

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020
WORKSHOP MEETING / SCHOOL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
7:30 P.M. – Remote Meeting

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 January 7, 2020. Agendas were subsequently mailed to the Clerk of the Borough of Essex Fells, the Progress and the Star Ledger, and posted on the district's web-site.

I. Call to Order – 7:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Mrs. Kris Huegel, President
Mrs. Bethany Buccino
Dr. Steven LoCascio
Mr. Theodore Skopak
OPEN

III. Flag Salute

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

V. Superintendent's Report

- School Closure for remainder of 19-20 school year
- Cancellation of trips and activities for the remainder of 19-20 school year
- EFS Graduates and Graduation 2020
- Plan for the return of personal and school property
- ESY and Summer Rec
- Unused emergency days
- Staffing 2020-2021

VI. Superintendent's Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Business Resolution #01.

1. WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor has declared a state of emergency and a public health emergency, and ordered all schools closed for in-person instruction; and

AGENDA

May 6, 2020

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legislature has revised N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 to permit the use of virtual [or remote] instruction to establish

compliance with the 180 school day requirement during a public health emergency, subject to Board approval of a virtual [or remote] instruction program;

Commented [ET1]: The legislation uses both terms, but boards ought to pick the one that better characterizes their setup. There's no definition, but I would consider a video instruction-centric program to be "virtual" and a program that doesn't rely on video conferences to be "remote."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the District's program of virtual [or remote] instruction to meet the 180 school day requirement, which was previously submitted to the Department of Education on March 12, 2020 and implemented since the District's closure on March 16, 2020.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

VII. Business Administrator's Report

- 2019-2020 Budget Presentation
- BOE Member Open Position
- BOE Vice President

VIII. Business Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Business Resolution #01.

1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, after conducting a public hearing, adopts a school district budget for the FY 2020-2021 School Year as follows:

| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Local Tax Levy</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | \$5,804,009.00 | \$5,331,304.00 |
| Special Revenue | 60,234.00 | 0.00 |
| Debt Service Fund | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Budget | \$5,864,243.00 | \$5,331,304.00 |

The Tax Levy includes Banked Cap utilization of \$152,000.00 to address Special Education Costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there should be raised for General Funds \$5,331,304.00 for the ensuing school year (2020-2021).

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

IX. Meeting Open for Public Comment

X. Adjournment

RESOLVED that this Workshop/School Budget Public Hearing meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at ___ P.M. Please be advised the next meeting of the Board of Education will take place Wednesday, May 20th at 7:30 pm in the Media Center or via Remote Access.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

