

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday September 10, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Hall Conference Room with the following members in attendance: Chairman Edwards, Trustees Winthrop, Patterson, Bennett, Evangelidis and Cahill.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m.

Attendance:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Present
	Mr. Basile	-	Present
	Dr. Patterson	-	Present
	Mr. Bennett	-	Present
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Present (<i>Arrived at 5:38 p.m.</i>)
	Mr. Cahill	-	Present
	Mr. Edwards	-	Present

II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2009: on a motion by Mr. Patterson., seconded by Mr. Winthrop, it was moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2009.

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

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

Chairman Edwards asked the Board if any member objected to taking the agenda out of order to accommodate individuals present to be introduced. The following item was taken out of order:

- V. ***New Business***
a. ***Introduction of New Teachers***

III. Financial Report

Mr. Malonson, the Business manager, presented and reviewed the financial report through August 31, 2009 with the Board.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Proposed Essex/North Shore Merger

Mr. Bennett reported that the Town of Danvers voted unanimously, Salem will meet in September, Peabody will meet on October 8th, and Rockport will meet September 14th.

The MSBA gave a 60 day extension on the deadline.

b. Alumni Association MOU

Mr. Bourgeois presented and reviewed the MOU that he, Mr. Vercellone, and the Alumni members drafted. The Board members requested clarifications regarding the Alumni tax status, officers, Board members, etc.; it was recommended that the Alumni Treasurer be invited to appear at the November Board Meeting to address the issues and concerns of the Board.

c. Teacher's Contract

Mr. Edwards asked if the Board members are aware of the terms of the teacher's contract and passed around two original copies of the approved Teacher's Contract for each Board member to sign.

d. Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Edwards asked if the Board members are aware of the terms of the Superintendent's contract and passed around two original copies of the approved Superintendent's Contract for each Board member to sign.

e. Superintendent's Annual Evaluation

The composite evaluation documents were handed out to each Board member and they briefly discussed the results.

Chairman Edwards asked the Board if any member objected to taking the agenda out of order to so they could finish items which required a vote. The following item was taken out of order:

V. New Business

b. Essex County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit Request

f. Trustee Evangelidis' Letter to Chairman Edwards

The Board discussed some of the concerns that Mr. Evangelidis has raised with regards to internal audits and Board liability insurance. Mr. Evangelidis provided the Board with the enclosure documents listed in the communication that he passed out at the previous Board meeting. The Trustees agreed to review the materials and discuss this item at the October Board meeting.

V. New Business

a. Introduction of New Teachers

Mr. Bourgeois and the Board of Trustees welcomed Mr. Demsey back to school.

Mr. Bourgeois introduced the following newly hired teachers and provided a brief description of their educational backgrounds and teaching credentials to the Board of Trustees as follows:

- Stephen Noble – Plant Science Teacher and Department Chair
- Judy Lelievre – Placement Counselor
- Dwayne Gilman – Math Teacher
- Richard Noonan – Special Education Teacher
- Jon Brennan – Math Teacher

Mr. Bourgeois thanked Mrs. White for all her help during Mr. Demsey's absence. Mrs. White gave a brief recap of the opening of school and highlighted many of the positive changes that have resulted in the development of a true Professional Learning Culture.

b. Essex County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit Request

Mr. Vercellone and Board members discussed a request from the Sheriff's Department to use a parcel of Aggie land as a K-9 training area. A map was handed out which identified two potential location options. It was decided that the location on the map to the left of the jail property was the more desirable of the two options primarily due to its remoteness from school or farm activities.

On a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cahill, it was moved that the Board approve the land to the left of the jail as indicated on the map for the Sheriff's Department to use as a K-9 training area subject to the identification of the specific square footage of the area, the number of days per year that it will be used, the maximum number of dogs that will be present in the area on any given day, and that the agreement will be reviewed and renewed annually.

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

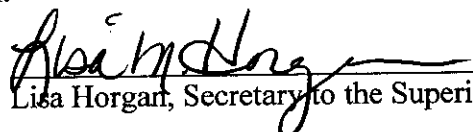
Six trustees voting "Yes" and one "Abstain" the motion passes

c. Other

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: October 8, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.


Lisa Horgan, Secretary to the Superintendent

List of meeting handouts:

- Agenda
- Minutes from August 13, 2009 Meeting
- Financial Report through August 31, 2009
- Alumni Association MOU
- 2 Original copies of the approved Teacher's contract
- 2 Original copies of the Superintendent's contract
- Superintendent's Annual Evaluation – Composite Evaluation Document
- Trustee Evangelidis Letter to Chairman Edwards
- Mr. Evangelidis handout regarding questions for Alumni Association
- Memo from Essex County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit Request to the Members of the Board of Trustees
- Articles from Gloucester Daily Times, Salem News, the Boston Globe