

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting 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 7:45 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 – 7:45 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mrs. Alison Cirenza - present
Mrs. Birgit Criqui – arrived at 7:46 p.m.
Mr. Peter Hutchinson - present
Mr. Steven LoCascio, Vice- President - present
Dr. Michele Nitti, President - present

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

III. Flag Salute

The President led the salute to the flag.

IV. Public Comment

No comment.

V. Curriculum & Instruction

No Report.

VI. Finance

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary reviewed and discussed the following Finance items with the Board:

- 2009-2010 Excess Surplus Calculation.
- 2011-2012 Budget Discussion.

VII. Buildings & Grounds

The Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary reviewed and discussed the following Buildings & Grounds items with the Board:

- Safety Grant Lighting, Portable Two-Way Radios, and Caller ID implementation.

VIII. Policy

The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the following Policy items with the Board:

- Strauss Esmay discussion of by-laws and policies in 1,000 section.
- HIB – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying.

IX. Personnel (Public Items only)

No Report.

X. Old Business/Board Discussion

The Superintendent, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, and Board President reviewed and discussed the following items with the Board:

- The Superintendent and the Business Administrator provided the Board with a summary of the NJQSAC evaluation.
- The Board President reported to the Board regarding the discussion which took place between district Board members, the Superintendent, the Mayor of Essex Fells, and the Borough Clerk. The President reported to the Board that the school will conduct a community survey to help gain more information as to how the school is perceived to the public.

XI. Board Discussion – New Business

The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the following items with the Board.

- Olympic T-Shirts.
- Camp Mason Chaperones.
- Goodsearch Search Engine.

XII. Public Comment

A member of the public inquired as to how the Board intended to use the excess surplus from the 2009-2010 audit. The same member of the public also inquired whether the Board has considered any shared service options for district administrators.

A member of the public inquired as to the status of the restitution payments from the former Superintendent. The same member of the public also inquired whether the Board has considered having a part-time Business Administrator.

The Mayor of Essex Fells came to thank the Board of Education for including the Mayor in discussions regarding the status of the 7th and 8th Grade and West Essex.

A member of the public asked for clarification as to what the district's responsibility is for New Jersey Unemployment.

XIII. Adjournment

RESOLVED that this workshop meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. LoCascio
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Mrs. Cirenza
Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Davison
Business Administrator/Board Secretary