

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday October 9, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Hall Conference Room with the following members in attendance: Chairman Edwards, Trustees Winthrop, Basile, Bennett, and Evangelidis.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Roll Call:	Mr. Winthrop	-	Present (Arrived 5:35 p.m.)
	Mr. Basile	-	Present
	Mr. Bennett	-	Present
	Mr. Evangelidis	-	Present
	Mr. Cahill	-	Absent
	Mr. Edwards	-	Present

III. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of September 11, 2008: on a motion by Mr. Evangelidis, seconded by Mr. Bennett, it was moved that the Board table the approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2008 until next month's meeting.

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

Six trustees voting "Yes", the motion passes.

IV. Financial Report

Financial Report through September of FY09

Mr. Malonson submitted and discussed with the Board the financial report through the end of September FY09 as well as some of the ongoing adjustments and improvements to the report. The Board was provided with a breakdown of the "Teacher Miscellaneous" line item as per Mr. Basile's previous request.

Chairman Edwards appointed the Budget Subcommittee for FY10 to include Trustee Basile (Chairman), Trustee Evangelidis and Trustee Patterson.

V. Unfinished Business

Proposed Essex/North Shore Merger Update

Mr. Bennett and the Superintendent reported on the following merger update items:

- The Temporary Oversight Committee (TOC) will need to identify an Owners Project Manager (OPM) selection committee.
- The selection committee will need to issue a Request for Services (RFS) and go through the selection process to hire the OPM.
- There is \$40,000 left in the TOC account that can be used to pay for the OPM. It has been proposed that each school (N.S. Tech, Essex Aggie, and Peabody Vocational) contribute \$10,000 each to cover the estimated \$70,000 cost to hire the OPM for the feasibility study portion of the project.
- DCAM is looking at the possibility of reopening the feasibility study contract with Design Partners and providing funding as well as coordinating with MSBA to ensure that all requirements are met.
- The next Temporary Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> at N. S. Tech.
- Discussion regarding the establishment of a non-profit educational foundation will be on the Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> agenda.

VI. New Business

a. 2010 Student Trip to Europe

Mr. Bourgeois presented a request from two history teachers for approval of a student trip to Europe that would take place during the 2010 April vacation. The Board requested clarification of the proposed itinerary and asked that the teachers attend next month's Board meeting.

b. National FFA Organization

Mr. Bourgeois described many of the benefits that our students receive as members of the National FFA Organization which is the largest career and technical education student organization in the country. He explained that nine of our students will be attending the National Conference in Indianapolis in October and competing in Career Development Events. He has requested that they attend next months Board meeting to share their experiences with the Board.

c. Massachusetts Advisory Council for Vocational Technical Education

Mr. Bourgeois announced that he has been recommended by Commissioner Chester for appointment by the Board of Education as co-chair of the Massachusetts Advisory Council for Vocational Technical Education. The council advises both the Commissioner and the Board of Education on vocational technical education issues.

- d. Subcommittees for Contract Negotiations
  - i. Hathorne Teachers Federation Local 1269
  - ii. AFSCME Local 653 – Unit A

The Board will appoint both subcommittees at the November meeting.

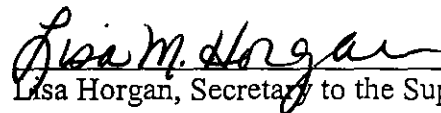
- e. Other

Mr. Basile reported that the subcommittee to review the superintendent's salary met on October 2, 2008 and will meet again on November 12, 2008 with a final report expected to be provided to the Board at the November 13, 2008 meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: November 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

  
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Lisa Horgan, Secretary to the Superintendent