

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 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 _	_ _ _
Jane Keegan, Secretary	_ X _	_ _ _
Mason Seagrave, Member	_ X _	_ _ _
Mary-Meg Walsh, Member	_ X _	_ _ _
John Higgs, Member	_ X _	_ _ _
William Robertson, Member	_ X _	_ _ _

2.) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.) Bus Schedule Update

The Superintendent updated the Committee on the bus schedule. At this time, the Bus Company is still working out the route stops. The schedule will be available within the next two weeks and will be published in the paper. It was requested that we attempt to get the schedule as soon as possible.

4.) Budget Update

Michelle Taparausky updated the Committee on the on-going budget. FY09 ended with approximately \$1200 surplus which will be returned to free cash. At this time, the approximate \$400,000 shortfall for the FY10 budget has been identified and Committee members have been informed of the areas to be reduced. If further reductions are to be made, the Committee will be informed as soon as the Superintendent makes those reductions.

5.) Proposed Lunch Increase

The Business Manager and the Food Service Director came before the Committee requesting a 25% increase in the cost of lunch. Without the increase they predicted that we would have a \$23,000 shortfall in FY10. *The motion was made by Bill Robertson, second by Mary-Meg Walsh to increase lunch prices by 25%. Vote 7-0 in favor.*

6.) Alternate Payroll Signature

The Chair requested that the Committee vote to assign someone to sign the Payroll Warrant if the Chair was not available. *The motion was made by Michelle Taparausky, second by Jane Keegan to appoint Mary-Meg Walsh to sign the Payroll Warrant if the Chair was not available. Vote 7-0 in favor.*

7.) Status of MSBA

John Higgins updated the Committee on the current status with the MSBA. John mentioned the workshop that was being held on August 3, 4 and 10. John also reported that a meeting will be held with the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, and School Building Committee to update all boards of the progress between the MSBA and the School Building Committee.

8.) Design Enrollment Certification

Questions arose over the signature of the Chair on signing the Design Enrollment Certification on behalf of the School Committee. After discussion, it was agreed that a prior vote gave the Chairman that authority.

9.) Superintendent Goal Discussion

The Chair informed the Committee that at the September meeting, the Committee will be discussing goals to be set for the new Superintendent with which he then can agree/disagree.

10.) Superintendent Evaluation Form

The Chair informed the Committee that the current evaluation form would be discussed at the September meeting.

11.) School Calendar – Minor Change

The date of October 18 has been changed to October 22 for the High School Parent/Teacher Conference, due to the conflict with Homecoming Week. *The motion was made by Michelle Taparauskys, second by Mary-Meg Walsh to approve the calendar change. Vote 7-0 in favor.*

12.) School Choice Vote

The Superintendent explained to the Committee the forms for school choice will now be available on-line. The Superintendent will keep the Committee informed of what buildings will become a problem, due to overcrowding.

13.) Van Discussion

The Committee discussed the grant awarded to the town for a van. In the future, if the Superintendent feels there is a need for a van in the school department, he will bring it to the Committee.

14.) Administrative and Signing Authority for Committee Members

This agenda item was discussed and resolved under Agenda Item #8.

15.) Superintendent Update

The Superintendent reported that he has met with the Administrators and will be meeting with School Committee members to listen to any concerns or ideas that anyone has pertaining to the school district.

16.) Minutes

The minutes of June 2, 2009 meeting were approved. *The motion to approve the minutes were made by John Higgins, second by Jane Keegan. Vote 7-0 in favor.*

17.) Old/New Business

The Chair reported to the Committee of his signing the Design Enrollment Certification on behalf of the Committee.

In addition, the Chair also forwarded to all members a copy of the Superintendent's contract.

18.) At 8:50 by roll call vote, a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Interim Superintendent compensation with no new business to follow was made by Bill Robertson, second by Mary-Meg Walsh. Vote: Seagrave-Yes, Walsh-yes, Higgins-Yes, Taparausky-Yes, Keegan-Yes, Robertson-Yes, Esposito-Yes.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Ernest Esposito, Chair

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John Higgins, Member

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