teacher's Union would be meeting on June 9 to consider some sort of reduction so that some teachers may be reinstated.

11.) Minutes

Motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Mary-Meg Walsh to approve the minutes of April 14, 2009. Vote 6-0-1. Mr. Robertson abstained.

The motion was made by Michelle Taparausky, seconded by John Higgins to approve the minutes of April 28, 2009. Vote 6-0-1. Mr. Robertson abstained.

The motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Mary-Meg Walsh to approve the April 29, 2009 meeting minutes as amended. Include in minutes that Mr. Seagrave voted in the regular scheduled meeting on May 5, 2009. Vote 5-0-2. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Seagrave abstained.

The motion was made by Michelle Taparausky, seconded by John Higgins to approve the minutes of May 9, 2009. Vote 6-0-1. Mr. Robertson abstained.

12.) Old/New Business

John Higgins updated the Committee on the progress of the School Building Committee.

13.) At 8:40 p.m. the Committee voted to roll-call vote to enter into Executive Session for contract negotiations with business to follow:

Voted Mr. Seagrave – yes
Mr. Walsh – yes
Mr. Higgins – yes
Ms. Taparausky – yes
Ms. Keegan – yes
Mr. Robertson – yes
Mr. Esposito – yes

14.) At 9:15 p.m. the Committee reconvened in regular session. The motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Mary-Meg Walsh to offer a contract to Mr. Zini as Superintendent of Schools with a salary of \$125,000. Vote 7-0 in favor.

15.) The motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Mason Seagrave to pay a stipend of \$5,000 to Dr. Boyaj for his additional duties of Interim Superintendent. Vote 6-1-0. Mr. Higgins voted no.

16.) At 9:35 p.m. the motion was made by Michelle Taparausky, seconded by Mary-Meg Walsh to adjourn the meeting. Vote 7-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Ernest Esposito, Chair

School Committee Members:

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Michelle Taparausky, Vice-Chair

Jane Keegan, Secretary

William Robertson, Member

Mason Seagrave, Member

John Higgins, Member

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