

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 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___	_____
Peter Baghdasarian, Member	___X___	_____
Mason Seagrave, Member	___X___	_____
Mary-Meg Walsh, Member	___X___	_____
John Higgins, Member	___X___	_____
Jane, Keegan, Secretary	___X___	_____

Also in attendance: Superintendent, Daniel Stefanilo

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

2.) **Public Comment**

Melissa Shelley appeared before the Committee to inform them of an activity to be held on January 31 at the Whitin Community Center for all parents of special education children.

3.) **Student Report**

Ryan and Cassie reported to the Committee on a fundraiser with candy canes. There was a teachers gift activity in which a gift was given with clues to who the giver was. The Snow Ball Winter Dance is to be held on February 13. The New York trip was a success. The Honor Roll students had a breakfast with donuts and fruits.

4.) **Retirement – Joseph McCourt**

The Superintendent presented Mr. McCourt a plaque and wished him much enjoyment in his retirement after 34 years of service to the district. Ryan Normandin then gave an eloquent summarization of Mr. McCourt’s interaction with the students in the classroom and on the athletic fields.

5.) **Taft School Desk**

A motion was made by Jane Keegan and seconded by Mary-Meg Walsh to allow the Taft Playground Committee to have old desks and chairs that are in the attic at Taft be used for a fundraiser. Vote 7-0 in favor.

6.) **Budget**

Michelle Taparousky updated the Committee on the workings of the Budget Sub-Committee. The next Budget Sub-Committee meeting will be January 15. Don Sawyer and the Committee engaged in a discussion of the up-coming bus contract. At the next School Committee meeting the Committee will hopefully finalize the RFP that will be the contract for the next three years.

7.) Trimester Schedule

Mr. Zini presented to the Committee the proposed trimester schedule that will be implemented in September 2009. The Committee will review the graduation requirements because of the overlap between schedules for some students.

8.) Gifted and Talented Program

Dr. Boyaj presented to the Committee the progress with this program. Professional Development has begun for the teaching staff. Students who are gifted are being evaluated and adjustments will be made to their curriculum. This is an ongoing process which will take two years or so to complete the entire process.

9.) Superintendent Report

The Superintendent reported that the Superintendent's Gala will be held on March 28 at Crystal Lake Country Club.

The Superintendent has been keeping NEASC updated on the high school progress and also stated that communication with the SBA has been outstanding.

10.) Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Jane Keegan and second by Mary-Meg Walsh to accept the minutes of November 5, 2008. Vote 5-0-2 approved.

The motion was made by Michelle Taparauskys and second by John Higgins to accept the minutes of December 2, 2008. Vote 5-0-2 approved.

The motion was made by Jane Keegan and second by Mary-Meg Walsh to accept the minutes of December 9, 2008. Vote 7-0 approved.

11.) Old/New Business

John Higgins reported on his contract with the SBA. He has a new contact person. Information for the procurement of the OPM will be 3 finalists and then 1 will be chosen. Also, announced that they may be federally funded which would reduce the towns obligations.

The copy of the School Committee policy manual was given to Jane Keegan. The Policy Sub-Committee will look at a renumbering system for the manual.

At approximately 8:55 p.m. , Jane Keegan made a motion and second by Mary-Meg Walsh to enter into Executive Session with no new business to follow, to approve Executive session minutes and have discussion about personnel . Roll call vote was taken: Ernie Esposito – Yes, Michelle Taparauskys – Yes, Mason Seagrave – Yes, Mary-Meg Walsh – Yes, John Higgins – Yes, Peter Baghdasarian – Yes, Jane Keegan – Yes.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Ernest Esposito, Chair

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