

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
562 Maple St. Hathorne, Massachusetts 01937-0362

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday March 10, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Smith Hall Conference Room with the following members in attendance: Vice Chairman Bennett, Trustees Winthrop, Cahill, Basile, and Patterson.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Attendance:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Present (Arrived @ 5:09 p.m.)
	Mr. Basile	-	Present
	Dr. Patterson	-	Present
	Mr. Bennett	-	Present
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Absent
	Mr. Cahill	-	Present
	Mr. Edwards	-	Absent

II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2011: on a motion by Dr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Basile, it was moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2011.

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" and three "Absent" the motion passes.

Executive Session Minutes of February 10, 2011: on a motion by Mr. Basile, seconded by Dr. Patterson, it was moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Executive Session of February 10, 2011.

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” and three “Absent” the motion passes.

III. Financial Reports

a. Business Manager
Expenditure Report

Mr. Malonson presented, reviewed, and answered questions from the Board regarding the expenditure report.

b. Treasurer’s Report
Fund Balance Report and Schedule of Interest Income

Mr. Murtagh briefly reviewed and discussed both reports with the Board.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District Update

Dr. Patterson updated the Board on the new school as follows:

First, he acknowledged the presence of Dr. Leslie Siewko, veterinarian and an Ag Commissioner Representative of the new School Committee at tonight’s meeting. He expressed his confidence in the commitment of the new Committee to work together to create the best merged school district possible.

He also reviewed the progress with regard to funding and bonding as well as the status of the procurement of a Construction Manager (CM) at Risk for the Project.

He also noted that everyone involved in the planning of the project is working well together in order to best serve the mutual best interest of the schools and the students that they serve.

b. Hathorne Technology Foundation Update

Mr. Bennett updated the Board on the Hathorne Technology Foundation, which met on Tuesday March 8th to continue revise their mission statement, by-laws, etc. He noted that Mr. O’Connell has a list of companies that are interested in donating equipment to the new school.

c. Agricultural Training Center Update

Mr. Taylor, Farm Manager, and Mr. Curt Malonson, Business Manager reviewed and updated the Board on the progress of the bids for the Agricultural Training Center. They informed the Board that the bids were opened today and that at least 3 of the 16 bids received were below the projected budget for the project. The architects will now check the references and qualifications of the bidders and make a recommendation.

d. Hathorne Teachers Federation Local 1269 Wage Reopener

The Board took no action on the wage reopener and left it as a tabled item from the previous Board meeting.

V. New Business

a. School Nurse

Mr. Bourgeois reviewed the qualifications of the candidate that he is recommending for the position of School Nurse with the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Cahill seconded by Mr. Winthrop, it was moved that the Board appoint the recommended candidate, Ms. Marnie Ryan, as the new school nurse in accordance to the M.G.L. Chapter 71 Section 53.

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” and two “Absent” the motion passes.

b. Other

Mr. Basile requested that the Superintendent send a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board to the Assistant Principal.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: April 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Lisa Horgan, Secretary to the Superintendent

List of meeting handouts:

- Agenda
- Regular Minutes from February 10, 2011 Meeting
- Executive Session Minutes from February 10, 2011 Meeting
- Business Manager’s Report: Expenditure Report
- Treasurer’s Report: Fund Balance Report – Schedule of Interest Income

- Memo from Roger Bourgeois regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hathorne Teachers Federation with attached MOU and a cost analysis of the financial impact of the MOU
- Memo from Roger Bourgeois regarding the resignation of our school nurse and attached the M.G.L. Chapter 71 Section 53.
- Memo from Roger Bourgeois regarding Assistant Principal's resignation letter and Superintendent's response, Final draft of the NSCC temporary parking lot Memorandum of Understanding outlining terms and conditions, and Thank you letter to Harbor Freight for their generous donation of tools.