

ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: G.R. Harvey, Essex, Chairman
M. Patterson, Rowley, Vice Chairman
P. Anderson, Lynnfield
M. Crowe, Boxford
M. Cullinan, Nahant
D. Ketcham, Hamilton
W. Nichols, Wenham
C. Robinson, Topsfield
J. Sabella, Manchester
L. Siewko-Story, Georgetown
T. St. Pierre, Salem
M. Teixeira, Gloucester
E. Weitzler, Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: L. Bonfanti, Peabody, Secretary
D. Cahill, Lynn
R. Fravel, Danvers
D. Porteous, Beverly
G. Small, Rockport
M. Sweeney, Marblehead

OTHERS PRESENT: D. O'Connell, Superintendent-Director, NSRVSD
R. Bourgeois, Superintendent-Director, EATHS
Mr. Kevin Nigro, PMA
Atty. Jack McGlynn, McGlynn & McGlynn
C. Levesque, Recording Secretary
Others

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Tentative Regular Meeting Minutes for Approval

A motion was made by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Teixeira and VOTED to approve the Tentative Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2010 as presented. Dr. Patterson and Mr. Sabella abstained.

3. Owner's Project Manager Report

Mr. Nigro distributed an updated "*Some common abbreviations utilized in the design process.*"

Mr. Nigro stated that negotiations with Design Partnership are going well and they are currently working on a draft design schedule, design fee and other items. At this time, he feels it would be appropriate to schedule a meeting with the Negotiating Team of the Building Committee and representatives from PMA and Design Partnership.

The Negotiating Building Committee scheduled to meet on December 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the O'Malley Media Center at North Shore Technical High School.

A strategy session will be held prior to this meeting with members of the Negotiating Building Committee and Mr. Nigro and Mr. Carroll, of PMA, at 4:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room.

Mr. Sabella asked if there would be penalties if construction is not completed on schedule. Mr. Nigro replied that there are ways to hold the construction company accountable.

Mr. Harvey asked if there would be a clause to insure that all onsite workers have legal resident status. Mr. St. Pierre responded that the prevailing wage sheets should document the workers' status.

4. Design Teams

Mr. O'Connell reviewed a draft of design teams that he and Ms. Kroesser are creating. Many staff members have visited other schools for ideas in technology, special education, academic areas and vocational-technical programs. Staff from Essex Agricultural High School and Peabody Vocational will need to be added to the design teams.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Design-Partnership will develop a timeline to meet with design teams of the four academies to work on the design.

At that time, Mr. Harvey introduced and welcomed Mr. John Eaton, a carpentry instructor at the Peabody Vocational School.

Ms. Weitzler stated that the full School Committee needs to be part of the decision making process regarding administrators, etc. Mr. Bourgeois replied that a feasibility study model was approved by the Temporary Oversight Board, but Personnel and Finance Sub-Committees would need to meet. Ms. Weitzler stated that this was different now. She was assured that the design was conceptual and we are now in the final design phase and need to decide with the educators how the school will be run. Mr. Nigro stated that this project has been approved by the DCAM, MSBA, etc and to deviate from the academy model now would require returning to those authorities for approval.

Mr. Robinson stated that the educational mission should drive the design and as a new member he expects Design-Partnership to come before the full School Committee with the design. Dr. Patterson agreed that the educational program should determine the 4 academies. Mr. Crowe stated he would find it beneficial to coordinate informational sessions with Design-Partnership, and the sooner the better.

Mr. Nigro assured the Committee that Design-Partnership would meet with the design teams and the full School Committee.

Mr. Harvey invited comments from the audience. Mrs. Kroesser, Assistant Superintendent, explained that members of the Building Committee would assist with the development of the administration and educational program design. Ms. Weitzler stated she understands that, but the building design should flow from the educational programs, the administrative structure and the cost, as well as the planned educational model and the impact to the physical space.

5. Sub-Committee Reports

The **District Policy Sub-Committee** met earlier this evening. Dr. Patterson, Chair, reported that the By-Laws require further edits and the Sub-Committee recommended not asking for action on this item this

evening. Mr. O'Connell stated that the edits would be made and will forward the final version to Committee members in the very near future.

The **District Policy Sub-Committee** will meet January 27, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Essex Aggie, Smith Hall, Board of Trustees Room.

There was no meeting or report by the **Finance & Property Policy Sub-Committee**. However, the Sub-committee will meet on December 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room at North Shore Technical High School.

The full **School Committee** tentatively scheduled a Special Meeting for January 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. location to be determined.

6. Other

Attorney Jack McGlynn reported Treasurer –elect Steven Grossman has named Katherine Craven, as his top deputy. She will remain executive director of the School Building Authority, a position she has held since 2004.

Mr. Nigro reported that Superintendents Bourgeois and O'Connell met with representatives from MSBA to help them better understand protocol and issues surrounding the formation of regional districts. It speaks volumes that MSBA chose to meet with representatives from this district to share their knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of regionalization and regional vocational education.

Mr. O'Connell announced that earlier this evening the North Shore Tech Essex Aggie Football Team won the Vocational Bowl 22-12. Congratulations to the coaches and players!

7. Adjourn

It was moved by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Teixeira and VOTED unanimously to adjourn.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

List of Meeting Handouts:

- Construction Abbreviations