

VI. Board Comments/Presidents Report

- Dr. LoCascio Recognition

VII. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

VIII. Old Business / Board Discussion

- Crossing Guard
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- 2022-2023 Calendar

IX. New Business / Board Discussion

- January – School Board Recognition Month
- 2022 Board of Education Meeting Dates
- 2022 BOE Financial Disclosure Statement
- Gaggle

X. Reorganization Action Items

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Reorganization Action Items #01 - 2.

1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics.

NOTES: Code of Ethics Attached/Bylaws

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following dates for its meetings in the ensuing year (*dates subject to change):

Wednesday	January 19, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	February 2, 2022	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	February 16, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	March 2, 2022	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	March 16, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	April 6, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	May 4, 2022	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	May 18, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday,	June 1, 2022	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	June 15, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	August 17, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	September 7, 2022	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	September 21, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Thursday	October 6, 2022	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	October 19, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting

Wednesday	November 2, 2022	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	November 16, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	December 7, 2022	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	December 21, 2022	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	January 4, 2023 (TBD)	Reorganizational/Workshop Meeting

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

XI. Superintendents Report

- Staffing

XII. Superintendents Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions #01 –09

1. 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): Kelly Mitchell
 Event: Catch up Students Who’ve Fallen Behind in Reading (K-2)
 Location: Virtual
 Date: TBD
 Cost: \$279.00

Staff Member(s): Jaclyn Carroll
 Event: Enhancing Your Social Studies Instruction – Practical Strategies
 (6-12)
 Location: Virtual
 Date: 12/7/21
 Cost: \$279.00

Staff Member(s): Laura Quinn
 Event: Defusing Anger, Anxiety and Aggression – Improving Student
 Behavior
 Location: West Orange, NJ
 Date: 3/9/22
 Cost: \$279.00

Staff Member(s): Rosalie Takkel
 Event: Defusing Anger, Anxiety and Aggression – Improving Student
 Behavior
 Location: West Orange, NJ
 Date: 3/9/22
 Cost: \$279.00

Staff Member(s): Enrique Manlapid
Event: Best Practices in CO-TEACHING: Effective Strategies and Solutions for Inclusive Classrooms (Grades 1-12)
Location: Virtual
Date: 1/18/22
Cost: \$279.00

Staff Member(s): Danielle Butler
Event: NJSLS Grade 4 – N&O Fractions Part 2
Location: Conquer Math
Date: TBD
Cost: \$160.00

Staff Member(s): Danielle Butler
Event: NJSLS Grade 4-Measurement & Data
Location: Conquer Math
Date: 2/15/22
Cost: \$160.00

Staff Member(s): Laurie Fischer
Event: Speech Language TX: Promoting Rapid Change for Children with Severe Phonological Disorders
Location: West Orange, NJ
Date: 2/15/22
Cost: \$279.00

Staff Member(s): Danielle Butler
Event: NJSLS Grade 4 - Geometry
Location: Conquer Math
Date: 3/22/22
Cost: \$160.00

Staff Member(s): Nicole Criscione
Event: What's New in Young Adult Literature and How to Use it in Your Program (Grades 6-12)
Location: West Orange, NJ
Date: TBD
Cost: \$279.00

Staff Member(s): Jaclyn Carroll
Event: What's New in Young Adult Literature and How to Use it in Your Program (Grades 6-12)
Location: West Orange, NJ
Date: TBD
Cost: \$279.00

Staff Member(s): Nicole Criscione
Event: Make Best Use of Google Classroom Grades 6-12

- 9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, contracting with Garden State Educational Alliance, LLC for School Counselor Services for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per hour for 17.5 hours per week beginning March 7, 2022.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

XIII. Business Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Business Resolutions #01-06.

- 1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves bills and claims for December in the amount of \$149,613.51 as certified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the payroll for November as certified by the Business Administrator and approved by the Superintendent and Board President in the total amount of \$350,487.80, including \$327,438.43 for the gross payroll, \$4,639.23 for the Board’s share of FICA/Medicare and \$18,410.14 for the State’s share of FICA/Medicare.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 2. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has received the Reports of the Board Secretary (Secretary) and the Custodian of School Monies (Treasurer) for the Month of October & November;

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Secretary has certified that as of the date of the reports, no budgetary line-item account, in accordance with the minimum chart of accounts as established by the New Jersey Department of Education, has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that, after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to P.L. 2004 C73, the Board certifies that after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report and certification, that there are no budgetary transfers that cumulatively exceed 10% that would require the approval of the Commissioner of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the financial reports for the months be accepted and shall become a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds for the month of November as certified by the Business Administrator and authorized by the Superintendent of Schools.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education per the 2020-21 FY Audit approves the following account transfers for June 30th, 2021, as certified by the Business Administrator and authorized by the Superintendent of Schools:

- \$2,723 from account 20-477-200-600 to 12-XXX-XXX-XXX
- \$2,606.95 from account 11-000-261-420 to 12-000-400-450
- \$4,443 from account 11-000-21X-610 to 12-000-213-730
- \$2,064.99 from account 11-000-219-610-050 to 12-000-21-730

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 5. **WHEREAS**, the Essex Fells Board of Education requested proposals for the position of Bond Counsel for the District for the 2021-2022 School Year;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer the Bond Counsel for the 2021-2022 school year.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 6. **WHEREAS**, The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby), seeks to submit to the voters a school facilities project consisting of a roof replacement at the Essex Fells School (the “Projects”);

WHEREAS, the School District will seek Debt Service Aid with respect to the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the

planning and authorization of: (i) the Projects; and (ii) a School District special election at which time a bond referendum authorizing the Projects shall be presented to the voters of the School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-5.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby authorizes and/or ratifies the preparation of Schematic Plans and Educational Specifications, if required, by EI Associates (“EI”) in connection with the Projects and the Board further authorizes/ratifies and directs EI submit the same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of the Schematic Plans to the planning board for its review, to the extent required by law.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby ratifies any amendments to the Long Range Facilities Plan, as necessary, to reflect the Projects and approves the submission of any such amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby authorizes and/or ratifies the submission of the Projects Applications and its decision seeking debt service aid for the Projects.

Section 4. With respect to the Projects, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, the amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the Projects cost estimate sheets and all related Projects documents allowing submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 5. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, EI, and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., as Bond Counsel, as applicable, to take all action required to preserve the opportunity to present the Projects to the voters via a bond referendum at School District special election to be held on March 8, 2022 or such other date as may be available to the Board.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

XIV. Public Comment

XV. Resolution to Enter Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall enter into executive session immediately following this meeting to discuss personnel matters and the Superintendent’s contract. The items discussed in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public when the need to maintain their confidentiality no longer exists.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

XVI. Adjournment

RESOLVED that this reorganizational/workshop meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at ____ P.M. The next **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Education will be held on **Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 7:30 P.M.** in the gymnasium.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays: