

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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. President’s Report**

**V. Superintendent’s Report**

- American Education Week
- Field Trips
- Superintendent Contract
- EFTA Contract

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

**VII. Superintendents Resolutions**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions #01 –6

- 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): Susan Hacker  
Event: Using Guided Math to Accelerate Student Progress  
Location: West Orange, NJ  
Date: 11/30/21  
Cost: \$289.00







**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:

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

**XIV. Old Business / Board Discussion**

- Safe Return Committee
- 2022-2023 Calendar
- Crossing Guard Cost
- Residency Case
- No Place for Hate Initiative
- Superintendent Qualitative Goal #2

**XV. New Business / Board Discussion**

- December 16<sup>th</sup> BOE Meeting Reschedule

**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 the Superintendent’s Evaluation, the Superintendent’s Contract, 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, December 1, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.** in the Gymnasium.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

**AGENDA**

**November 17, 2021**

**2021-2022**

Teacher	Section	Total	M	F
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**

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 11/13/21
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	10/20	11/17									
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.