

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

**Oversight Board Minutes
August 26, 2009**

Members Present: Mr. Wayne Marquis, Chair, Town of Danvers
Mr. Joseph Parisi, III, Vice Chair, NSRVSD
Ms. Amelia O'Malley, Superintendent-Director, NSRVSD
Mr. Roger Bourgeois, Superintendent-Director, EATHS
Mr. Daniel Bennett, Trustee, EATHS
Ms. Marcia Sweeney, NSRVSD
Mr. Edward Nizwantowski, Peabody Representative
Mr. Ron Vercellone, Pro Tem, EATHS
Mr. Kosma Evangelidis, Trustee, EATHS

Members Absent: Mr. George Harvey, NSRVSD
Mr. William Blanchard, Department of Agriculture
Ms. Ellen Weitzler, NSRVSD
Mr. Thomas St. Pierre, NSRVSD

Others: C. Milton, Burnett, Superintendent, Peabody Public Schools
Mr. Barry Pett, Office of Senator Bruce Tarr
Mr. Kevin Nigro, PMA Consultants
Ms. Faye Raynard, Editor/Publisher, Village Reporter
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. Bennett and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney and unanimously VOTED to approve the July 28, 2009 Tentative Oversight Board Minutes as presented.

Mr. Marquis was pleased to report that at the town meeting on August 25th Danvers voted unanimously in favor of a merged Essex Agricultural and North Shore Vocational School. This was the first major North Shore Community to approve the merger.

III. Discuss MSBA Extension

Board members reviewed and updated a City Council and Town Meeting schedule with Mr. Nigro. This information is required by the MSBA so that we may request an extension of the 120 grant offer which expires early fall.

Dr. Burnett stated that City of Peabody is concerned with the ongoing operational costs and the loss of Ch. 70 Aid. The City has hired an internal consultant to investigate these concerns.

Mr. Bennett stated that per pupil costs could go down for the merged school, due to reduced transportation costs, administrative costs, and other areas that are redundant with both schools.

IV. Selectmen Meetings

Mrs. O'Malley reported that her meeting with Rockport went well. Also, she met with Hamilton and Wenham and both were supportive. On September 8th she will meet with Middleton Selectmen.

V. Packets for Mayors and City Councils and/or Board of Selectmen

Mrs. O'Malley reported that she is preparing informational packets to distribute to meetings with City/Town Officials. The packets will include the following:

- Letters of Endorsement
- Legislation
- Student Enrollment (Relative to City/Town)
- Students on Waiting Lists (Essex Agricultural and North Shore Tech)
- Programs for New School
- Financial

Mr. Parisi offered to solicit letters of endorsement from businesses in Gloucester.

VI. Other

Mr. Marquis stated that he is scheduling a time with Salem Cable to produce a segment regarding the merger. Also, Mr. Bourgeois and Mrs. O'Malley will participate in the taping. It is anticipated that the DVD will be distributed to appropriate cable stations to show.

The next Oversight Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th – 6:00 p.m. in the Library at North Shore Technical High School.

VII.

A motion was made by Mr. Nizwantowski and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney and unanimously VOTED to adjourn.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary