

**UXBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF April 7, 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 Higgns, Member	___X___	_____
Jane, Keegan, Secretary	___X___	_____

Also in attendance: Interim Superintendent Dr. Howard Boyaj

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

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

**3.) Student Report**

Ryan Normandin and Cassey Harrington reported on a number of activities during the month of March and about several upcoming activities. The Blood Drive was held and 27 pints of blood were donated. Other activities include: Adopt-a-Highway, Walk for Hunger, Beach clean-up, MS Walk, and babysitting activities.

**4.) Budget FY10**

The Business Manager and the Interim Superintendent presented the FY10 Budget. There is a 1.4 million dollar shortfall. Unit A reductions are estimated at this time to be 15.3 FTE, Unit D 5.28 FTE, and administrative reductions at 2.0 FTE. On April 14, 2009 at the Public Hearing of the School Committee budget, the Committee will vote to approve or disapprove the FY10 Budget.

**5.) Bus Contract**

The Business Manager presented to the Committee the bus transportation bid for the five options. Only one company bid on the bus contract, Vendetti Bus Company. The question was raised about the ramification of Option #5. At the April 14 Public hearing the Committee will receive more data on Option #5 and will decide on what option they wish to vote on.

**6.) Budget Public Hearing**

It was agreed to hold the School Committee Budget Public Hearing on April 14, 2009

## **7.) Graduation Requirement**

George Zini presented to the Committee the graduation requirement under the new Trimester Schedule. The Policy Sub-Committee had met with George to discuss the new schedule. *A motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Michelle Taparausky to accept Policy 581, effective with the class of 2010. A change will made to Section 3 that parents of seniors will be notified by the Principal office at the end of the "First Trimester" changed from "Second Trimester." Vote 7-0 in favor.*

## **8.) Superintendent Update**

Dr. Boyaj thanked everyone for attending the Superintendent's Gala. He especially thanked the Officers of the Uxbridge Education Foundation.

Dr. Boyaj also thanked the Destination Imagination teams. Five (5) teams competed and one team led by Nancy Winters won first place and will move to the State finals.

Dr. Boyaj also explained the process used in evaluating the 24 applicants that were received for the Superintendent position. Six (6) Semi-finalists were chosen. One person withdrew their name on April 7. The five candidates were announced:

1. Dr. Paul Haughey
2. Mr. George Zini
3. Mr. Kelly Clenchy
4. Mr. Ferdinand Fuentes
5. Mr. Michael Tempesta

## **9.) Interview Schedule (Superintendent Candidates)**

It was agreed by the Committee to hold interviews of the five candidates on April 28 & 29. Three candidates on April 28 and two candidates on April 29. The interviews will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be for one hour.

## **10.)Minutes**

*A motion was made by Jane Keegan, seconded by Peter Baghdasarian to approve the minutes of February 3, 2009. Vote 7-0 in favor*

*A motion was made by Michelle Taparausky, seconded by Jane Keegan to approve the minutes of March 3, 2009. Vote 6-0-1 in favor*

*A motion was made by Peter Baghdasarian, seconded by John Higgins to approve the Executive Session minutes of February 3, 2009. Vote 7-0 in favor.*

## **11.)Old/New Business**

John Higgins reported to the Committee on the progress of hiring an OPM (Owners Project Manager), nine (9) firms responded and were reduced to three (3) finalists. A meeting will be held on April 8 to firm up the selection and get an agreement with the MSBA on this selection.

## **12.)Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

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*Ernest Esposito, Chair*

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