

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016
WORKSHOP MEETING – 7:30 P.M. – SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE**

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 26, 2016. 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. Carol D’Alessandro, President
Mrs. Shani Drogin, Vice-President
Mrs. Kris Huegel
Dr. Steven LoCascio
Dr. Michele Nitti

III. Flag Salute

IV. Public Comment

V. Superintendent’s Report

- STEAM
- Bengal Snowflake Break
- Attendance/Tardy Mid-Year Report

VI. Superintendent’s Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions #01 – #05.

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): John Viggiano
Event: 2016 NJAHPERD Annual Convention
Location: Long Branch, NJ
Date: **2/21-22/16**
Cost: \$60.00

Staff Member(s): Marisa Burger, Candice Fitzgerald, Jessica Krakowski,
Patricia Pakonis

Event: Strategies to Strengthen Your Special Needs Students' Executive
Function Skills Workshop

Location: Holiday Inn, Parsippany, NJ

Date: 2/26/16

Cost: \$239.00

Staff Member(s): Catherine Codella, Jeanine Whitman

Event: CyberSafety Training

Location: Educators Training Institute, Lodi, NJ

Date: 3/4/16

Cost: \$140.00

Staff Member(s): Katelyn Brower

Event: Best Practices in Co-Teaching

Location: The Wilshire Grand Hotel, West Orange, NJ

Date: 3/16/16

Cost: \$245.00

Staff Member(s): Judi Reynolds

Event: Dyslexia - What Educators Need to Know

Location: Boys and Girls Club of Lodi, Lodi, NJ

Date: 3/16/16

Cost: \$ 137.68 (\$129.00 + \$8.68 mileage)

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the resignation of Emily Calistri, Special Education Teacher, effective January 25, 2016.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Lori Franklin, Occupational Therapist, for the 2015-2016 school year, for 1 additional hour per month for consultation and screening for the Intervention Team.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in a Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter referred to as “Settlement Agreement”) in connection with a civil action entitled, Creative Speech Solutions v. Essex Fells Board of Education, et al., Docket No.: UNN-C-098-15, wherein the Board has agreed to pay Creative Speech Solutions, LLC, a total sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000), as well as a separate Agreement between the Board and an employee whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, with relation to the civil action and Settlement Agreement, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the second reading of the following policy:

Policy 5756
 Policy 8630
 Regulation 8630

Transgender Students
 Bus Driver Responsibility
 Emergency School Bus Procedures

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

VII. Buildings & Grounds

- Safety & Security Planning Upgrade

VIII. Curriculum & Instruction

- NGSS

IX. Finance

- 2016-17 Budget Update

X. Policy

- Next Policy Alert – 9 Policy/Regulations Revisions

XI. Personnel (Public Items only)

- Staffing 2016-17
- Resignation

XII. Old Business / Board Discussion

- 2016-17 Calendar
- 2015-16 Calendar Case

XIII. New Business / Board Discussion

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. 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 workshop meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at ___ P.M.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays: