

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a Special Meeting held in the Superintendent's Office on June 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order by the Board Vice President, Mr. John Toth, at 9:02 A.M. Mr. Toth 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 June 23rd, 2022. Agendas were mailed to the Clerk of the Borough of Essex Fells, the Progress, and the Star Ledger.

**I. Call to Order -9:02A.M.**

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

**II. Roll Call**

Mrs. Amanda Haber, President-Absent  
Mr. John Toth, Vice-President-Present  
Mrs. Kris Huegel-Present  
Mr. Raj Mehta-Present  
Mr. Theodore Skopak-Absent

Also present: Dr. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal; and Mr. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

**III. Flag Salute**

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

**IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

- None

**V. President's Report**

- None

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Gadaleta explained the new hires and thanked the committee that worked with her during the interview process.

**VII. Superintendent's Resolutions**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions #01 –5.

1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Michelle Brown, Physical Education Teacher, MA +30 Step 3, at the salary of \$66,310, for the 2022-23 school year, pending the usual criminal history and background check for new hires.

Moved by: Mrs. Huegel

Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Stefania Focarino, Kindergarten Teacher, BA +15 Step 6, at the at the salary of \$62,985, for the 2022-23 school year, pending the usual criminal history and background check for new hires.

Moved by: Mrs. Huegel

Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Stephanie Bavbek, Paraprofessional, at the at the salary of \$28,336, for the 2022-23 school year, pending the usual criminal history and background check for new hires.

Moved by: Mrs. Huegel

Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Jenna Pattison, Art Teacher, MA Step 1 (.4), at the pro-rated salary of \$25,014, for the 2022-23 school year, pending the usual criminal history and background check for new hires.

Moved by: Mrs. Huegel

Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Sonia Lawson, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, for the 2022-23 school year.

Moved by: Mrs. Huegel

Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

**VIII. Meeting Open for Public Comment**

- None

**IX. Adjournment**

At 9:23 A.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn.

The next **Regular Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 7:30P.M.**

Moved by: Mrs. Huegel

Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella  
Business Administrator/