

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on January 4, 2012, at 7:30 P.M. 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 May 4, 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. Carol D'Alessandro – present
Mr. Peter Hutchinson – present
Dr. Steven LoCascio, Vice-President – present
Dr. Michele Nitti, President – present

Also present: Mrs. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal, and Mr. Ernie Turner, Business Office Consultant.

III. Flag Salute

The President led the flag salute.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Curriculum & Instruction

The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the following Curriculum & Instruction items with the members of the Board:

- A review of the Language Arts Curriculum
- Extending the preschool program
- The art and art therapy program

VI. Finance

The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the following Finance items with the members of the Board:

- The budget development status
- Additional state aid

VII. Buildings & Grounds

The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the following Buildings and Grounds items with the members of the Board:

- The cost for storm clean-up
- Lime Energy regarding the boiler project – permit and code

VIII. Policy

The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the following Policy item with the members of the Board:

- No discussion.

IX. Personnel (Public Items only)

The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the following Personnel item with the members of the Board:

- The timeline for the BA position – advertiser now with a start date of July 1, 2012

X. Old Business/Board Discussion

The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the following Old Business items with the members of the Board:

- Negotiations schedule
- Lime Energy
- Ski Club/School Musical

XI. New Business / Board Discussion

The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the following New Business items with the members of the Board:

- Tiny Treasures
- Combination – Workshop and Regular Meeting
- Enrollment is currently 202 students, recruit tuition students
- Senior service students from private schools
- Development of the 2012-2013 school calendar

XII. Public Comment

A comment was made on Art Therapy – keep extra state aid, and a comment was made regarding the aftercare program.

XIII. Adjournment

At 9:25 P.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Mrs. Cirenza
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. LoCascio
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Mark Resnick
Interim Business Administrator/
Board Secretary