

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

**Temporary Oversight Board Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2005**

Members

Present: Mr. Wayne Marquis, Chairman
Mr. Daniel Bennett
Mr. Gene Demsey
Mr. Neil Foley
Mr. Joseph Parisi, III
Mrs. Marcia Sweeney
Mr. Thomas St. Pierre

Members

Absent: Mr. Jamison Gagnon
Mr. William Blanchard
Ms. Mary Marrs
Mayor Michael Bonfanti

Others: Ms. Helen Hegarty, Acting Superintendent Essex Agricultural
Ms. Amelia O'Malley, Superintendent-Director NSRVSD
Mr. Barry Pett, Senator Tarr's Office
Mr. George Harvey, Chairman, NSRVSC
Ms. Candace Levesque, Recording Secretary
Mr. Jack McGlynn
Ms. Diane McGlynn

Mr. Marquis called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

I. Welcome

At the request of Mr. Bennett Board Members introduced themselves.

Mr. Marquis reported that due to professional and personal commitments Mr. Gagnon has resigned from the Board. Mrs. Hegarty stated that at the next Essex Agricultural Board of Trustees meeting the Chairman will name a replacement.

Mrs. O'Malley stated that Mrs. Marrs is a patient at Shaughnessy Rehabilitation and although she is improving her status on this Board is uncertain.

II. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Parisi and unanimously VOTED to approve that Tentative Minutes of March 23, 2005 as amended:

Note: Mr. Barry Pett as present.

III. Project Overview – The Design Partnership

Mr. Marquis introduced architects, Mr. Robert Vogel and Mr. Dave Phinney of the architectural firm Design Partnership.

Mr. Vogel presented an overview of the project and the design concept which was selected.

Mr. Phinney stated that Design Partnership's focus is to work intensely with the parties involved and to create a school to address the basic requirements.

Mr. Marquis reported that he received a communication stating that the Foundation Award for the Oversight Board budget is \$24,000 and currently there is a \$50,000 balance.

IV. Report on SBA Meeting

Various members of the Board reported meeting with Ms. Katherine Craven, Executive Director of the SBA on May 16, 2005.

At present there is a moratorium on accepting new projects until July 2007.

The primary message the Board members came away with is to highlight the unique aspects of this project, such as economic stimulus and develop legislation to submit for the funding of this merged school. In addition, the legislation should note that currently the State is responsible for funding Essex Agricultural and this would end when the schools merge. For every unique aspect that is added it increases the reimbursement, which could go up to 80%.

Mrs. O'Malley stated that the Board should collaborate with industry for funding. In addition, a fundraising component could be established with the North Shore Chamber of Commerce.

Overall the members felt it was a positive meeting and will maintain a dialogue with Ms. Craven.

Mr. Marquis stated that an application will be filed with the SBA, as well as going through the legislative process.

Discussion followed as to scheduling a legislative breakfast or luncheon. It was agreed to host a legislative breakfast on June 17, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. in the Log Bridge Inn at North Shore Technical High School.

V. Discussion of Local Approval Process

Members questioned the “requirement of 75% of the October 1 Foundation Enrollment” in the legislation.

Discussion followed as to the interpretation of this requirement. Mr. Marquis will check with Mr. Jeff Wulfson, DOE, for clarification.

Mr. McGlynn stated that clarification of the required 75% can be addressed in the next piece of legislation and, if necessary, file an extension.

It was agreed that there is a need to strategize the process for approaching the communities and how this will effect their assessments.

VI. Review of Draft Quarterly Report

Mr. Marquis distributed a draft Quarterly Report for members to review; in addition the approved minutes of each meeting will be included with the report.

VII. Rules of Operation

Discussion regarding the adoption of *Roberts Rules* was discussed and implementation of rules that applied.

Mrs. O’Malley stated that members should not provide individual interviews and that the committee should speak as a whole.

Mr. Bennett concurred that this is a collaborative effort and that the majority rules.

The question of making provisions to replace a member of the Board was discussed. Mr. Marquis cited three scenarios 1) Sick, 2) Away & 3) Resigns.

Mr. Pett stated that the appointing authority could appoint a proxy on an interim basis. Mr. Marquis will assess the legality of appointing proxies.

VIII. Other

Mr. Bennet brought forward Section 12 of the Legislation addressing busing and a 10 mile radius. Currently Essex Agricultural provides transportation at 20 miles.

Mr. McGlynn stated that this could be technically corrected.

IX. Next Meeting

June 22, 2005 6:30 p.m. North Shore Technical High School – Library

August 8, 2005 6:30 p.m. North Shore Technical High School – Library

Legislative Breakfast

June 17, 2005 8:30 a.m. North Shore Technical High School – Log Bridge Inn

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.