

ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: G.R. Harvey, Essex, Chairman
M. Sweeney, Marblehead, Vice Chairman
L. Siewko-Story, Department of Agriculture, Secretary
M. Patterson, Department of Agriculture
D. Blake, Beverly
M. Amato, Boxford
W. Marquis, Danvers
D. Ketcham, Hamilton
M. Teixeira, Gloucester
P. Anderson, Lynnfield
J. Sabella, Manchester
B. Perkins, Rockport
T. St. Pierre, Salem
W. Nichols, Wenham

MEMBERS ABSENT: Department of Agriculture
Middleton
Nahant
L. Bonfanti, Peabody
W. Jackson, Swampscott
C. Robinson, Topsfield

OTHERS PRESENT: D. O'Connell, Superintendent-Director
M. Znamierowski, Business Manager
C. Worth, District Treasurer
C. Levesque, Recording Secretary
Others

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Harvey welcomed Mr. Marquis to the Committee. Mr. Marquis was recently appointed to represent the town of Danvers. Mr. Marquis is a long-time resident of Danvers and the former Town Manager. Mr. Marquis is a member of the School Building Sub-Committee and served as Chairman to the Merger Oversight Board.

2. Election of Officers

Chairman

A motion was made by Dr. Patterson to nominate Mr. Harvey as Chairman and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney.

There were no other nominations presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Dr. Patterson and VOTED unanimously to close nominations.

The Secretary was instructed to cast one (1) ballot for the office of Chairman.

A motion was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and VOTED unanimously to elect Mr. Harvey as Chairman of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School Committee.

Vice Chairman

A motion was made by Ms. Teixeira to nominate Mrs. Sweeney as Vice-Chairman and seconded by Dr. Patterson.

There were no other nominations presented.

A motion was made by Ms. Teixeira and seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and VOTED unanimously to close nominations.

The Secretary was instructed to cast one (1) ballot for the office of Vice Chairman.

A motion was made by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and VOTED unanimously to elect Mrs. Sweeney as Vice Chairman of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School Committee.

Dr. Patterson stated he recently retired and will spend more time out of state and would not be able to fully commit to the responsibilities as Vice Chairman. He thanked the Committee for their trust, support and cooperation while he served as Vice Chairman.

Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. St. Pierre to nominate Dr. Story as Secretary and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney.

There were no other nominations presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Dr. Anderson and VOTED unanimously to close nominations.

The Secretary was instructed to cast one (1) ballot for the office of Secretary.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Dr. Anderson and VOTED unanimously to elect Dr. Story as Secretary of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School Committee.

3. Tentative Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2014 for Approval

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Dr. Anderson and VOTED to approve the Tentative Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2014 as presented. Abstentions: Ms. Teixeira and Mr. Sabella.

4. Communications

Mayor Driscoll's letter reappointing Mr. St. Pierre to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School Committee representing Salem for a three year term.

Letter received from Mayor Kirk reappointing Ms. Teixeira to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School Committee representing Gloucester for a three year term.

Letter received from Danvers Town Moderator, Ms. Fraizer, appointing Mr. Marquis to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School Committee representing Danvers for a three year term.

Mr. O'Connell reported that a Notice of Foundation Reserve Award was received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The District was awarded \$374,740.00 in Chapter 70 Aid for FY 2016. Representative Speliotis met with Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester to advocate for the District to receive pothole funds. The Commissioner agreed to award \$125,000.00 to the City of Peabody and the remaining \$375,000.00 to the district.

Mr. O'Connell added that he asked for a total of \$1.1 million in the pothole funds grant application to address the "technical mistakes" as well as help the district deal with large, unexpected increase in student enrollment that were not factored in the school budget. The recent award of \$374,740.00 to the District is far short of that mark.

A motion was made by Mr. St. Pierre and seconded by Dr. Anderson and VOTED unanimously to accept the resignation of Heather Ingerson, history teacher.

Late Communication – Received Mr. Sabella’s reappointment and confirmation letter to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School Committee representing Manchester-by-the-Sea for a three year term.

5. Appointment of District Treasurer

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Teixeira and VOTED unanimously to reappoint Mrs. Claudia Worth as District Treasurer for a term of one year.

6. Appointment of Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Dr. Anderson and VOTED unanimously to reappoint Ms. Candace Levesque as Recording Secretary for a term of one year.

7. Superintendent-Director’s Report

Mr. O’Connell asked members to email Mrs. Levesque the information they would like to be included on their business cards.

8. Old Business

There was no Old Business to report.

9. Sub-Committee Reports

There was no meeting or report by **Finance & Property Policy**

There was no meeting or report by **Personnel Policy**

There was not meeting or report by **District Policy**

Mr. Harvey reported the Sub-Committee Assignments:

Finance & Property – Dr. Anderson, Chairman; Mr. Perkins, Vice Chair; Mrs. Amato, Mr. St. Pierre,

Personnel Policy – Mrs. Sweeney, Chairman; Ms. Teixeira, Vice Chair; Mr. Robinson, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Story

District Policy – Dr. Patterson, Chairman; Mr. Ketcham, Vice Chair; Mr. Sabella, Mr. Marquis, Mr. Blake, Mr. Nichols

Mr. Marquis stated that he would prefer to be assigned to the Finance Sub-Committee. Mr. Harvey stated that at this time the assignments would remain as assigned.

10. New Business

There was no New Business to report.

11. Warrant

A motion was made by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney and VOTED unanimously to approve the Warrant of January 8, 2015 and place on file for audit.

12. Adjourn

It was moved by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney and VOTED unanimously to adjourn.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

All reference documents and reports are filed in the Superintendent-Director’s office.

Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School Committee

January 8, 2015

Approved: February 26, 2015

Meeting hand-outs

- None