

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 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 Higgins, Member	___X___	_____
William Robertson, Member	___X___	_____

2.) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.) Student Report

Student Nicholas Lovett reported on the athletic activities.

4.) MCAS Presentation

The Committee heard from Dr. Boyaj, Ron Farrar, Tara Bennett, and Superintendent George Zini, on the recent MCAS results for the district. The Committee was presented with the results of grades 3 & 4 at the Taft, grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 at the Whittin and grades 10 at the High School. There are successes and also challenges. The Administrative team will be focusing on moving more students into the advanced level and from needs improvement into the proficient level.

5.) Budget Update

The Chair of the Budget Sub-Committee, Michelle Taparausky updated the Committee on the cuts made to the budget because of the reduction of State Aid. She warned that there may be further cuts if the State revenues continue to fall.

6.) MSBA

John Higgins updated the Committee about the latest status with the MSBA. He informed the Committee that the reimbursement rate for the School Project has been modified by the MSBA for all school districts. The SBC recommendation to the MSBA is scheduled to be held on November 18.

7.) Policy Sub-Committee Update

The Chair of the Policy Sub-Committee, Jane Keegan, reported on the progress of looking into and updating the School Committee Busing Policy. This policy when completed will be forwarded to the entire Committee to be voted upon. Jane invited anyone who is interested to attend the next meeting of her committee.

8.) Superintendent Update

The Superintendent reported that he will be meeting with the Administrative Team on December 8 to start the budget process for FY11.

There was nothing to report concerning the H1N1 vaccine as the district has not received any vaccine at this time. The Superintendent has been tracking daily attendance – Whitin was up to 12% but now is down to 6%. Other schools are approximately in the 6%-8% range of students being absent.

The Superintendent wished to thank Police Chief Freitas for the service of the two police officers who now are present in the school at certain times. This is proving to be very rewarding to both the students and police officers.

9.) The amended minutes of the October 6, 2009 meeting were approved. *Michelle Taparauskay made the motion to accept the amended minutes, second by John Higgins. Vote 6-0-1 in favor.*

10.) Old/New Business

Michelle Taparauskay updated the Committee on her on-going activities with the Taft playground.

The Chair recognized Dean Tourangeau for his many years of coaching, both the girls and the boys basketball and thanked him for his many years he has given to that program.

11.) Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Taparauskay, second by Mary-Meg Walsh. Vote 7-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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