

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 July 21, 2020. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Kris Huegel, at 9:02 A.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 July 16, 2020. 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 – 9:02 A.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-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 42 members of the public.

**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 approving an additional custodian to assist with additional custodial cleaning as well as the revised resolution for CARES Act State Set Aside funding.
- Mrs. Gadaleta noted Executive Session would cover the legal impact of reopening in September.

**VI. Superintendent’s Resolutions**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions #01-03.

- RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Luis Feliz, Part-time Custodian, September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, 3-hours per day, 5-days per week, pending the criminal history/background check.

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio

Seconded by: Mrs. Buccino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

- RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the

Superintendent and approves the increase in hours for the following student assistants in the custodial department for the 2020 summer, from 75 hours each to a total of 150 hours each.

Joseph Appello	\$12.00/hr
Nick McNish	\$12.00/hr

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio	Seconded by: Mrs. Buccino
Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

**3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the revised submission of the Non-Title 1 Cares Act application for Fiscal Year 2020-21, and accepts the revised grant award of the following amount:

Total	\$13,230
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Moved by: Dr. LoCascio	Seconded by: Mrs. Buccino
Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

**VII. Old Business / Board Discussion**

- None

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- None

**IX. Meeting Open for Public Comment**

- None

**X. Resolution to Enter Executive Session**

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:08 A.M. to discuss contract negotiations and legal matters. The items discussed in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public when the need to maintain their confidentiality no longer exists.

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio	Seconded by: Mrs. Buccino
Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

**XI. Adjournment**

At 10:15 A.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn. The next **Regular Meeting** will be held **remotely** on **Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.**

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio	Seconded by: Mrs. Buccino
Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary