

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF January 5, 2010
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

School Committee Members in Attendance:

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

Also in attendance: Superintendent George Zini

1.) **Call to order:** 7:00 p.m.

2.) **Public Comment**
No public comment.

3.) **Student Report**
Student Abbey White reported on the student activities during the month of December.

4.) **Minimum School Spending**
Don Sawyer, Business Manager, explained to the Committee the process and calculation that goes into the formula for minimum school spending. The Finance Director, David Genereaux, presented a document that also explained the formula for minimum school spending and also answered the twenty-four questions that the Finance Committee submitted to the School Committee.

Finance Committee members, Howard Fortner, Ed Maharay, Mark Andrews, and Christine Horwarth addressed the Committee. Selectmen Peter Baghdasarian also addressed the Committee. The Superintendent of Schools also expressed his opinion of minimum school spending. School Committee members also took part in the discussion.

5.) **Budget Update**
The Business Manager updated the Committee on the current budget and is working with the Budget Sub-Committee and the Superintendent on next year's budget.

6.) **MSBA Update**
John Higgins updated the Committee on the progress with the MSBA and the meeting that was held in Boston with the MSBA and our State Legislators, Town Manager, members of the Board of Selectmen, Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee Chair, and Joslin & Lester.

7.) Policy Update

Jane Keegan updated the Committee on the Busing Policy. It will be on the agenda in February for the first reading. The Policy Sub-Committee is also looking at other policies that they feel need to be updated.

8.) Superintendent Report

The Superintendent provided the Committee with a list of Advanced Placement courses that are available at the High School.

The Superintendent has met with Morton Orlov on the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative Award Programs. This is a competitive grant that would help increase student enrollment in Math, Science, and English AP courses, as well as improve student performance on these tests. In its two year existence, there are only 20 schools in the State who have received this grant.

The Superintendent also reported on the Race To The Top program.

9.) Minutes

A motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Bill Robertson to approve the minutes of December 8, 2009. Vote 6-0-1 in favor

10.) Old/New Business

Michelle Taparausky updated the Committee on the status of the Taft PTO. All necessary paperwork has been completed and the PTO is now able to continue their work of providing education assistance to the Taft School.

11.) Adjournment

At 8:25 p.m. a motion was made by Bill Robertson and seconded by Mary-Meg Walsh to adjourn the meeting. Vote 7-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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