

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 5:35 p.m. in the Smith Hall Conference Room with the following members in attendance: Chairman Edwards, Trustees Winthrop, Patterson, Bennett and Evangelidis.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Mr. Winthrop	-	Present
Mr. Basile	-	Absent
Dr. Patterson	-	Present
Mr. Bennett	-	Present
Mr. Evangelidis	-	Present
Mr. Cahill	-	Absent
Mr. Edwards	-	Present

III. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of February 12, 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 February 12, 2009 as amended. ***(see below for correction)**

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

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

<i>*Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Mr. Winthrop</i>	-	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
	<i>Mr. Basile</i>	-	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
	<i>Dr. Patterson</i>	-	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
	<i>Mr. Bennett</i>	-	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
	<i>Mr. Evangelidis</i>	-	<u><i>Absent</i></u>
	<i>Mr. Cahill</i>	-	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
	<i>Mr. Edwards</i>	-	<u><i>Absent</i></u>

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

IV. Financial Report

Financial Report through February of FY09

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

V. Unfinished Business

a. Proposed Essex/North Shore Merger

Mr. Bennett provided the Board with the following updates:

- The cost to construct the school has been reduced to \$125 million and the time to complete the project has been reduced as well.
- MSBA approved the enrollment projections necessary to move forward.
- MSBA's final approval of 52% to 62% for their reimbursement portion will probably be at the end of May depending on DCAM's percentage.
- Most communities appear to be in favor of the project.
- On March 27th there will be a meeting at the school scheduled for 2:00 pm with Ted Coughlin regarding the establishment of a 501(C) 3 Non-Profit Foundation.
- The next Temporary Oversight Board meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2009.

b. Town of Middleton – Affordable Housing Development

Attorney Smith presented his written communication with the Middleton Town Manager, Ira Singer, regarding permission to conduct a feasibility study for a potential affordable housing development on Essex Aggie land.

c. Contract Negotiations

Dr. Patterson updated the Board with regards to Contract Negotiations and informed them that the first Interest-Based Bargaining (IBB) Training Session with administration and the teachers union has been completed with another session scheduled for Saturday, March 14th. He also mentioned that the AFSCME Union has requested to meet regarding their contract. Dr. Patterson will work with Mr. Bourgeois and the Subcommittee to arrange the meetings with Union representatives. He also invited any of the Board members to attend the Subcommittee meetings and encouraged their input on any issues that may concern them.

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

Attorney Smith presented the most recent developments pertaining to the Essex County Sheriff's Department Regional Dispatch Center. On March 6, 2009, Sheriff Cousins received notification from Executive Office of Public Safety and Security that the Department has received a grant in the amount of \$4,943,000.00 to commence planning and construction of the Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC). They will be contacting him in the near future to discuss in detail the plans and schedule for the construction of the temporary facility that was previously proposed to the Board.

VI. New Business

a. Graduation Date – Thursday June 4, 2009

Mr. Bourgeois reported, pending no additional snow days, that the tentative graduation date will be Thursday, June 4, 2009. He also requested that the Regular Board of Trustees meeting for June be held the week following the graduation instead of on the same evening.

b. North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC)
School Threat and Assessment Response System (STARS)

Mr. Dolan reported on the status of the implementation of many safety and security initiatives at the school as well as his involvement with the NEMLEC and STARS programs.

c. Superintendent's Employment Agreement

Chairman Edwards assigned a Subcommittee to review the Superintendent's Employment Agreement; it will consist of Dan Cahill (appointed as Chairman), Fred Winthrop, and himself.

d. Other

Mr. Evangelidis requested a copy of the Trustees' Policy Manual.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: April 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Lisa Horgan, Secretary to the Superintendent