

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ESSEX FELLS, NJ
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

REGULAR MEETING – 7:30 P.M. – VIRTUAL

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 January 13, 2022. Agendas were mailed to the Clerk of the Borough of Essex Fells, the Progress, and the Star Ledger.

I. Call to Order – 7:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Flag Salute

IV. President’s Report

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

VI. Superintendent’s Report

- Health Update
 - Executive Order 281
 - New Isolation/Quarantine Guidelines
 - COVID Testing
 - Tents

VII. Superintendents Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions #01 –02

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): Michelle Truchel
Event: Make Best Use of Google Classroom Grades 6-12
Location: Fairfield, NJ
Date: 2/2/22
Cost: \$279.00

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:

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 5. **RESOLVED** that the Essex Fells Board of Education approves the submission of the following Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program Waiver to the Essex County Office of Education:

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) program for the 2022-2023 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Essex Fells Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex Fells Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Essex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 6. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Essex Fells Board of Education accepts an anonymous donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used for the purchase/rental of tents/heaters at Essex Fells School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following budget line be increased and that the Business Administrator be authorized to administer it: 20-100-260-730 Tents/Heater Donation \$1,000.00.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

IX. Old Business / Board Discussion

- Crossing Guard
- Roof Referendum
- Water Testing Results

XI. New Business / Board Discussion

XII. Public Comment

XIII. Resolution to Enter Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall enter into executive session immediately following this meeting to discuss 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:

XIV. Adjournment

RESOLVED that this public meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at ____ P.M. The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.** in the Gymnasium.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

AGENDA

January 19, 2022

2021-2022

Teacher	Section	Total	M	F
Mrs. Burger/Ms. Wiezcorek	PS/AM	14	10	4
Mrs. Burger/Ms. Wiezcorek	PS/PM	13	6	7
Mrs. Gann	KG	15	7	8
Ms. Livio	KL	16	7	9
Mrs. Brutman	1B	19	10	9
Ms. Mitchell/Mrs. Hromoko	1MH	19	7	12
Ms. Duarte	2D	13	9	4
Mrs. Quinn/Mrs. Takkel	2QT	15	11	4
Mrs. Fitzgerald/Mrs. MacKenzie	3FM	16	7	9
Ms. Kowalski	3K	14	5	9
Mrs. Banek/Ms. Butler	4BB	16	9	7
Mrs. Hacker	4H	15	7	8
Ms. Craveiro	5C	15	7	8
Mrs. Truchel/Mrs. Brzostowski	5TB	15	8	7
Mrs. Criscione/Mrs. Carroll	6CC	19	9	10
Ms. Myers/Mr. Manlapid	6MM	20	9	11
TOTAL		254	128	126
Out-of-District		3		
FINAL TOTALS		257		

*Total includes 3 out-of-district students.

1/10/2022

Fire Drills: 2021-2022

Month	Fire Drill	Emergency Drill
September	9/20/21	Shelter in Place 9/22/21
October	10/29/21	Walkie Talkie Check 10/27/21
November	11/11/21	Lockdown 11/12/21
December	12/21/21	Safety Drill 12/23/21
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July	7/27/21	7/27/21

HIB / V&V Report

As of Date of BOE Meeting	10/6	10/20	11/17	12/1	1/5/22	1/19/22							
TOTAL # of Reported Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Unfounded Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Founded Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence & Vandalism Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ESSEX FELLS SCHOOL
DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Essex Fells School is a very special public elementary school enrolling boys and girls in preschool through the sixth grades. Pupils enjoy small classes and a total school population of approximately two hundred and fifty.

The size of the school is a wonderful asset as it allows a strong sense of community and offers teachers and pupils many opportunities to form bonds of collegiality, identification and support. It also supports the concept that every adult in the school is responsible for every child.

The comparatively small faculty is also a benefit. The faculty as a whole are the decision-making body on all questions of teaching and learning. Teachers find it easy to share experiences and act consistently across pupils' entire academic program. The combined efforts of the staff work to support a pupil centered approach to education.

Essex Fells teachers are encouraged to try new ideas, to work collaboratively with colleagues, and to participate fully in all aspects of schooling.

The mission of the school is etched in the mortar of the original schoolhouse with the words Studies Pass Into Character.

The primary goals of an Essex Fells education include:

1. Developing in all pupils the capacity to think critically and communicate effectively through a mastery of written and spoken English.
2. Motivating all pupils to recognize and develop their academic abilities in order to build character and to achieve their full potential.
3. Teaching children to value themselves, their peers and their teachers.
4. Establishing a respect for and a strong sense of responsibility to the physical, social, and aesthetic world around them.
5. Nurturing a love of country and a pride in our American heritage and citizenship.
6. Communicating a love of scholarship and continued interest in life-long learning.
7. Ensuring all pupils will achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all levels.

To secure these common goals, the Essex Fells staff of professional educators recognizes that the collaborative engagement of the children in the learning process is the key to intellectual development. Dedicated teachers create classrooms that are alive with cooperative learning activities and child-centered problem-solving routines. Children are encouraged to explore, to question, to make decisions, and to express opinions in a supportive learning environment. Teachers also model their own commitment to learning by continuing to earn advanced degrees. On-going professional development is acknowledged as the foundation for promoting outstanding pupil achievement.