

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012
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 November 12, 2012. 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. Alison Cirenza
Mrs. Carol D’Alessandro
Mr. Peter Hutchinson
Dr. Steven LoCascio, Vice-President
Dr. Michele Nitti, President

III. Flag Salute

IV. Public Comment

V. Buildings & Grounds

- Tree Limb Removal Over Blacktop

VI. Curriculum & Instruction

- Preschool Program for 2013-2014
- Math for the After-Math
- NJ QSAC Revision
- New D.A.R.E. Curriculum: Too Good for Drugs
- Class sizes for the 2013-2014 school year
- Character Education/Class Meeting Updates
- 2012 Score Report Status

VII. Finance

- Workers Comp Claim

VIII. Policy

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:

5. **THIS AGREEMENT**, made this 1ST day of July 2012, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, by and between New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group, hereinafter referred to as "**NJSBAIG**", and the Board of Education of the Essex Fells School District, hereinafter referred to as "**Educational Institution**";

WHEREAS, the **NJSBAIG** seeks to provide its members with protection, services and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance;

WHEREAS, two or more educational institutions have collectively formed a joint insurance fund as is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 *et. seq.* and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto:

WHEREAS, the **Educational Institution** has resolved to apply for and/or renew its membership with **NJSBAIG**; and

WHEREAS, the **Educational Institution** certifies that it has not defaulted on a claim, and has not been cancelled for non-payment of insurance premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of its application to **NJSBAIG**.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The **Educational Institution** hereby establishes/renews its membership with **NJSBAIG** for a three (3) year period, beginning July 1, 2012, and ending July 1, 2015 at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time.

2. The **Educational Institution** agrees to participate in **NJSBAIG** with respect to the types of coverage stated in the Renewal of Membership Resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

3. The **Educational Institution** hereby ratifies and affirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of **NJSBAIG** and as from time to time amended by **NJSBAIG** and/or Department of Banking and Insurance in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith.

4. The **Educational Institution** agrees to be a participating member of **NJSBAIG** for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership.

5. In consideration of membership in **NJSBAIG**, the **Educational Institution** agrees that for those types of coverage in which it participates, the **Educational Institution** shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of **NJSBAIG** all of whom, as a condition of membership in **NJSBAIG**, shall execute a verbatim counterpart to this Agreement. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the **Educational Institution** is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to **NJSBAIG** in accordance with the bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable statute or regulation.

6. If **NJSBAIG**, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the **Educational Institution** agrees to reimburse **NJSBAIG** for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.

7. The **Educational Institution** and **NJSBAIG** agree that **NJSBAIG** shall hold all monies paid by the **Educational Institution** to **NJSBAIG** as fiduciaries for the benefit of **NJSBAIG** claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations.

8. **NJSBAIG** shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 18B-1 *et. seq.* and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable.

9. The Business Official designated in the Resolution to Renew Membership is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement to renew membership.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

6. **WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, *et. seq.*, enables school districts to cooperate with each other to make the most efficient use of their powers and resources on a basis of mutual advantage in the areas of insurance and self-insurance and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Essex Fells School District desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Essex Fells School District finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other school districts across the State of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Essex Fells School District under its obligations as a member of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group does allow for safety inspections of its properties, to pay contributions in a timely fashion and to comply with the bylaws and standards of participation of this Group.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ESSEX FELLS SCHOOL DISTRICT:

THAT the Board of Education of the Essex Fells School District joins with other school districts in organizing and becoming members of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group; and

THAT, by adoption and signing of this resolution, the Board of Education is hereby joining the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group in accordance with the terms of the attached Indemnity and Trust Agreement, effective the date indicated below, for the following types of insurance:

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| Property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | EDP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| General Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Umbrella/Excess <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Equip Breakdown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Crime/Bonds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Automobile Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Errors Omissions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Auto Physical Damage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Workers' Compensation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Adopted by the Board of Education of the Essex Fells School District, New Jersey, this 1st day of July 2012 for a 3 year term.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

XIII. Old Business / Board Discussion

- AED Machine – Purchase, additional camera

XIV. New Business / Board Discussion

- Proposed School Calendar for 2013-2014
- January 2, 2013 Workshop Meeting
- Preliminary Community Survey Results
- Kindergarten/Preschool Registration – February 6 & 7, 2013
- West Essex Music Program Changes

XV. Public Comment

XVI. Adjournment

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays: