

ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: G.R. Harvey, Essex, Chairman
M. Patterson, Department of Agriculture, Vice Chairman
L. Bonfanti, Peabody, Secretary
D. Cahill, Department of Agriculture
L. Siewko-Story, Department of Agriculture
D. Porteous, Beverly
M. Crowe, Boxford (Arrived 5:22 p.m.)
R. Fravel, Danvers
M. Teixeira, Gloucester
D. Ketcham, Hamilton
J. Sabella, Manchester
M. Sweeney, Marblehead
B. Perkins, Rockport
T. St. Pierre, Salem (Arrived at 5:27 p.m.)
C. Robinson, Topsfield
W. Nichols, Wenham (Arrived at 5:40 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: P. Anderson, Lynnfield
E. Weitzler, Middleton
Nahant
W. Jackson, Swampscott

OTHERS PRESENT: C. Stevens, Attorney ENSATSC
C. Mears, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

Mr. Harvey explained the procedure and timing of the interviews. Ms. Teixeira inquired how Committee members would direct questions to the candidates. Mr. Harvey responded through him he would call/direct members.

2. Interview of Candidates

Dr. Bouquillon, current Superintendent of Minuteman, interview began at 5:30 p.m.

In closing Dr. Bouquillon stated that the Committee will do what they feel is best for the new district and hopes they are happy with their decision. Dr. Bouquillon stated that he loves it where he is currently employed, but this an opportunity that fits him. If he is selected he would have one year to work with districts and it can be done i.e. meet with cities/towns, schools, teachers, staff to get ready in time. The Committee has one chance to move toward a smart and healthy organization.

The Committee recessed at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Harvey, Chairman, resumed the meeting at 6:59 p.m. and explained the process to Mr. O'Connell and others.

Mr. O'Connell, current Superintendent-Director of North Shore Regional Vocational School District, interview began at 7:00 p.m.

In closing, Mr. O'Connell stated that he always wanted to be an educator, that after 40 years the passion is still there. He feels that his decisions are always based on what is best for the students and staff. Mr. O'Connell thanked the Committee for this opportunity and hopes that he is their guy!

The Committee recessed at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Harvey, Chairman, resumed the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and asked for a positive comment about each candidate.

Mrs. Sweeney: Choose someone who loves this school and Dan O'Connell has shown his love and passion.

Mr. Bonfanti: Positive experience with both – very good candidates.

Dr. Story: Articulate, well spoken, and qualified.

Mr. St. Pierre: Dr. Bouquillon – diverse. Mr. O'Connell – passionate.

Mr. Nichols: Mr. O'Connell – energetic, passionate. Dr. Bouquillon – Articulate, good answers.

Mr. Sabella: Dr. Bouquillon – knowledgeable. Mr. O'Connell – Vigor, from the heart.

Mr. Ketcham: Impressive resume, experience in agriculture, educated, articulate. Mr. O'Connell, acknowledged learning agriculture, energetic, passionate.

Ms. Teixeira: Dr. Bouquillon – highly qualified, good process, experienced in all areas. Mr. O'Connell, highly qualified, good process, experienced in all areas, passion.

Mr. Fravel: Both good candidates.

Mr. Crowe: Both excellent candidates, both A+, both would do well, has nothing bad to say.

Mr. Porteous: Dr. Bouquillon has corporate, business culture. Mr. O'Connell huge understanding with culture and merger experience/doing it up to this point and passionate.

Mr. Cahill: Thanked Mr. Harvey for the open and fruitful process and Mr. Porteous and the Superintendent Search Committee members. The school deserves the best. He was impressed by both, but surprising impressed with Mr. O'Connell. For him the vote is clear he is the right choice – commitment to Essex Aggie and the communities. Dr. Bouquillon is a top administrator and would be fortunate to have him.

Dr. Patterson likes Dan a lot and has known him for a long time. Impressed with Dr. Bouquillon and his experience – interest based bargaining, collaboration, depth of experience. Mr. O'Connell is head of NSRVSD – involved in planning from the beginning, history, addressed perceptions of divisions that may exist – ready to go forward.

Mr. Harvey: Pleasantly surprised by Dr. Bouquillon's agricultural experience. Mr. O'Connell mentioned the students in everything he said – school is for the students.

A Motion was made by Mr. Cahill and seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to request a Roll Call Vote be taken to appoint the Superintendent-Director for the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Mr. O'Connell - Mr. Cahill, Dr. Story, Mr. Porteous, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Fravel, Ms. Teixeira, Mr. Ketcham, Mr. Sabella, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Bonfanti, Mr. St. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Nichols, Dr. Patterson and Mr. Harvey.

Mr. Harvey declared that Mr. O'Connell was unanimously VOTED as Superintendent-Director of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District.

3. Adjourn

It was moved by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Cahill and VOTED unanimously to adjourn.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Meeting hand-outs

- None