

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday January 8, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Hall Conference Room with the following members in attendance: Chairman Edwards, Trustees Winthrop, Basile, Patterson, and Cahill.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Mr. Winthrop	-	Present
Mr. Basile	-	Present
Dr. Patterson	-	Present
Mr. Bennett	-	Absent
Mr. Evangelidis	-	Absent
Mr. Cahill	-	Present (Arrived @ 5:40 p.m.)
Mr. Edwards	-	Present

III. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2008: on a motion by Dr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Basile, it was moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2008.

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

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

IV. Financial Report

Financial Report through December of FY09

Mr. Malonson presented and discussed the financial report through the end of December 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. Bourgeois reported on the following:

- A Temporary Oversight Board meeting was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at North Shore Vocational High School and the new OPM, PMA Construction Services from Braintree, MA was introduced. The Project Manager will be Kevin Nigro.
- Design Partners presented two options:
A design that locates one academy on the south campus by renovating Gallant Hall and McNamara O'Shea and connecting them through Smith Hall with the other 3 academies located in new construction on the north side with Berry Hall eventually being demolished. If this cost estimate does not result in significant monetary savings then all academies will be located in new construction on the north side.
- Next Meeting will be on January 21 at North Shore Vocational High School. The 2 design options will be considered and a recommendation will be made to the MSBA Board of directors at their January 28, 2009 meeting.

b. Essex County Sheriff's Department

Attorney Smith reported he had a second meeting with additional members from the Essex County Sheriff's Department and DCAM with regards to their request to locate a temporary structure for a Regional Emergency Communications Center on Essex Aggie land. They are looking at using the site just above the parking lot area as the quality of the soil under the parking lot is unknown. DCAM has offered to draft an agreement that will include a site plan survey with property line identification and test borings to determine the best location. Once that is completed he will bring the information back to the Board so that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) can be developed. Mr. Winthrop requested that the superintendent make arrangements for him to view the new site location.

c. Merger Temporary Oversight Board (TOB) Vacancy

At the last meeting, Mr. Edwards asked Board members to think about the possibility of serving in this position and Mr. Evangelidis has expressed an interest in becoming the new appointee.

V. New Business

a. Student Handbook Amendment request to include the Interagency Memorandum of Understanding for Schools

Mr. Dolan reviewed his request to the Board to include the Interagency MOU for Schools as an amendment to the Student Handbook. After discussion, the Board requested that Mr. Dolan check further into the feasibility of including the Juvenile Probation Department as a resource agency within the agreement or as an amendment to the agreement.

b. Superintendent's Goals for FY09

Mr. Bourgeois submitted his goals for FY09 to the Board and they requested that he expand the indicators to include additional measurable detail for each goal.

c. Other

- i. Update on Senator Fred Berry Legislation with Attorney Casey in regards to the Bulgaris Estate

Mr. Bourgeois stated that Senator Berry's office contacted him to verify that the school was in agreement with the request to file legislation and that the senator would be filing the Legislation as requested.

- ii. Proposal from the Town of Middleton

Mr. Bourgeois noted that Chairman Edwards received information with a request regarding the use of Essex Aggie land for the development of affordable housing from the Middleton Town Manager. Mr. Edwards asked Board members to review the package of materials for discussion at the next Board meeting. Mr. Winthrop and Mr. Basile requested that the superintendent make arrangements for them to view the proposed site location.

- iii. Recognition of Mr. Cliff Taylor and Ms. Patti Bartsch

On a motion by Mr. Winthrop, seconded by Mr. Basile, it was moved that the Board direct the Superintendent draft and send a letter to recognize Mr. Taylor and Ms. Bartsch for their roles in the recognition of Essex Aggie as a 2009 Horse Farm of Distinction by the Mass Farm Bureau Federation and for assisting in acquiring and setting up the biotechnology isolator unit that was donated by Charles River Labs in Wilmington.

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

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

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: February 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Lisa Horgan, Secretary to the Superintendent