

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday June 11, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Hall Conference Room with the following members in attendance: Chairman Edwards, Trustees Winthrop, Bennett and Basile.

I. Call to Order

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

Attendance:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Present (<i>Left at 6:15 p.m.</i>)
	Mr. Basile	-	Present
	Dr. Patterson	-	Absent
	Mr. Bennett	-	Present
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Absent
	Mr. Cahill	-	Absent
	Mr. Edwards	-	Present

II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2009: on a motion by Mr. Bennett., seconded by Mr. Winthrop, it was moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2009.

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

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

Mr. Edwards, the Chairman asked the Board if any member objected to taking the agenda out of order to accommodate individuals present to make presentations to the Board at tonight's meeting and vote on issues while a quorum was still present. The following items were taken out of order:

V. *New Business*

a. Honoring our Vocational Technical Student of the Year

IV. *Unfinished Business*

f. Other – Regional Dispatch Center Proposal

V. *New Business*
d. Other – Production Company Request

IV. *Unfinished Business*
b. Proposed Handbook for 2009-10

V. *New Business*
b. Tentative School Calendar for 2009-10

VI. *Unfinished Business*
a. Proposed Essex/North Shore Merger
b. Bulgaris Estate

III. Financial Report

Financial Report through May of FY09

Mr. Malonson presented and discussed the financial report through the end of May FY09 with the Board.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Proposed Essex/North Shore Merger

Mr. Bennett reported that the MSBA met on June 3, 2009 on their grant commitment for the project and voted to contribute at a 62% rate for reimbursable construction expenses for a total maximum contribution of \$77.5M to the project.

Mr. Edwards appointed a new member to the Temporary Oversight Committee, Ron Vercellone, as a substitute for Gene Demsey while he is out on medical leave.

b. Proposed Student Handbook for 2009-10

Mr. Dolan presented the Student Handbook to the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Basile, it was moved that the Board approve the Student Handbook for 2009-10.

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

Four trustees voting "Yes" and three "Absent" the motion passes.

c. Contract Negotiations Subcommittee

The Chair of this Subcommittee, Dr. Patterson, was unable to attend this meeting and will provide his report at the next meeting.

d. Superintendent's Contract Subcommittee

The Chair of this Subcommittee, Mr. Cahill, was unable to attend this meeting and will provide his report at the next meeting.

e. Bulgaris Estate

Attorney Smith updated the Board on the current communication with regards to the taxes and recently filed legislation.

f. Other - Regional Dispatch Center Memorandum of Understanding

Attorney Smith recently received the proposed site plan and the Board discussed their concerns.

On a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Winthrop, it was moved that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the contingency that the proposed site plan for the new merged school, buildings and athletic fields takes precedence over any other proposed use of the land.

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

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

V. New Business

a. Honoring our Vocational Technical Student of the Year

Edwin Jesus Santana was recognized by the Board for this outstanding accomplishment. It was also noted that Edwin is Vice President of the senior class, Vice President of F.F.A. and a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

b. Tentative School Calendar for 2009-10

Mr. Bourgeois presented the tentative school calendar to the Board and explained that there may be a few minor changes as some dates are contingent on the ratification of a new teacher contract.

On a motion by Mr. Basile, seconded by Mr. Winthrop, it was moved that the Board approve the Tentative School Calendar for 2009-10 as a first reading.

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

Four trustees voting "Yes" and three "Absent" the motion passes.

c. Superintendent's Annual Evaluation

The Board will receive evaluation materials and information at the August meeting.

d. Other - Production Company Request

Mr. Taylor (Farm Manager) and Mr. Vercellone (Director of Community Relations) reviewed a proposal from a movie production company to use our campus to house some animals during the production of a new movie. The Board discussed various concerns that they had as well as the potential financial benefit that could be used to enhance scholarship opportunities for our students.

On a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Winthrop, it was moved that the Board authorize the Superintendent-Director to sign the agreement subject to Attorney Smith's review and approval.

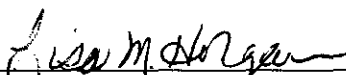
Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Yes
	Mr. Basile	-	Yes
	Dr. Patterson	-	Absent
	Mr. Bennett	-	Yes
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Absent
	Mr. Cahill	-	Absent
	Mr. Edwards	-	Yes

Four trustees voting "Yes" and three "Absent" the motion passes.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: August 13, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.



Lisa Horgan, Secretary to the Superintendent