

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a Special Meeting held remotely on September 14, 2020. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Kris Huegel, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Huegel 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 as of September 10, 2020. 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.

- The meeting was called to order by the Board President.

II. Roll Call

Mrs. Kris Huegel, President-present
 Mrs. Bethany Buccino, Vice President-present
 Dr. Steven LoCascio-present
 Mr. Raj Mehta-present
 Mr. Theodore Skopak-present

Also present: Mrs. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal; Mr. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and 25 members of the public.

III. Flag Salute

- The Board President led the flag salute

IV. Resolution to Enter Executive Session

At 7:30 P.M. the Board made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Remote Learning Program. The items discussed in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public when the need to maintain their confidentiality no longer exists.

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio

Seconded by: Mrs. Buccino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

V. Resolution to Exit Executive Session

At 8:00 P.M. the Board exited the Executive Session and returned to the Public Session.

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio

Seconded by: Mrs. Buccino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

VI. Old Business / Board Discussion

- Mrs. Gadaleta stated that the district would be offering an alternate remote option to those families that were not satisfied with the Educere program. The teachers will prepare the EFS option. Mrs. Gadaleta noted that the Board has appreciated the feedback from the public and are thankful that the EFTA will prepare an EFS program.

VII. Meeting Open for Public Comment

- Mr. Gardner asked about if there was a budget or student impact based on keeping Educere and implementing an EFS remote program. Mrs. Gadaleta noted there would be very little budget impact as we will be utilizing Mrs. Barshay for the remote program and funds designated for Educere to be used as stipends for staff remote preparation. Mrs. Gadaleta thanked Mrs. Barshay for taking on the remote program.

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:08 P.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn. The next **Regular Meeting** will held **remotely** on **Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.**

Moved by: Mr. Skopak

Seconded by: Dr. LoCascio

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary