

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday December 11, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Hall Conference Room with the following members in attendance: Chairman Edwards, Trustees Basile, Patterson, Bennett, Cahill, and Evangelidis.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting and the Executive Session Minutes of November 13, 2008: on a motion by Mr. Basile, seconded by Mr. Patterson, it was moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Executive Session Minutes of November 13, 2008.

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

Six trustees voting "Yes", one "Absent" the motion passes.

IV. Financial Report

Financial Report through November of FY09

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

V. Unfinished Business

a. Proposed Essex/North Shore Merger

Mr. Bennett reported on the following:

- 10 OPM responses were submitted and the committee will screen on Friday December 12, 2008 and interview on Tuesday December 16, 2008. The MSBA OPM approval committee meets on January 5, 2009. The OPM will work closely with Design Partners to ensure an accurate and cost efficient estimate.
- MSBA and DCAM have met on several occasions with the superintendents and Design Partners and the Phase 3 Feasibility Study is progressing. They will be estimating costs on a design that locates one academy on the south campus by renovating Gallant Hall and McNamara O'Shea and connecting them through Smith Hall. The other 3 academies would be located on the north side and entail all new construction with Berry Hall eventually being demolished. If this cost estimate does not result in monetary savings then all academies will be located in new construction on the north side.
- The Feasibility Study will be completed by mid-March with a vote for funding expected to be taken at the March 27th MSBA Board meeting. They will be hearing about the progress of the project at their January 30th Board meeting.
- MSBA is adamant that the cost of the project not exceed \$125M and the architects are working on streamlining the project to get to that number.
- A meeting of the TOC has been tentatively scheduled for January 7 @ 6:00 p.m. @ North Shore Tech and will include a presentation by Design Partners regarding the current feasibility study progress.

b. Bulgaris Estate Letter to Senator Berry

Mr. Bourgeois presented a letter to the Board from Attorney Casey to State Senator Frederick Berry regarding the Bulgaris Estate.

c. Essex County Sheriff's Department

Attorney Smith reported that Mr. Bourgeois, Mr. Thomas Goff and his successor from the Essex County Sheriff's Department and himself met to look at the two location sites that were mentioned at the last Board meeting for the Sheriff's Department to install a temporary structure to house a Regional Emergency Communications Center. They chose to use the site near the parking area above the softball field for security and utility installation reasons. Additional meetings will be taking place in the future to develop a site plan and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

d. Subcommittee Report on the FY2010 Budget

Mr. Basile reported to the Board regarding the November 24, 2008 Subcommittee meeting for the FY2010 Budget and their three recommendations to the Board which were made as motions as follows:

On a motion by Mr. Basile, seconded by Dr. Patterson, it was moved that the Board approve the Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Trustees, consistent with the Auditors recent recommendation, to establish of a Compensated Absence Reserve Account not to exceed the identified liability.

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

Six trustees voting “Yes”, one “Absent” the motion passes.

On a motion by Mr. Basile, seconded by Dr. Patterson, it was moved that the Board approve the Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Trustees that \$200,000 from the Undesignated General Fund balance be transferred to the Compensated Absence Reserve Account.

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

Six trustees voting “Yes”, one “Absent” the motion passes.

On a motion by Mr. Basile, seconded by Mr. Cahill, it was moved that the Board approve the Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Trustees that the Board approve the proposed FY2010 Budget for the amount of \$10, 509,962.

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

Six trustees voting “Yes”, one “Absent” the motion passes.

VI. New Business

a. New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

Fifth –Year Focus Visit Report and vote to continue Accreditation

Mr. Bourgeois reported to the Board that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. voted to continue Essex Aggie’s accreditation and discussed the commendations and recommendations that were made in their report.

b. Other

i. Budget Subcommittee

On a motion by Mr. Basile, seconded by Mr. Cahill, it was moved that the Budget Subcommittee continue to meet with the Superintendent at least quarterly.

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

Six trustees voting "Yes", one "Absent" the motion passes.

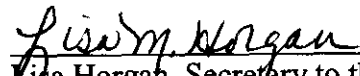
ii. Temporary Oversight Committee (TOC)

Mr. Bennett pointed out that with the retirement of George Banos there is an open seat available on the TOC. Mr. Edwards asked Board members to think about the possibility of serving in this position.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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



Lisa Horgan, Secretary to the Superintendent