

ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
562 MAPLE STREET, HATHORNE, MA 01937-0346

PUBLIC HEARING
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Teixeira, Gloucester, Chairperson
T. St. Pierre, Salem, Vice Chairperson
M. Amato, Boxford, Secretary
J. O'Brien, Department of Agriculture
G. Demsey, Department of Agriculture
W. Marquis, Danvers
A. Craig, Essex
W. Lannon, Hamilton
G. Hathaway, Lynnfield
J. Delaney, Manchester
M. Strout, Marblehead
A. Liteplo, Middleton
E. Johnson, Nahant
B. Jones, Topsfield

MEMBERS ABSENT: F. Di Luna, Department of Agriculture
Beverly
J. Liacos, Peabody
B. Perkins, Rockport
A. McDonald, Swampscott
W. Nichols, Wenham

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Lupini, Superintendent-Director
B. Morgan, Principal
M. Znamierowski, Business Manager
K. McMahon, District Treasurer
J. Wersackas, Student Representative
G. Montero, Student Representative
C. Levesque, Recording Secretary
S. Donnelly, Associate Principal (Academy D)
J. Skane, Associate Principal (Academy A)

1. *Call to Order*

Ms. Teixeira, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and reported there is a quorum.

2. *Salute to the Flag*

3. *Overview of the Proposed FY2018 Budget*

Motion made by Mr. Strout, seconded by Mr. Marquis to accept the proposed FY2018 Budget for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

4. *Public Hearing for the Proposed FY2018 Budget*

Ms. Teixeira, Chairperson, called the Public Hearing on the FY2018 Budget to order at 6:35 p.m.

Dr. Lupini presented the FY2018 Budget and provided the Anticipated City/Town Assessments, FY2017 and FY2018 Budget and Revenue Summaries, Administrative and High School Organization Charts and Administrative Costs/FTE.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the Finance Subcommittee members did their due diligence and extensively reviewed the proposed FY2018 Budget.

5. *Student Representatives Report*

Mr. Montero reported that final event to celebrate National FFA week was a "Taste of Essex" on March 3, 2017. Multiple local farmers were stationed in the cafeteria to educate students about agriculture. The Taste of Essex is a beneficial event for students, faculty and staff.

Julia Wersackas reported the Indoor Track and Field Team roster grew from 38 to 75. The boys team broke nine school records and the girls team broke seven school records. Eleven students went on to represent Essex Tech in the State Championship. Laraine Harring of Billerica became the second State Champion in the school's history by winning the Division 5 State 600m run with a time of 1:39.86.

Eleven athletes participated in the Winter Cheer Team, some with experience and some had never cheered before. The team worked very hard building their skills and improved each week performing their routines to perfection at games. They had a fun season cheering on the basketball teams. They especially enjoyed cheering at the Special Olympics game.

This winter marked the first ever season for the Essex Tech Hockey program. The Hawks celebrated their first home game with a 5-2 win over St. Joseph's. Many core players will return next season from a team that defeated Hamilton-Wenham 4-1 in the season's final game. Nate Rumson and Chris Masta were named CAC All Stars.

The Swimming Diving (Co-op Peabody and Essex Tech) achieved new Tanner/Hawks relay records:

- 200 Medley Relay - set in 2013 now 2017 belongs to Cailin Currie, Kirsten Currie, Cana Teague, Millie Teague with a time of 1:58.53
- 200 Freestyle Relay - set in 1997 now 2017 belongs to Cailin Currie, Kirsten Currie, Cana Teague, Millie Teague with a time of 1:47.40
- The team was also awarded the NEC Peter Sawin Sportsmanship Award - as voted by the coaches within the conference

Kirsten Currie broke a twenty-one year old Tanners record in the 200-yard freestyle held by then future Olympic gold medalist Samantha Arsenault by just over 1/10th of a second, coming in 14th with a time of 2:02.54. Kirsten also came in 23rd overall in the 100 yard freestyle.

The wrestling team finished their season with an 8-10 record. Ten athletes participated in the D3 North sectionals where Jackson Leete placed 2nd, Nick Walker placed 3rd and Griffin Anderson placed 6th. Jackson Leete also placed 2nd at Divisional and went on to All States where he finished his season.

Girl's basketball finished with a 10-10 season. Four of the five starting positions were filled by sophomores. The team won the first round of the MIAA tournament against Mt. Alvernia 65-64 in overtime advancing the team for the first time to the second round of the MIAA tournament. Unfortunately they did not advance as they lost to Austin Prep.

Ms. Teixeira asked how students felt about having a home rink. Mr. Montero replied that all home games were very well attended.

6. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

7. *New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Accreditation Update*

Ms. Skane and Ms. Donnelly, Associate Principals, offered a presentation with regards to the New England Association of School and Colleges Accreditation visit. The NEASC accreditation is a system of accountability that is ongoing, voluntary and comprehensive in scope. It is a one year self-study that engages the entire educational community in structured analysis, self-reflection, and planning in response to the standards. The visiting team is currently scheduled for Spring 2018.

The Committee thanked Ms. Skane and Ms. Donnelly for their informative report.

8. *Approval of Meeting Minutes*

Motion made by Mr. Marquis, seconded by Mr. Strout to approve the February 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried – 4 Abstained (Mr. Marquis, Mr. Craig, Mr. St. Pierre, Mr. Jones).

9. *Communications*

- a. Notice of School Committee Reappointment – Mr. Gene Demsey, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Management
- b. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet

10. *Superintendent-Director Report*

Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program

The District will receive \$244,000 to update and expand the allied health career program. This will allow the program to provide students with instruction and experiences that are not currently available because of the lack of certain equipment. Allied health is a critical driver in the North Shore economic engine and employment opportunities in the region are predicted to continue to grow. These funds will allow for the purchase of state-of-the-art training and medical equipment that students would find in the workplace. It will also allow high school health assisting students to participate in Emergency Medical Technician training during the school day.

Massachusetts Girls in Trades Conference

Over 350 students and 50 educators from 22 high schools attended the Massachusetts Girls in Trades Conference at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 103 on March 2, 2017. Twenty-seven (27) students from Essex Technical High School participated in the conference.

Articulation Agreements

Articulation Agreements have recently been completed with North Shore Community College (Health Assisting and Culinary), Central Maine Community College (Graphics, Advanced Manufacturing and Auto Technology), and Unity College of Maine (Natural Resources).

FFA State Conference

Forty-eight (48) students will represent Essex Technical High School in fifteen (15) career development events at the upcoming FFA State Convention. The conference will take place from March 12-17 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Stephanie Dawe and Michaela Ramsey, both Class of 2016 ETHS graduates, will host the Convention as the State FFA President and Parliamentarian, respectively.

Skills USA District Competitions

Over 100 Essex Technical High School students will participate in the SkillsUSA District Competition at Greater Lowell Technical High School on March 16, 2017. These students will take part in 28 skills and leadership-based events. Both Matt Cunha (currently serving) and Megan Perry will be running for a state SkillsUSA office position.

Advisory Committee Meetings

Nearly 300 representatives from industry, higher education, union boards and cooperative education employers participated in the spring Advisory Committee meetings on March 1, 2017. Our program teachers facilitated conversations regarding curriculum, equipment, employment skills, industry needs and potential certifications.

Adult Education

The 2016-2017 school year has been a successful one for the adult education programs. In addition to the fall offering and year-long electrical program, the following courses have run during the spring semester: Phlebotomy, Electrocardiogram, Introduction to Baking and Pastry, Microsoft Excel, Automotive Technology, Outboard Motors, Small Engines, Auto Body Repair and Introductory Woodworking.

Dr. Lupini thanked Carissa Karakaedos (Vocational Coordinator) for her terrific work in initiating the revitalization of the adult education offerings.

Mrs. Liteplo asked how the Adult Education classes were advertised. Dr. Lupini replied that class offerings are available on the website; postcards were mailed to local communities and ads were placed with local newspapers.

Ms. Teixeira stated that in the future information for Adult Education offerings are to be included with the School Committee packets.

Motion made by Mr. Strout, seconded by Mr. Marquis to accept the March 9, 2017 Superintendent-Director's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. *Principal's Report*

Out of State Field Trip Requests

- Motion made by Mr. St. Pierre, seconded by Ms. Amato to approve an Out of State Field Trip Request for grade 9 Natural Resource Management students to Pawtuckaway State Park in Nottingham, New Hampshire on March 27, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Mr. St. Pierre, seconded by Ms. Amato to approve an Out of State Field Trip Request for two students to attend the Key Club New England Conference March 31, 2017 to April 2, 2017 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Motion carried unanimously.

12. *Subcommittee Reports*

Finance Subcommittee

Motion made by Mr. Marquis, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the December 31, 2016 Financial Statements and place on file for audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy Subcommittee

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2017 (5:00 p.m.)

Personnel Subcommittee

Next Meeting – To be determined

13. *Fy2018 Preliminary Budget Review*

Motion made by Mr. Marquis, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to vote approval of the Fiscal Year 2018 Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District's Budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

Roll call vote: Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Demsey, Ms. Amato, Mr. Marquis, Mr. Craig, Mr. Lannon, Mr. Hathaway, Mr. Delaney, Mr. Strout, Mrs. Liteplo, Ms. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Mr. Jones, Ms. Teixeira voted in the affirmative. The FY2018 Budget roll call vote was unanimous. Total member – 14 and total weighted – 24. Motion carried.

14. *Old Business*

There was no Old Business to report.

15. *New Business*

Ms. Teixeira reported that Mr. DeVellis, Essex Sports Center, may need School Committee approval for advertising at the Center.

16. *Warrant*

Mrs. Znamierowski reported the Notes for A/P for Warrant #2017-29 dated March 10, 2017:

- Winter Coaching Stipends - \$68,180
- Winter Athletics Game Scorers - \$6,110

Motion made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Hathaway to approve the Warrant of March 9, 2017 and place on file for audit. Motion carried unanimously.

17. *Discussion Items That Were Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairperson, in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 180-25*
There was no discussion.
18. *Adjourn*
Motion made by Mr. St. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Marquis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Teixeira, Chairperson, declared the meeting adjourned.

The Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School Committee adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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