

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

**Temporary Oversight Board Minutes  
March 23, 2005**

**Members Present:** Dan Bennett, Gene Dempsey, Wayne Marquis, Mary Marrs, Joseph Parisi, III, Marcia Sweeney, Thomas St. Pierre, William Blanchard

**Others Present:** Helen Hegarty, Jeff Wulfson, Jeff Wheeler, Amelia O'Malley, Barry Pett (Representative for Senator Bruce Tarr)

Mr. Wulfson called the meeting to order by calling the roll.

Mr. Wulfson stated, for the record, that the purpose of the Board is to “continuing the planning for the proposed merger between North Shore Technical High School and Essex Agricultural School and the legislation clearly states this is not an advisory board. The Board will be responsible for the design and construction of a project of significant scope.”

The second order of business was the election of chairman. Mary Mars, nominated Wayne Marquis, Marcia Sweeney seconded the motion. No other nominations were put forth. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Marquis briefly reviewed the work of the previous committee for new members. Mr. Wulfson will contact Robert Vogel of Design Partnership to address the Board and review the conceptual design commissioned by the State in 2004.

Mr. Marquis suggested times for the next three meetings. Agreed upon dates are: 5/11, 5/25 and 6/22. All three meetings will be at North Shore Tech in the Library, Room 136 at 6:30 p.m.

It was agreed upon by the membership that all meeting notices would be delivered through email.

Mr. Marquis spoke of the quarterly reports due to nine different agencies (section 5 of the legislation) and the need for clerical support. Marcia Sweeney moved that the committee hire a clerk for this purpose; Mary Marrs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bennett asked for clarification on the date the legislation was in effect. Mr. Wulfson stated that the legislation was effective upon signage. (December 23) Legislation called for appointments within thirty (30) days

Mr. Marquis spoke of the need to meet with the new Executive Director of MSBA and indicated that he would set up a meeting as soon as possible.

Members discussed the process of bringing information to the communities. Mr. Parisi said that it was important to remind communities that hundreds of student applying to North Shore Tech and Essex Aggie are denied admission every year due to space issues.

Mr. Wulfson reminded the committee that they had the authority to recommend legislation to advance this process and that the Board should plan on going to the legislature with a plan that has the support of the Commissioner of Education in the fall of 2005.

Barry Pett, a representative for Senator Tarr, reminded the Board of Senator Tarr's commitment to this project. He stated that the Senator would do whatever the committee needed to advance the project.

Mr. Marquis spoke to the issue of who will have authority to bond and suggested soliciting an opinion from the Bond Council.

Mr. Dempsey stated that Mr. Olson had been attempting to classify acreage at Essex Aggie as agricultural and, if this had been accomplished? Mrs. Hegarty responded that she would request clarification from the trustees and report at the next meeting.

Meeting --- adjourned at 7:50 p.m.