

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a School Budget Public Hearing Meeting held remotely on May 6, 2021. The meeting was called to order by the Board Vice President, Dr. Steven LoCascio, at 7:34 P.M. Dr. LoCascio 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 March 24, 2021. Agendas were mailed to the Clerk of the Borough of Essex Fells, the Progress and the Star Ledger, and posted on the district's web-site".

I. Call to Order – 7:34 P.M.

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

II. Roll Call

Mrs. Kris Huegel, President-Absent
Dr. Steven LoCascio, Vice President-Present
Mrs. Amanda Haber-Present
Mr. Raj Mehta-Present
Mr. Theodore Skopak-Present

Also present: Mrs. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal; Mr. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and 34 members of the public.

III. Flag Salute

- The Board Vice President led the salute to the flag.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

- None

V. Superintendent's Report

- Mrs. Gadaleta had noted that she had received inquiries about the September opening. All intentions are to open as typical as possible, however that all depends on guidance from the DOE. No guidance has been received as of yet. At the time EFS needs to maintain all protocols that are in place, that have allowed us to open and stay open during the 2020-21 school year, until we receive further guidance. Mrs. Gadaleta will share such information when it becomes available.

VI. Business Administrator's Report

- Mrs. Gadaleta and Mr. Lella presented the 2021-22 School Year Budget and addressed any questions from the public.
- Mr. Lella asked Mrs. Gadaleta to speak on Superintendent's resolution #2. Dr. LoCascio thanked Adi and Lucy for their years of service.

VII. Business Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Business Resolution #01-02.

1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, after conducting a public presentation, adopts a school district budget for the FY 2021-2022 School Year as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$5,925,181.00	\$5,437,397.00
Special Revenue	217,553.00	0.00
Debt Service Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 Total Budget	 \$ 6,142,734.00	 \$5,437,397.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there should be raised for General Funds \$5,437,397.00 for the ensuing school year (2021-2022).

Moved by: Mr. Skopak

Seconded by: Mrs. Haber

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of John Thomas, Facilities Manager / Custodian, effective on or about July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at the salary of \$75,000.00, pending the usual criminal history and background check for new hires.

Moved by: Mr. Skopak

Seconded by: Mrs. Haber

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

VIII. Meeting Open for Public Comment

- None

IX. Adjournment

At 8:27 P.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Wednesday, May 19th at 7:30 P.M** virtually.

Moved by: Mr. Skopak

Seconded by: Mrs. Haber

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella
 Business Administrator/
 Board Secretary