

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop session on September 6, 2017, in the Superintendent's office of the Essex Fells School. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Carol D'Alessandro, at 7:32 P.M. Mrs. Carol D'Alessandro 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 on August 30, 2017. 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 – 7:32 P.M.

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

II. Roll Call

- Mrs. Carol D'Alessandro, President – present
- Mrs. Shani Drogin – Vice President - present
- Mrs. Kris Heugel –present
- Dr. Steven LoCascio, – present
- Mrs. Debra Tedesco – present

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

III. Flag Salute

- The Board Secretary led the salute to the flag.

IV. Public Comment

- None

V. Buildings Grounds

- Mr. Lella provided the Board with an update of the summer projects. The only project not yet complete was the PA system / ID card upgrade.

VI. Curriculum & Instruction

- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the Board that we are ready for the opening day of the 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Gadaleta noted the two excellent / positive teacher preparation days. Mrs. Gadaleta explained the activities of the two days.

VII. Finance

- Mrs. Gadaleta explained to the Board that ESEA will be the term replacing NCLB.

VIII. Policy

- Mrs. Gadaleta has a call in to Stephen Fogarty's office regarding updating residency letters. Mrs. Gadaleta updated Mrs. Drogin as to the discussion regarding residency letters discussed at the last meeting, as Mrs. Drogin was absent for the last meeting.

IX. Personnel

- Mrs. Gadaleta noted the resolution for the speech position on the agenda. Mrs. Gadaleta noted that all positions are filled for the school year.

X. Old Business/Board Discussion

- Mrs. Gadaleta included goals for final Board review and approval.
- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the Board that refrigerator/freezer used for lunch had been defrosted and cleaned and is still working properly.

XI. New Business / Board Discussion

- Mrs. Gadaleta shared with the Board that she had received notification that EFS was recognized as the 8th best elementary school in the nation based on testing scores.
- The Board decided to cancel the September 20th meeting due to the upcoming holiday and make the October 4th workshop actionable.
- Mrs. Drogin asked about the additional summer hours for Mrs. Whitman. Mrs. Gadaleta noted the hours were needed for new IEP training and not having a speech teacher for part of the summer.
- Mrs. Gadaleta explained the sleepover to the Board.

XII. Superintendent's Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolution #01-10.

1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the District/Superintendent Goals for the 2017-2018 school year.

NOTE: Attachment A

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

2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the Board of Education Goals for the 2017-2018 school year.

NOTE: Attachment B

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

3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the Merit Goals for Michelle V. Gadaleta in the 2017-2018 school year.

NOTE: Attachment C

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

4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the payment of the following travel related expenses in accordance with the travel policy 6471 for Professional Development:

Staff Member(s): Steven J. Lella
 Event: NJSIG – ERIC North Subfund Meeting
 Location: Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Twp., NJ
 Date: 10/12/17
 Cost: \$0
 Mileage: \$24.40 + tolls

Staff Member(s): Steven J. Lella

Event: NJASBO Workshops
 Location: Rockaway, NJ
 Date: 9/14/17, 10/5/17, 11/16/17, 12/7/17
 Cost: \$100 per workshop; \$400 total
 Mileage: \$11.48 each; \$45.92

Staff Member(s): Katie McNish
 Event: Beyond Looking / 2017 Fall Art Conference
 Location: Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, NJ
 Date: 10/1-2/17
 Cost: \$200.00

Staff Member(s): Marisa Burger
 Event: NJAEYC Annual Conference
 Location: Double Tree Hotel, Somerset, NJ
 Date: 10/20/17
 Cost: \$130.00

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

5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Laurie Fischer, Speech/Language Teacher, at MA (.6), Step 5, at a prorated salary of \$37,521.60 for the 2017-2018 school year, retroactive to September 5, 2017.

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

6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following mentors (*district mentors) for new staff for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Marisa Burger*(Internship)	Jeanine Whitman
Laurie Fischer*	Judi Reynolds

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

7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, an additional 5 hours for Jeanine Whitman, LDTC-CST for Summer 2017.

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

8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following stipend position for the 2017-2018 school year at the contractual rate:

	Ashley Messer	Sixth Grade Sleepover - \$250
Moved by:	Dr. LoCascio	Seconded by: Mrs. Drogin
Ayes:	5	Nays: 0

9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the submission of the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2018 to the County Office of Education and accepts the grant award in the amount of \$15,204.

	Title I	\$21,383 refusal
	Title IIA	\$ 5,204
	Title IVA	<u>\$10,000</u>
	Total	\$15,204
Moved by:	Dr. LoCascio	Seconded by: Mrs. Drogin
Ayes:	5	Nays: 0

10. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following Use of Facilities requests for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Fall Enrichment Programs 2017
- Nature Workshop with Outrage/hissypets – Grades 1-6
Fields/Blacktop (inclement weather-Science Lab-Room #105); 3:20-4:30pm
Tuesdays: 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24
 - Silly Sports – Grades 1-3
Fields/Blacktop (inclement weather- Media Center); 3:05-4:30pm
Tuesdays: 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24
 - MAM Art Through the Ages – Grades 1-6
Mrs. Buonomo’s Room #108; 3:05-4:30pm
Tuesdays: 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24
 - Comic Book Workshop – Grades 1-6
Mrs. Hacker’s Room #104, 3:05-4:30pm
Wednesdays: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1
 - Intro to Photography – Grades 4-6
Ms. Liebler’s Room #208; 3:05-4:30pm
Wednesdays: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1
 - Rock ‘n Roll – Grades 1-6
Media Center, 3:05-4:30pm
Wednesdays: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1
 - Coding for Kids – Grades 3-6
Technology Room #101; 7:30-8:30am
Wednesdays: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1

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

XIII. Public Comment

- None

XIV. Resolution to Enter Executive Session

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss legal matters. The Board exited the Executive Session at 8:01 P.M. and returned to the Workshop Meeting. 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. Drogin

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

XV. Adjournment

At 8:01 P.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio Seconded by: Mrs. Drogin

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary