

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday May 14, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Hall Conference Room with the following members in attendance: Chairman Edwards, Trustees Winthrop, Patterson, Bennett, Cahill and Evangelidis.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Attendance:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Present
	Mr. Basile	-	Absent
	Dr. Patterson	-	Present
	Mr. Bennett	-	Present
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Present ( <i>Left at 6:00 p.m.</i> )
	Mr. Cahill	-	Present
	Mr. Edwards	-	Present

II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2009: on a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Dr. Patterson, it was moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2009.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Abstain
	Mr. Basile	-	Absent
	Dr. Patterson	-	Yes
	Mr. Bennett	-	Yes
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Yes
	Mr. Cahill	-	Yes
	Mr. Edwards	-	Yes

Five trustees voting "Yes", one "Abstain" and one "Absent" the motion passes.

*Mr. Edwards, the Chairman asked the Board if any member objected to taking the agenda out of order to accommodate the students and teachers who were present to make presentations to the Board at tonight's meeting. The following items were taken out of order:*

V. *New Business*

- a. *Honoring our Vocational Technical Student of the Year*
- b. *Student Report on the Educational Trip to Europe*

### III. Financial Report

Financial Report through February of FY09

Mr. Malonson presented and discussed the financial report through the end of April FY09 with the Board as well as some of the ongoing adjustments and format improvements to the report. He also noted that the Budget Subcommittee reviewed it in depth at their meeting earlier in the afternoon.

### IV. Unfinished Business

#### a. Proposed Essex/North Shore Merger

Mr. Bennett reported that the state has not committed to a figure for the project and that MSBA is expected to vote on June 3, 2009 on their grant commitment for the project. It is believed that they will vote to contribute at a 62% rate for reimbursable construction expenses which would be in the vicinity of \$77.5M.

Mr. Bennett gave a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of NS Tech addressed to Mr. Bourgeois requesting that additional funds to be appropriated for the Owners Project Manager's (OPM) contract due to a short-fall in the Merger account held by the Town of Danvers. The amount is one-third of the amount due divided between the three schools.

On a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cahill, it was moved that the Board appropriate \$4,022.00 to fulfill the OPM contract.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Yes
	Mr. Basile	-	Absent
	Dr. Patterson	-	Yes
	Mr. Bennett	-	Yes
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Absent
	Mr. Cahill	-	Yes
	Mr. Edwards	-	Yes

Five trustees voting "Yes", and two "Absent" the motion passes.

#### b. Budget Subcommittee

Mr. Evangelidis gave the report to the Board on the subcommittee meeting that was held earlier in the evening due to Mr. Basile's absence. He indicated that the subcommittee is aware of the unstable nature of state revenue and is monitoring its potential impact on the Essex Aggie budget. As soon as the state budget is finalized, they will meet to make any appropriate revisions recommendations that may be needed.

#### c. Contract Negotiations

Dr. Patterson updated the Board with regards to the progress of Contract Negotiations:

- Dates were added to the Teachers' Negotiations schedule and the IBB team had resolved four issues to date.
- The first meeting with the AFSCME Union representatives will be held on May 21, 2009.

d. Superintendent's Contract Subcommittee

The subcommittee was unable to schedule a meeting and members will set up a new date and time.

V. New Business

a. Honoring our Vocational Technical Student of the Year

(Introduction of Edwin Jesus Santana will be postponed until next month's meeting; Edwin was unable to attend due to a prior comitment.)

b. Student Report on the Educational Trip to Europe

Mr. Simendinger and two students from his class passed out handouts which outlined many of the historical places that they visited on their trip as well as explaining the personal, cultural, and educational experiences that were most significant to them. They also expressed their sincere thanks to the Board for supporting and approving the trip.

c. Placement Counselor Job Description

Mr. Bourgeois submitted a job description for a Placement Counselor position for the 2009-10 school year to the Board and he explained the need and importance for this new position. He indicated that it was currently funded in the operational budget for the 2009-10 school year. He also indicated that he recently received a retirement notice from the Guidance Coordinator and was not planning on filling that position but rather looking at a reorganization of her duties by others.

On a motion by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Bennett, it was moved that the Board approve the job description of the Placement Counselor position.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Yes
	Mr. Basile	-	Absent
	Dr. Patterson	-	Yes
	Mr. Bennett	-	Yes
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Absent
	Mr. Cahill	-	Yes
	Mr. Edwards	-	Yes

Five trustees voting "Yes", and two "Absent" the motion passes.

d. Proposed Changes to the Student Handbook for 2009-10

Mr. Dolan submitted a draft outlining all the proposed changes to the 2009-10 Student Handbook and will submit the actual handbook with changes at the next Board meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cahill, it was moved that the Board accept the proposed changes on the first reading.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Yes
	Mr. Basile	-	Absent
	Dr. Patterson	-	Yes
	Mr. Bennett	-	Yes
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Absent
	Mr. Cahill	-	Yes
	Mr. Edwards	-	Yes

Five trustees voting "Yes", and two "Absent" the motion passes.

On a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Dr. Patterson, it was moved that the Board accept the student handbook addendum Interagency Memo of Understanding for Schools.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Yes
	Mr. Basile	-	Absent
	Dr. Patterson	-	Yes
	Mr. Bennett	-	Yes
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Absent
	Mr. Cahill	-	Abstain
	Mr. Edwards	-	Yes

Four trustees voting "Yes", one "Abstain" and two "Absent" the motion passes.

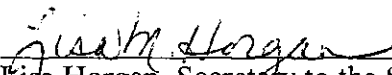
e. Other

The Board recognized Mr. Charles Veradt, Comptroller, for his many years of dedicated service to the school and wished him well on his impending retirement. Mr. Bourgeois also expressed his personal thanks for his valued assistance during the many transitions that have taken place over the last two years.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: June 11, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

  
Eisa Horgan, Secretary to the Superintendent