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School Committee Members in Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Michelle Taparausky, Chair	<u> X </u>	_____
Jane Keegan, Vice Chair	<u> X </u>	_____
Sean Dugan, Secretary	<u> X </u>	_____
Eileen Gorman, Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Melanie King, Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Charlene Miller, Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Debbie Stark, Member	<u> X </u>	_____

1. Call to Order-

Michelle Taparausky, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was made at that time.

3. Taft Playground

Laura O'Connell represented the Taft and Whitin Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and requested that the approximately \$54,000 in the Taft Playground account be used for safety concerns on the Taft playground. She stated that the PTO paid approximately \$63,000 for the current Taft Playground.

Ms. Taparausky stated that she previously appealed to the Board of Selectmen to sign over the ownership of the playgrounds to the School Department. She asked that the PTO notify the Committee of any changes they wish to make to the playground.

Ms. O'Connell asked that the Committee provide direction to the PTO with regards to protocol.

Superintendent Kevin Carney stated that he was confident that a long-term plan could be worked out.

Don Sawyer provided a history of the ownership of the playground and stated that it was the school's responsibility for the maintenance.

Ms. Taparausky asked what the time line would for it to be fixed. Mr. Sawyer responded that the bid process alone would be 45-60 days alone, so it would have to start soon if it were to be done before school started.

Ms. Taparausky moved that the Committee take action to expend a sum of money

not to exceed \$54,000 on items deemed to be capital expenses including paving, fencing, picnic tables, play panels, blacktop games, and equipment updates but with the exception of mulch replacement. Melanie King seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

4. School Calendar Review for 2015 Graduation Date-

Ms. Taparauský stated that the challenge of choosing an appropriate graduation date came to her attention again, and although it is ultimately the School Committee's decision, it is good to bring it to the School Council.

Justin Pominville provided a recap of the recent graduation date conflict and discussed the options presented to the Uxbridge High School School Council.

Judi Lanoue asked if a representative of the Parent's for Safe Graduation (PSG) was present for the discussion at the School Council meeting. Mr. Pominville stated there was one.

Melanie King discussed graduation dates in relation to the MIAA scheduling for the track team.

Sean Dugan asked if there was consideration for a later date than what was proposed. Mr. Pominville stated that there would be a conflict with teachers being able to help prepare for graduation due to MCAS testing.

Charlene Miller stated that the Committee needed to keep in mind what was best for the children.

Eileen Gorman asked if the School Council voted on anything during its meeting. Mr. Pominville stated that no formal vote was taken.

Ms. Taparauský disclosed that she had two sons graduating next year, but proposed Sunday as a date for next year's graduation, which is an option that allows PSG to maintain their services and avoids many other scheduling conflicts.

Jane Keegan moved that the Committee table the discussion regarding the 2015 graduation date to the next Committee meeting in August. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted unfavorably on said motion 2-4-1, with Michelle Taparauský abstaining. MOTION FAILED.

Melanie King moved that the Committee set the 2015 graduation date to Sunday May 31, 2015. Charlene Miller seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 6-0-1, with Jane Keegan abstaining. MOTION PASSED.

5. Elementary School Math Program -

Judi Lamarre started the discussion and stated that Math in Focus was her choice for the school math program.

Lori Fafard provided a summary of what teachers and parents at Whitin Elementary School thought of the Math in Focus program.

Various teachers from both schools expressed their support for the program, stating that it was comprehensive and parent/teacher friendly.

Jennifer Gaudet provided data from the Star Program against each of the three piloted programs and showed that Math in Focus provided the most growth.

Debbie Stark asked what percent of Math in Focus was aligned to the Common Core Standards. Ms. Gaudet stated that it was 100% aligned.

Sean Dugan stated that if the administrators at both buildings, various teachers and parents support the program, that it seemed like the committee would be making the right choice by voting in favor of it.

Michelle Taparausky moved that the Committee release funds for the purpose of implementing the Math in Focus program. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

6. Fingerprint-based Criminal History Record Information Policy (CHRI) - (File ADB)- 2nd Reading and Vote-

Ms. Keegan, Policy Subcommittee Chair, provided an overview of the policy.

Ms. Taparausky asked how much it would cost if the School Department paid for the services. Ms. Keegan responded that it would cost approximately \$19,000.

Jane Keegan moved that the Committee adopt the Fingerprint Policy ADB. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

7. Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative -

Mr. Carney discussed and submitted the Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative (SWCEC) 2nd and 3rd Quarter Reports. He discussed the Collaborative's potential acquisition of property. Mr. Carney also discussed the SWCEC agreement with the committee and it was signed by the School Committee Chair.

8. SC Sub-Committee appointments for Budget and Policy -

Ms. Taparausky provided an overview of the subcommittees as they currently stood, with Jane Keegan and Eileen Gorman on the Policy Subcommittee and Sean Dugan on the Budget Subcommittee.

Ms. Taparausky asked if any member had a preference on which committee they were appointed to. No one responded.

Ms. Taparausky appointed Sean Dugan, Charlene Miller, and Debbie Stark to the Budget Subcommittee, with Mr. Dugan as Chairman.

Ms. Taparausky appointed Jane Keegan, Eileen Gorman, and Melanie King to the Policy Subcommittee, with Ms. Keegan as Chairwoman.

9. Superintendent's Update-

Mr. Carney postponed the update for the sake of time.

10. School Committee Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2014

Ms. Taparausky thanked Sean Dugan for the minutes taken at the last meeting.

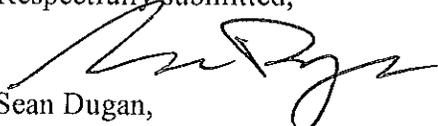
Sean Dugan moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting of the Uxbridge School Committee. Eileen Gorman seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

11. Adjournment-

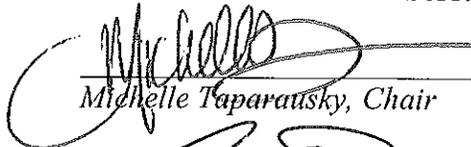
Michelle Taparausky moved that the Committee adjourn. Jane Keegan seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of said motion 7-0-0. MOTION PASSED.

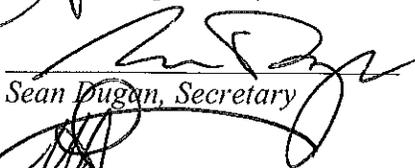
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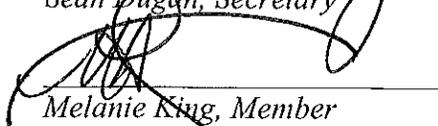
Respectfully submitted,


Sean Dugan,
Uxbridge School Committee Secretary

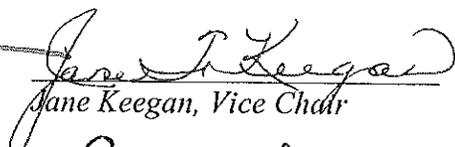
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Michelle Taparausky, Chair

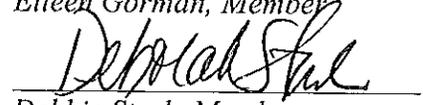

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