

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2008  
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**School Committee Members in Attendance:**

|                                 | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Ernest Esposito, Chair          | __X__          | _____         |
| Michelle Taparousky, Vice Chair | _____          | __X__         |
| Peter Baghdasarian, Member      | _____          | __X__         |
| Mason Seagrave, Member          | __X__          | _____         |
| Mary-Meg Walsh, Member          | __X__          | _____         |
| John Higgs, Member              | __X__          | _____         |
| Jane, Keegan, Secretary         | __X__          | _____         |

**Also in attendance:** Superintendent, Daniel Stefanilo

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

2.) **Public Comment**

Mr. Halacy addressed the Committee to inform them of a 5K walk or run to be held on November 22, 2008.

3.) **Student Representatives**

Ryan Normandin and Cassey Harrington reported on student activities during the month of October. Some of the many activities were: Halloween party for the elementary school, trick or treat for can goods, Quaker Meeting House clean up, Red Ribbon Week, and Drug Free Week.

4.) **Retirement – Diane Brothers**

The Superintendent and the Taft School Principal acknowledged the retirement of Diane Brothers after 34 years in the Uxbridge school system. The Committee thanked her for her dedication to the district and to the children of Uxbridge.

5.) **Policy Manual**

A Policy Manual will be sent by email to all Committee members for their review. In December, Pat Correira will present the Policy Manual to the Committee.

6.) **MCAS Presentation**

Dr. Boyaj presented a follow-up presentation of the MCAS results from our October meeting. There has been improvement from last year's results, which is a very positive move in the right direction and hopefully that trend will continue.

**7.) Budget**

The Budget Sub-Committee will be meeting to begin the budget process.

**8.) Review Superintendent Evaluation Form**

A final review of the evaluation form will be decided at the December meeting.

**9.) Annual Town Report**

The Annual Town Report is approved for the town book and it was suggested that the year-end financial report also be included in the report.

**10.) Feasibility Study**

The Superintendent and John Higgins updated the Committee on the Feasibility Study. A meeting will be held on November 13 at the Senior Center to answer any and all questions that the public is interested in knowing. Article 15 on the Town Warrant was voted on by the Committee. *Jane Keegan made the motion to approve the wording of the article, second by John Higgins. Vote 5-0 in favor.*

**11.) Superintendent Report**

The Superintendent presented the following items in his report:

- Handed out the Grant Reports
- Trying to do more with e-mails to communicate with parents in place of some of the back-pack mail.
- Put community newsletter on line, looking for donations to have it printed and distributed to the public.
- Safety issues; school culture is important, Crisis team in each building.

The Superintendent informed the Committee that there was a lock-down drill at the High School in conjunction with K-9 dogs. Nothing was found in the school system. There was positive feedback from the students and the staff.

There is an article on the Town Meeting warrant by the Cable Advisory Committee to build out a room in the High School. Improvement will be significant and will enhance the curriculum. Amount to come from cable money is approximately \$116,000.

**12.) Approval of Minutes**

*Jane Keegan made the motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008. Second by John Higgins. Vote 5-0 in favor.*

**13.) Old/New Business**

The Committee agreed to put an ad in the year book; cost will be \$20 per member.

Committee members signed the approved contracts for Units B, C, and D.

**14.) Adjournment**

*At 8:25 p.m., a motion was made by Mary-Meg Walsh and second by John Higgins to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5 – 0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted By:

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*Ernest Esposito, Chair*

**School Committee Members:**

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