

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Higgs, Member	__X__	_____
William Robertson, Member	__X__	_____

2.) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.) Retirement Presentation

Paula Montesi was recognized for her 35 years of service to the Uxbridge School District. Superintendent Zini, Dr. Boyaj and Lori Fafard recognized Paula’s contribution to the Taft School.

Principals of the schools reported to the Committee on the successful opening day of the school district.

4.) Bus Update

The Superintendent gave the Committee an update of busing during the first few days of school. Some of the bus routes have resulted in long delays and this issue is being reviewed. The Superintendent, Business Manager and the administrators have been monitoring the arrival of buses daily since school began.

A group of concerned parents attended the meeting. Two parents spoke of their displeasure of their bus route not going into their cul-de-sac and feeling that it was a safety issue for the bus to stop at the Hazel Street/Tyler Drive bus stop.

The Superintendent announced that he would be looking to return the Taft School to one starting time and review the bus stops after the adjusted bus schedule is completed.

5.) Budget Update

The Business Manager updated the Committee on the budget period 7/1/2008 through 6/30/2009. The ending balance of the fiscal year 2009 budget was \$238.37.

6.) Superintendent Goals

The Committee discussed the goals for the Superintendent. The Superintendent and the Committee agreed to the following three goals:

1. The Superintendent will be a major participant on working with the School Building Committee, providing that Committee with all documentation and information pertaining to the School District, that is required by the MSBA. Engaging the community and providing the benefits to the community will be a major factor in this process.
2. Public relation and promoting and marketing the School District.
3. Rigorous enforcement of the district's curriculum.

7.) Superintendent Evaluation Form

The School Committee and Superintendent agreed upon the form that will be used to evaluate the Superintendent. A copy of the form will be attached to the minutes.

8.) Interim Superintendent Salary

The motion was made by Mary-Meg Walsh, second by Mason Seagrave, to approve the Chair to sign an addendum to Dr. Boyaj's contract for an additional \$5,000 for his role as Superintendent from February 22, 2009 to June 30, 2009. Vote 6-0 in favor.

9.) Warrant Account Payable Vote

The Chair asked the Committee to approve the request that the Superintendent, Chair, and one other School Committee member be authorized to sign the Accounts Payable warrant. The Chair had discussed this option with the Town Finance Director and Auditor. This will allow the warrants to be paid in a more timely fashion. *Jane Keegan made the motion, second by Mary-Meg Walsh to approve this request. Vote 6-0 in favor.*

10.)MSBA Update

John Higgins gave an update of the current status with the MSBA and reminded the Committee and the citizens of the three upcoming School Building Forums, which will be held to present the options on the High School Project and to seek input from the community.

11.)Superintendent Update

The Superintendent informed the Committee of the H1N1, flu procedures that will be done throughout the School District.

12.)Minutes

The minutes of August 4, 2009 meeting were approved. *The motion to approve the minutes were made by Jane Keegan, second by Mary-Meg Walsh. Vote 6-0 in favor.*

13.)Old/New Business

The Chair thanked Jeanne Patrick and Maria Potter for all the work that they have done on the school properties.

14.)Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Bill Robertson, second by Mary-Meg Walsh to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Ernest Esposito, Chair

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