

**NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
and
ESSEX AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
and
PEABODY VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**Oversight Board Minutes
July 11, 2007**

- Members Present:** Mr. Wayne Marquis, Chairman
Mr. Joseph Parisi, III, Vice Chairman
Ms. Amelia O'Malley
Mr. Roger Bourgeois
Mr. Daniel Bennett
Mrs. Marcia Sweeney
Mr. Thomas St. Pierre
Mr. William Blanchard
Mr. George Harvey
- Members Absent:** Mayor Michael Bonfanti, City of Peabody
Ms. Ellen Weitzler
Mr. Gene Demsey
Mr. George Banos
- Others:** Mrs. Diane McGlynn, McGlynn & McGlynn
Mr. Barry Pett, Office of Senator Bruce Tarr
Mr. Robert Vogel, Design Partnership
Mr. Gregg Schroeder, Design Partnership
Ms. Candace Levesque, Recording Secretary

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

The secretary called the roll.

II. Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Parisi and VOTED unanimously to approve the June 6, 2007 Tentative Oversight Board Minutes as presented.

III. Phase II Feasibility Study Report

Mr. Schroeder distributed and reviewed the Schematic Estimate 2 with the adjustments discussed at the June 6, 2007 meeting. He explained that the total estimated project cost does not include grants or energy buy backs.

Discussion followed regarding a Bus Maintenance Facility, which is not included, and the current cost of transportation to each district. The Board members were informed that regional school districts are eligible for reimbursement for transportation costs.

IV. Operational Comparison Cost

Mrs. O'Malley distributed a budget worksheet comparing Worcester's Vocational Tech's Operational Cost to North Shore Tech's Operational Costs.

It was noted that Worcester Tech runs their facility as many hours per day as possible.

Mr. Parisi stated that after reviewing this information he could identify savings in vocational/technical staffing and other areas.

V. Legislative Update

It was suggested that it may be time to start meeting with elected officials, either as a group or individually, now that there is an estimated project cost.

Mrs. O'Malley stated that she has met with the Northeast Legislative Caucus and presented a thumbnail view of the project. She was encouraged that the members were supportive of this project.

Also, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce has agreed to sponsor a breakfast with elected officials in the fall.

Mrs. O'Malley stated that at a recent meeting with Senator Berry and representatives from the MA School Building Authority it was stated that the estimated cost of the project would need to be scaled down. Also, the project should be packaged as economic development for the region and included in the economic stimulus package.

Discussion followed as to the pros and cons of decreasing the projected number of students. It was agreed that this would not be beneficial as North Shore Tech and Essex Aggie turn away approximately 350 qualified students every year.

Mrs. McGlynn stated representatives from Senator Berry's office and the MA SBA were in support of this merger, but the estimated cost of the project was too high. Significant cuts should be made not to get close to the square footage cost.

It was stated that Katherine Craven, Executive Director of the MA School Building Authority is expected to tour Essex Aggie's buildings and grounds. Hopefully this will take place before the next meeting.

Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Vogel agreed to meet with their estimator to review options to reduce the projected cost. They expect to report their findings at the next meeting.

Mr. Marquis acknowledged receiving the 'Do Nothing' Option from Design Partnership for the cost associated for renovating the existing facilities.

V. Schedule Future Meetings

North Shore Technical High School, Library
Wednesday August 1, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and unanimously VOTED to adjourn.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary