

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

**Oversight Board Minutes
July 28, 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. George Harvey, NSRVSD

Members Absent: Mr. Edward Nizwantowski, Peabody Representative
Mr. Ron Vercellone, Pro Tem, EATHS
Mr. Kosma Evangelidis, Trustee, EATHS
Mr. William Blanchard, Department of Agriculture
Ms. Ellen Weitzler, NSRVSD
Mr. Thomas St. Pierre, NSRVSD

Others: Mr. John Alden, Sr., Chairman, NSTHS General Advisory Committee
Atty. Jack McGlynn, McGlynn & McGlynn
Mr. Barry Pett, Office of Senator Bruce Tarr
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 Mr. Harvey and unanimously VOTED to approve the July 8, 2009 Tentative Oversight Board Minutes as presented.

III. Legislative Update

Mr. Marquis reported that there was a meeting with the Mayors from Beverly, Peabody, Salem and a representative from Gloucester to discuss the new school. The Mayors suggested that Essex Agricultural and North Shore Tech create a media packet i.e. letters from businesses and alumni, number of students not accepted due to space, etc.

The Mayors indicated that they would like to meet with Congressman Tierney to see if there are federal earmark funds available for this project. Atty. McGlynn offered to contact Congressman

Tierney's Chief of Staff to schedule the meeting. Atty. McGlynn stated that the construction of the new school does not qualify for stimulus funds, but green projects, equipment, etc. may qualify.

Atty. McGlynn reported that he continues to be in contact with the office of Administration & Finance regarding the state's financial commitment. In addition, the Lt. Governor has stated that this project is a top priority of the Administration.

A meeting has been scheduled with personnel from DCAM & MSBA. The purpose of the meeting is to work through issues i.e. how the project will be organized for construction purposes, architect selection, etc.

IV. Merger Presentation

Mrs. O'Malley presented a PowerPoint presentation which will be used as a marketing tool.

Rockport and Danvers have scheduled Town Meetings this August and the merger is an article on the warrants.

Discussion followed as to what vote needs to be taken -- remain in the district and/or fiscally support the project?

Mr. Marquis stated that only one vote is necessary, which is to authorize the town to become a member of the merged school. Mr. Marquis will draft warrant language for the article and e-mail it to Mrs. O'Malley and Mr. Bourgeois.

V. Other

Discussion followed regarding the recent inaccurate newspaper articles regarding the merger, Mr. Marquis suggested that a meeting with Editorial Boards may be beneficial. On behalf of the Oversight Board, Mrs. O'Malley offered to compose a Letter to the Editor to address these inaccuracies.

The next Oversight Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Essex Agricultural & Technical High School.

VI. Adjournment

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

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary