

ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: G.R. Harvey, Essex, Chairman
M. Patterson, Rowley, Vice Chairman
L. Bonfanti, Peabody, Secretary
P. Anderson, Lynnfield
D. Cahill, Lynn
D. Ketcham, Hamilton
D. Porteous, Beverly
J. Sabella, Manchester
L. Siewko-Story, Georgetown
T. St. Pierre, Salem
M. Teixeira, Gloucester
E. Weitzler, Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: M. Crowe, Boxford
M. Cullinan, Nahant
R. Fravel, Danvers
W. Jackson, Swampscott
W. Nichols, Wenham
C. Robinson, Topsfield
G. Small, Rockport
M. Sweeney, Marblehead

OTHERS PRESENT: D. O'Connell, Superintendent-Director, NSRVSD
R. Bourgeois, Superintendent-Director, EATHS
K. Nigro, PMA
P. Frazier, FirstSouthwestern Financial
R. Manley, Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge, LLP
C. Worth, Treasurer
C. Levesque, Recording Secretary
Others

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Weitzler and VOTED unanimously to move Agenda Item 5 to Item 2 to facilitate the flow of the meeting.

2. Sub-Committee Reports

The **District Policy Sub-Committee** met earlier this evening and Dr. Patterson, Chair, recommends that the full Committee adopt the By-Laws governing the operations of the Committee as amended.

A motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Teixeira and VOTED by unanimous weighted vote to adopt the By-Laws, as amended January 6, 2011, governing the operations of the Committee.

A motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Teixeira and VOTED by unanimous weighted vote to secure the services of Richard A. Manley, Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge, as Bond Counsel to the Committee.

Mr. Bonfanti stated that he is voting in favor as the City of Peabody wants to be included in the new district, but the City Solicitor for Peabody will be looking into the allocation of votes.

Dr. Patterson commended the members of the District Policy Sub-Committee for their diligence and commitment while working on these By-Laws.

Mr. Bourgeois complimented Mr. Manley for his outstanding work, as well.

Finance & Property Policy Sub-Committee

It was moved by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Weitzler and VOTED unanimously by weighted vote to appoint the firm Edwards, Angell, Palmer & Dodge LLP as Bond Counsel Services for Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District, as recommended by the Finance & Property Sub-Committee. (Carries weighted vote)

Mr. Peter Frazier distributed the following: District Borrowing Flow Chart; FirstSouthwest Overview and School Financing Plan 1 – 30 Year Equal Principal Structure.

Mr. Frazier offered to meet in a workshop setting with any Committee members who would like more information.

The cash flow will be developed between the district and project manager i.e. how much to borrow, short-term, long-term, etc.

North Shore Regional Vocational School District currently has a bond rating of A1 and the new district probably would have the same rating.

There were no questions or discussion from the Committee after Mr. Frazier completed his presentation.

A motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and VOTED unanimously by weighted vote to retain FirstSouthwestern Financial Advisors to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District, as recommended by the Finance & Property Sub-Committee.

A motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and VOTED unanimously by weighted vote to authorize the Treasurer to establish a checking account for the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District. Ms. Worth will meet with financial institutions to get proposals to establish an account for the new district.

Mr. Harvey stated that members should make their Finance Chairs that the Committee approved the Vote to Authorize Borrowing for New District High School Project. Mr. O’Connell stated that municipalities are aware of bonding and that within seven (7) days the Secretary is instructed to notify each municipality of the District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt.

There was no meeting or report by the **Personnel Policy Sub-Committee**.

3. Tentative Regular Meeting Minutes for Approval

A motion was made by Ms. Teixeira and seconded by Dr. Anderson and VOTED by weighted vote to approve the Tentative Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2010 as presented.

4. Owner's Project Manager Report

Mr. Nigro distributed the Essex North Shore Design Fee Proposal Workshop revised 12/17/10.

Mr. Nigro stated that MSBA is very pleased with the efforts of the Negotiating Team of the Building Committee of successfully negotiating with Design-Partnership and the savings will be put to use immediately.

A motion was made by Mr. St. Pierre, seconded by Dr. Patterson and VOTED unanimously by weighted vote to authorize the Mr. Harvey, Chair, to sign a letter of intent awarding design services for this project to Design-Partnership.

5. Other

Mr. O'Connell stated that Mr. Jeff Wulfson, DESE, is seeking legal advice and working on final clarity regarding allocation of votes.

Mrs. Weitzler indicated that Part V, Section 5.2 Transportation of the By-Laws indicates transporting shall be limited to students residing in municipalities within a 10 mile radius of the District. Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2006 stated that transportation will be limited to students residing in municipalities within a 20-mile radius of the District.

A motion was made by Ms. Weitzler, seconded by Mr. Porteous and VOTED unanimously by weighted vote that the By-Laws are consistent with Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2006, Section 12.

6. Adjourn

It was moved by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Cahill and VOTED unanimously by weighted vote to adjourn.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

List of Meeting Handouts:

- FirstSouthwestern District Borrowing Flow Chart
- FirstSouthwestern Overview
- School Financing Plan 1
- Essex North Shore Design Fee Proposal Worksheet