

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

**Oversight Board Minutes  
September 25, 2008**

- 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. Gene Demsey, EATHS  
Ms. Ellen Weitzler, NSRVSD  
Mr. George Harvey, NSRVSD  
Mr. Thomas St. Pierre, NSRVSD
- Members Absent:** Mr. Daniel Bennett, Trustee, EATHS  
Ms. Marcia Sweeney, NSRVSD  
Mr. Edward Nizwantowski, Peabody Representative  
Mr. William Blanchard, Department of Agriculture  
Mayor Michael Bonfanti, City of Peabody
- Others:** Mr. Sean Fitzgerald (Representing Mayor Bonfanti, City of Peabody)  
Ms. Susan Testaverde, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Bruce Tarr  
Ms. Christine Lynch, Department of Elementary & Secondary Education  
Dr. C. Milton Burnett, Superintendent, Peabody  
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 and seconded by Mrs. Weitzler and VOTED unanimously to approve the March 12, 2008 Tentative Oversight Board Minutes as presented.

III. Status of Merger

Mrs. O'Malley reported that on July 30, 2008 the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts School Building Authority approved spending up to \$60M for improvements to the agricultural school.

At this time, there are some issues that need to be resolved before definitive direction can be established. The MSBA feels that the estimated cost of \$140,000,000 is still high and recommends revisiting the design.

Mr. Bourgeois and Mrs. O'Malley have toured the Essex Agricultural campus with the architects to evaluate the possibility of reusing some of the buildings. The architects will revisit the campus with a structural engineer to evaluate the proposed buildings to be renovated.

Discussed the role of North Shore Community College, which currently holds classes at Essex Agricultural.

Mr. Schroeder reported that Design Partnership is working on a comparison of existing programs in the three contributing schools and determining program space using the Chapter 74 guidelines included in the MSBA space standards.

The project has been placed in the MSBA's "Invitation to Proceed with Feasibility Study" category. A Feasibility Study is very detailed, but could negotiate what should be included in the Study.

Katherine Craven, Executive Director MSBA has requested the Board establish a selection committee for the process of hiring an Owner's Project Manager (OPM). Discussion followed as to who is responsible for the OPM salary, which would be reimbursed but unclear when. It was suggested that the three schools (North Shore, Essex Agricultural & Peabody) share the cost.

#### V. Future Meeting

North Shore Technical High School, Library  
Wednesday October 15, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

#### VI. Adjournment

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

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary