

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011
PUBLIC MEETING – 7:30 P.M. – MEDIA CENTER**

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 May 6, 2010. Agendas were 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. Alison Cirenza
Mrs. Birgit Criqui
Mr. Peter Hutchinson
Mr. Steven LoCascio, Vice- President
Dr. Michele Nitti, President

III. Flag Salute

IV. President's Report

- Budget

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items

VI. Superintendent's Report

- MAP Grade 6 – 1/24/11
- MOA
- 2011-2012 Calendar revision
- K-12 Curriculum Supervisor

VII. Superintendent’s Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions # 01 – 07.

1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following field trip requests:

3/24/11	Grade 5 to Liberty Science Center
5/20/11	Grade 6 to Gould School
6/8-10/11	Grade 6 to Camp Mason

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

2. **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 9250 for Professional Development:

Staff Members: Dorotea Banek, Nina Buonomo, Roe Haberman, Judi Reynolds
 Event: Understanding the NJASK Holistic Scoring Rubric
 Location: Harrison School, West Caldwell, NJ
 Date: January 27, 2011
 Cost: \$75 per person/per workshop

Staff Member: Michelle V. Gadaleta
 Event: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Workshop
 Location: Essex County Office of Education, Newark, NJ
 Date: February 2, 2011
 Cost: \$0

Staff Member: Lisa Massaro
 Event: Practical Strategies and Behavior Intervention for Asperger’s Syndrome and High Functioning Autism Workshop
 Location: Holiday Inn, Parsippany, NJ
 Date: February 8, 2011
 Cost: \$179

Staff Members: Debbie Emma, Kim McMahon
 Event: Everyday Math Core Curriculum State Standards Lunch and Learn Workshop
 Location: Somerset Hills Hotel, Warren, NJ
 Dates: February 8, 2011
 Cost: \$0 plus \$8.37 mileage per person at OMB rate

IX. Business Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Business Resolutions # 01 – 06.

1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the following meeting:

December 8, 2010 Regular Meeting

Moved by: Seconded by:

Ayes: Nays:

2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the bills and claims for January 26, 2011 in the total amount of \$144,557.64 as certified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the payroll for December 2010 as certified by the Business Administrator and approved by the Superintendent and Board President in the total amount of \$280,257.84 including \$261,180.47 for the gross payroll, \$4,518.07 for the Board’s share of FICA/Medicare and \$14,559.30 for the State’s share of FICA/Medicare.

Moved by: Seconded by:

Ayes: Nays:

3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds for the month of December 2010 as certified by the Business Administrator and authorized by the Superintendent of Schools.

Moved by: Seconded by:

Ayes: Nays:

4. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has received the Reports of the Board Secretary (Secretary) and the Custodian of School Monies (Treasurer) for the month of November 2010; and

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:

Nayes:

- 5. **RESOLVED** that the 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 2011-12, and

WHEREAS, the Essex Fells Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 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 2011-20112 school year.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nayes:

Student Enrollment as of 1/26/11:

Teacher	Section	Total	M	F
Mrs. Gann/Mrs. Costello	PS	10	5	5
Mrs. Emma/Mrs. Heaney	KE/H	15	4	11
Mrs. McMahon	KM	15	4	11
Mrs. Massaro/ Ms. Almeida	1M/A	12	6	6
Ms. Mitchell	1M	13	6	7
Mrs. Barshay	2B	20	7	13
Mrs. Brutman/Mrs. Hromoko	2B/H	20	8	12
Mrs. Haberman	3H	13	7	6
Ms. Kerrigan/Ms. Ziccardi	3K/Z	13	6	7
Mrs. Hacker	4H	15	9	6
Mrs. Reynolds/Mrs. Short	4R/S	15	8	7
Mrs. Banek/Ms. McLain	5B/M	16	8	8
Ms. Craveiro	5C	17	5	12
Mr. Brohm	6B	23	10	13
Mrs. Buonomo/Mrs. Whitman	6B/W	24	12	12
TOTALS		241	105	136

2010-2011 Fire Drills:

Month	Fire Drill	Emergency Drill
September	9/16/10	
	9/28/10	
October	10/11/10	
	10/22/10	
November	11/12/10	Lockdown 11/17/10
December	12/13/10	Shelter in Place 12/20/10
January	1/21/11	