

ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: G.R. Harvey, Essex, Chairman
M. Patterson, Department of Agriculture, Vice Chairman
L. Bonfanti, Peabody, Secretary
L. Siewko-Story, Department of Agriculture
D. Blake, Beverly
D. Ketcham, Hamilton
M. Teixeira, Gloucester
J. Sabella, Manchester
B. Perkins, Rockport
T. St. Pierre, Salem
C. Robinson, Topsfield
W. Nichols, Wenham

MEMBERS ABSENT: Department of Agriculture
Boxford
R. Fravel, Danvers
P. Anderson, Lynnfield
M. Sweeney, Marblehead
E. Weitzler, Middleton
Nahant
W. Jackson, Swampscott

OTHERS PRESENT: D. O'Connell, Superintendent NSRVSD
C. Worth, District Treasurer
C. Levesque, Recording Secretary
Others

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at North Shore Technical High School.

2. Election of Officers

Chairman

A motion was made by Dr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Teixeira to nominate Mr. Harvey for Chairman.

There were no other nominations presented.

It was moved by Ms. Teixeira and seconded by Dr. Patterson and VOTED unanimously to close nominations.

The Chairman instructed the Secretary cast one (1) ballot for Mr. Harvey to serve as Chairman for a term of one year.

Vice Chairman

A motion was made by Ms. Teixeira seconded by Mr. Ketcham to nominate Dr. Patterson as Vice-Chairman.

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 Chairman instructed the Secretary to cast one (1) ballot for Dr. Patterson to serve as Vice Chairman for a term of one year.

Secretary

A motion was made by St. Pierre and seconded by Ms. Teixeira to nominate Mr. Bonfanti as Secretary.

There were no other nominations presented.

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

The Chairman instructed the Secretary to cast one (1) ballot for Mr. Bonfanti to serve as Secretary for a term of one year.

3. Communications

Mr. O’Connell reported that the District was awarded a \$139,500.00 BioTech grant. Through this grant the BioTech program will have a business partnership with a company in California. Mr. O’Connell commended Dr. Rancourt, Grants Manager, Mr. Tarpinian, STEM Director, and Ms. Sullivan, Vocational Director, for their collaboration in writing the grant.

4. Appointment of District Treasurer

A motion was made by Ms. Teixeira and seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to reappoint Ms. Claudia Worth as District Treasurer for a term of one year.

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

A roll call vote was taken:

YES – Dr. Story, Mr. Blake, Ms. Teixeira, Mr. Ketcham, Mr. Sabella, Mr. Bonfanti, Mr. Perkins, Mr. St. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Nichols, Dr. Patterson and Mr. Harvey

NO – None

Motion carries unanimously.

5. Appointment of Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Ms. Teixeira and seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and VOTED unanimously to reappoint Ms. Candace Levesque as Recording Secretary for a term of one year.

6. Superintendent-Director’s Report

Mr. O’Connell reported that included in the packet was a non-binding Letter of Intent to Lease a portion of property by Essex Sports Complex LLC at the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District. Mr. O’Connell stated that he is requesting the Committee to vote to authorize the Chairman, Mr. Harvey to sign the document.

A motion was made by Mr. St. Pierre and seconded by Ms. Teixeira to authorize Mr. Harvey sign the Letter of Intent to Lease. Mr. Bonfanti amended the motion to include “Non-Binding.” Mr. St. Pierre and Ms. Teixeira accepted the amended language.

A motion was made by Mr. St. Pierre and seconded by Ms. Teixeira and VOTED unanimously to authorize Mr. Harvey to sign the Non-Binding Letter of Intent to Lease with the Essex Sports Center LLC a portion of land at the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District in Middleton, MA.

7. Old Business

There was no Old Business to report.

8. Sub-Committee Reports

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

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

District Policy

Dr. Patterson, Chairman, reported that he would follow up with MASC regarding the status of the merged Policy Manual.

9. New Business

Mr. O'Connell reported that Mr. Harvey received notice from AFSCME, Local 245 Council 93 that the Union desires to enter into negotiations for the purpose of modifying the Agreement currently in effect. This matter has been forwarded to legal counsel to review and advise.

Mr. O'Connell reported that he is investigating a third health care option, MIIA Health Benefits Trust. Mr. O'Connell is also researching options for dental insurance.

Mr. Harvey reported that at the Annual Dinner he presented Mr. Porteous with a plaque in appreciation for his service to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical High School Committee.

10. Adjourn

It was moved by Ms. Teixeira and seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and VOTED unanimously to adjourn.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Meeting hand-outs

- None