

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on September 3, 2014, in the Superintendent's Office of the Essex Fells School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Dr. Steven LoCascio at 7:30 P.M. Dr. LoCascio 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 8, 2014. 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. Carol D'Alessandro, Vice-President – present  
Mrs. Shani Drogin – present  
Mrs. Kris Huegel – present  
Dr. Steven LoCascio, President – present  
Dr. Michele Nitti – absent

Also present: Mrs. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal; Mr. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and one member of the public (arrived at 7:40 P.M., left at 7:48 P.M.)

**III. Flag Salute**

The President led the flag salute.

**IV. Public Comment**

- No public comment.

**V. Buildings & Grounds**

- Mr. Lella informed the Board, that per DeSesa, shipping delays caused them to not be finished by the August 29<sup>th</sup> date. They informed us the project is 90% complete and they will work after school hours to complete the piping. DeSesa also informed the Architect that if heat is needed prior to completion, a temporary connection can be made to provide heat the building.
- Mr. Lella informed the Board that the Oil Tank test results indicated the site is clean. The LSRP will file all the necessary paperwork with the state to close out the Essex Fells case.

**VI. Curriculum & Instruction**

- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the Board that we are ready for the opening day of school. Mrs. Gadaleta stated she felt the staff had 2 excellent days of professional development covering the Common Core, rubrics, STEM and the inclusion teaching model. The new staff members also came for orientation. She felt the staff was very positive and ready to start the school year.

**VII. New Business / Board Discussion – (Moved this item to allow parent to leave)**

- Mrs. Marsh presented the Sixth Grade gift to the Essex Fells School. They would like to redo the landscaping near the bleachers, plant flower beds and remove and clean up stumps. They would also like to purchase and install a funnel ball court.

**VIII. Finance**

- Mr. Lella informed the Board of the tentative start date for the Audit to be the first week of October.

**IX. Policy**

- The Board reviewed and discussed policy.

Policy 3232	Private Tutoring Services
Policy/Regulation 2412	Home Instruction Due to Health Condition (Revised)
Policy/Regulation 2417	Student Intervention and Referral Services (Revised)
Policy/Regulation 2481	Home or Out-of-School Instruction for a General Education Student for Reasons Other Than a Temporary or Chronic Health Condition (Revised)
Policy 3283	Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students (New)
Policy 4283	Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members and Students (New)
Policy/Regulation 5200	Attendance (Revised)
Policy/Regulation 5610	Suspension (Revised)
Policy/Regulation 5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses (Revised)
Policy 5612	Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees (Revised)
Regulation 5612	Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees (New)
Policy/Regulation 5613	Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses (New)
Policy 5620	Expulsion (Revised)
Policy/Regulation 8462	Reporting Potentially Mission or Abused Children(Revised)

**X. Personnel (Public Items only)**

- Items were covered in Curriculum & Instruction.

**XI. Old Business/Board Discussion**

- No report.

**XII. New Business / Board Discussion**

- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade presentation was covered earlier to allow for the parent to leave.
- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the Board that she had completed the Stronge TEPES IRR/Refresher Re-certification.
- Mrs. Gadaleta updated the Board as to the ongoing situation with an Out of District Placement.

**XIII. Public Comment**

- No public comment.

**XIV. Adjournment**

At 8:45 P.M. the Board of Education came out of Executive Session and made a motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Mrs. D'Alessandro  
Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mrs. Drogin  
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary