

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday February 12, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 5:35 p.m. in the Smith Hall Conference Room with the following members in attendance: Vice Chairman Bennett (*Chairman Edwards was absent*), Trustees Winthrop, Basile, Patterson, and Cahill.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Mr. Winthrop	-	Present (left @ 6:15 p.m.)
Mr. Basile	-	Present
Dr. Patterson	-	Present
Mr. Bennett	-	Present
Mr. Evangelidis	-	Absent
Mr. Cahill	-	Present (arrived @ 5:45 p.m.)
Mr. Edwards	-	Absent

III. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2009: on a motion by Mr. Winthrop, seconded by Dr. Patterson, it was moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2009.

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

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

The Vice Chairman asked the Board if any member objected to taking item VI. b of the agenda out of order to accommodate Mr. Ira Singer, Middleton Town Manager. The meeting began by taking the following item out of order.

VI. New Business

b. Town of Middleton – Affordable Housing Development

IV. Financial Report

Financial Report through January of FY09

Mr. Malonson presented and discussed the financial report through the end of January FY09 with the Board as well as some of the ongoing adjustments and format improvements to the report.

V. Unfinished Business

a. FY2010 Budget Update

Mr. Basile reported that the Budget Sub-Committee met earlier to discuss the current status of the FY10 Budget with regards to the Governor's proposed House 1 Budget. He noted that the requested budget has been approved by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, Mitchell Chester, and is in alignment with House 1. Mr. Basile informed the Board that the Budget Sub-Committee will plan to meet next on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

b. Proposed Essex/North Shore Merger

Mr. Bennett stated that Mr. Bourgeois has provided the Board with current press releases and Mr. Bourgeois also reviewed the following items with the Board:

- The MSBA has tentatively approved the project for reimbursement at a maximum of \$125 million.
- The most difficult issue at this point appears to be obtaining support for the project from the proposed district cities and towns given their current fiscal challenges.

c. Essex County Sheriff's Department – Regional Dispatch Center

Attorney Smith reported that there has been very little progress since the last meeting. The correctional facility is working with DCAM to come up with a license agreement for site assessment for the temporary facility. They are also confident that the project will be funded although the commitment has been delayed for at least another month.

d. Superintendent's Goals for FY09

Mr. Bourgeois submitted and discussed his goals for FY09 to the Board.

V. New Business

a. Expeditionary Learning Trip to Nova Scotia, Canada

Mrs. Ann Witzig, Environmental Science Instructor, presented a request for permission from the Board of Trustees to run an "Expeditionary Learning" trip to Nova Scotia, Canada for the 11th grade Environmental Science students as has been successfully done for the last 8 years.

On a motion by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Dr. Patterson, it was moved that the Board give permission for the Environmental Science “Expeditionary Learning” trip to Nova Scotia, Canada.

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

Four trustees voting “Yes”, three “Absent” the motion passes.

b. Town of Middleton – Affordable Housing Development

Mr. Ira Singer, Town Manager of Middleton, requested permission from the Board of Trustees to study the feasibility of developing affordable housing on former county property which was transferred to the Division of Capital and Asset Management (DCAM) but is maintained and managed by the Board of Trustees in accordance with Massachusetts general Laws.

On a motion by Dr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Cahill, it was moved that the Board support a new feasibility study at this location and grant the Town of Middleton permission to investigate the physical characteristics of the land, including soil testing, drainage conditions, and property survey work that may be required to develop affordable housing proposals and the preparation of preliminary site plans subject to conditions that will be outlined by Attorney Smith.

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

Five trustees voting “Yes”, two “Absent” the motion passes.

c. Other

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: March 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Lisa Horgan, Secretary to the Superintendent