

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a special session on January 19, 2011 in the Superintendent's Office of the Essex Fells School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Michele Nitti at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Nitti read the following Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: "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 11, 2011. Agendas were mailed to the Clerk of the Borough of Essex Fells, the Progress, the Star Ledger, and posted on the district web-site."

I. Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mrs. Alison Cirenza - present
 Mrs. Birgit Criqui – absent
 Mr. Peter Hutchinson – present
 Mr. Steven LoCascio, Vice- President - present
 Dr. Michele Nitti, President - present

Also present: Mrs. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal and Mr. Michael Davison, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and members of the public.

III. Flag Salute

The President led the salute to the flag.

IV. Public Comment

No comment.

V. Resolution to Enter Executive Session (Personnel)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Formal action will be taken upon the conclusion of the executive session. The matters discussed in executive session will be disclosed to the public when the need to maintain their confidentiality no longer exists.

Moved by: Mr. LoCascio
 Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mr. Hutchinson
 Nays: 0

VI. Superintendent's Resolutions

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

1/24/11 Grade 6 – to West Essex for pilot MAP testing
 Chaperones: Jason Brohm, Nina Buonomo, Jeanine Whitman
 1/26/11 Grade 5 – to Buehler Challenger and Space Center
 Chaperones: Dorotea Banek, Monica Craveiro, Gail Ellowitch, Katie McLain

Moved by: Mr. LoCascio
 Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mrs. Cirenza
 Nays: 0

2. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the hiring of Tiffani Braun as Paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$17.00/hr annualized as \$18,564.00, prorated, to be effective December 20, 2010 to the end of the school year, pending a criminal history/background check.

Moved by: Mr. LoCascio
Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mrs. Cirezza
Nays: 0

3. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the increase in hours for Nancyann Downey from 4.5 to 6.0 per day, effective December 13, 2010 to the end of the school year.

Moved by: Mr. LoCascio
Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mrs. Cirezza
Nays: 0

4. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the termination of Nicole Flynn, effective December 10, 2010.

Moved by: Mr. LoCascio
Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mrs. Cirezza
Nays: 0

5. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following student teacher for the time period of January 18 – March 18, 2011:

Student Teacher
Ian Schwindel

Cooperating Teacher
John Viggiano

School
Montclair State University

Moved by: Mr. LoCascio
Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mrs. Cirezza
Nays: 0

6. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following substitute nurse for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year at a per diem rate of \$109.00, pending the usual criminal history and background check.

Joanne Barker

Moved by: Mr. LoCascio
Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mrs. Cirezza
Nays: 0

VII. Public Comment
No comment.

VIII. Adjournment

RESOLVED that this special meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. LoCascio
Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mrs. Cirenza
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Davison
Business Administrator/Board Secretary