

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a Special Meeting held remotely on May 14, 2020. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Kris Huegel, at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Huegel read the following Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: "In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975, a notice for this meeting was posted at the respective offices of the Essex Fells School as of May 12, 2020. Agendas were mailed to the Clerk of the Borough of Essex Fells, the Progress, the Star Ledger, and posted on the district web-site.

I. Call to Order – 1:00 P.M.

- The meeting was called to order by the Board President.

II. Roll Call

Mrs. Kris Huegel, President-present
 Mrs. Bethany Buccino-Vice President-present
 Dr. Steven LoCascio-absent
 Mr. Theodore Skopak-present
 OPEN

Also present: Mrs. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal; Mr. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; 13 members of the public; 3 staff members and 1 reporter from The Progress.

III. Flag Salute

- The Board President led the salute to the flag.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

- None

V. Superintendent's Report

- Mrs. Gadaleta noted the resolution to revise the 2019-20 school calendar for 2 unused snow days.
- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the board about her idea for the 6th Grade promotion utilizing the courtyard area between the buildings. We will try our best to make it a memorable experience.
- Mrs. Gadaleta is also working on a plan to collect school equipment from families as well as returning personal property. This will take place at some point in June.

VI. Superintendent's Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolution #01.

- RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the revision to the 2019-2020 School Calendar.

Moved by: Mrs. Buccino
 Ayes: 3

Seconded by: Mr. Skopak
 Nays: 0

VII. Old Business / Board Discussion

- None

VIII. New Business / Board Discussion

- Mrs. Huegel proposed a short BOE survey to parents regarding remote learning.
- Mr. Lella provided information regarding the CARES Act Funding
- Mr. Lella addressed the emails to the BOE members from NW Transport, which provides OOD transportation to the district through the Essex Regional Educational Service Commission. NW Transport was requesting payment for March 16th through the remainder of the school year. Districts have been advised to wait for further guidance from the state and not to pay for services that are not being rendered. Due to the financial constraints of the transportation companies there could be an issue with securing transportation for the fall.

IX. Meeting Open for Public Comment

- R. Dionisio thinks the survey would be a good idea for parent input
- A. DiGiovanni noted that the Trinity school is closing down.

X. Resolution to Enter Executive Session

The Board convened in Executive Session at 1:12 P.M. to discuss Open BOE Position resumes. The items discussed in Executive session will be disclosed to the public when the need to maintain their confidentiality no longer exists.

Moved by: Mrs. Buccino

Seconded by: Mr. Skopak

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

XI. Adjournment

The special meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 2:12 P.M. The next **Regular Meeting** will be held **remotely on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.**

Moved by: Dr.LoCascio

Seconded by: Mr. Mrs. Buccino

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary