

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**

**REGULAR MEETING – 7:30 P.M. – GYMNASIUM**

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 8, 2021. 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. Kris Huegel, President  
Dr. Steven LoCascio, Vice-President  
Mrs. Amanda Haber  
Mr. Raj Mehta  
Mr. Theodore Skopak

**III. Flag Salute**

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

**V. President’s Report**

**VI. Superintendent’s Report**

- School Reopening
- ADL Training Rescheduled due to storm
- Upcoming Events
  - Student Council Week of Respect
  - Fire Prevention Month
  - Staff Professional Development
  - Conferences

**VII. Superintendents Resolutions**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions #01 –7

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): Jackie Castellano  
Event: The New Jersey Education Computing Cooperative  
Location: Montclair State

**AGENDA**

**October 6, 2021**

Date: 9/17/21 – 10/15/21 – 11/19/21 - 12/10/21 – 1/21/22 – 2/18/22  
3/7/22 – 3/8/22– 4/22/22 – 5/20/22 – 6/9/22  
Cost: \$0.00

Staff Member(s): Steven J. Lella  
Event: Essex County Association of School Business Officials  
Location: Nanina’s In the Park  
Date: 9/22/21 – 10/20/21 – 11/17/21 – 12/10/21– 1/26/22 – 2/16/22 –  
3/23/22 –4/27/22 – 5/18/22  
Cost: \$300.00

Staff Member(s): LeeAnn Smith  
Event: Essex County Special Education Roundtable  
Location: The Taphouse, Wayne  
Date: 9/28/21  
Cost: \$6.79

Staff Member(s): LeeAnn Smith  
Event: Essex County Special Education Roundtable Meetings  
Location: West Orange  
Date: 10/19/21 – 11/16/21 – 12/21/21– 1/18/22 – 2/15/22 – 3/15/22 –  
4/19/22 – 5/17/22 - 6/14/22  
Cost: \$32.13

Staff Member(s): LeeAnn Smith  
Event: Hot Issues in Special Education  
Location: Virtual  
Date: 12/2/2021  
Cost: \$125.00

Staff Member(s): Rosalie Takkel  
Event: Dyslexia – Best Targeted Interventions to Accelerated Greater  
Literacy Success  
Location: Virtual  
Date: 11/12/2021  
Cost: \$279.00

Staff Member(s): Katie McNish  
Event: NAEA Conference  
Location: Virtual  
Date: TBD  
Cost: \$70.00

Staff Member(s): Laurie Fischer  
Event: Phoncik – Back to School  
Location: Virtual  
Date: 9/21/21  
Cost: \$0.00









Moved by:	Seconded by:
Ayes:	Nays:

8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, contracting with Delta T/Precision HR for Custodial Services for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of up to \$27.00 per hour.

Moved by:	Seconded by:
Ayes:	Nays:

9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following obsolete equipment:

Tractor

Moved by:	Seconded by:
Ayes:	Nays:

10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves proposal #11730 from EI Associates to provide services with regard to roof replacement and pre-referendum services including authorization to update the District’s LRFPP as necessary.

Moved by:	Seconded by:
Ayes:	Nays:

XIV. **Old Business / Board Discussion**

- NJDOH COVID-19 Guidelines for NJ Public Schools Status / School Employee Testing

XV. **New Business / Board Discussion**

- Equity Education/Culturally Responsive Teaching

XVI. **Public Comment**

XVII. **Resolution to Enter Executive Session**

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

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

**XVIII. 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, October 20, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.** in the Gymnasium.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

**2021-2022**

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>
Mrs. Burger/Ms. Wiezcorek	PS/AM	14	10	4
Mrs. Burger/Ms. Wiezcorek	PS/PM	13	5	8
Mrs. Gann	KG	14	7	7
Ms. Livio	KL	15	7	8
Mrs. Brutman	1B	20	10	10
Ms. Mitchell/Mrs. Hromoko	1MH	19	7	12
Ms. Duarte	2D	14	10	4
Mrs. Quinn/Mrs. Takkel	2QT	14	10	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
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>253</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>126</b>
Out-of-District		3		
<b>FINAL TOTALS</b>		<b>256</b>		

\*Total includes 3 out-of-district students.

9/2/2021

**Fire Drills: 2021-22**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Fire Drill</b>	<b>Emergency Drill</b>
September	9/20/21	Shelter in Place 9/22/21
October		
November		
December		
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											
TOTAL # of Reported Incidents	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
Number of Founded Incidents	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

**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.