

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on October 13, 2010 in the Superintendent's Office of the Essex Fells School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Michele Nitti at 7:09 p.m. Mr. Davison 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 June 1, 2010. 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 – 7:09 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mrs. Alison Cirenza - present
Mrs. Birgit Criqui – present
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, and Mr. Gregory Somjen of Parette Somjen Architects.

III. Flag Salute

The President led the salute to the flag.

IV. Curriculum & Instruction

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

- NJASK parent meeting and rescoring option.
- Interwrite and SmartBoard Information.
- Morning arrival for students and feedback.

V. Finance

The Board President discussed the following Finance item with the Board.

- Option of exceeding the 2% tax levy cap with voter approval.

VI. Buildings & Grounds

The Superintendent discussed and reviewed the following Buildings & Grounds items with the Board.

- Use of Facilities Policy.
- Mr. Gregory Somjen of Parette Somjen Architects gave a presentation to the Board. He gave a brief background of his company and the services he will be providing to the district in relation to the Long Range Facilities Plan. Mr. Somjen commented on the results of his facility walkthrough and agreed to submit a proposal to the Board for a due diligence analysis in accordance with the updated Long Range Facilities Plan.

VII. Policy

The Superintendent discussed and reviewed the following Policy item with the Board.

- The Superintendent is continuing to review the draft policy manual from Strauss Esmay.

VIII. Personnel (Public Items only)

The Superintendent discussed and reviewed the following Personnel item with the Board.

- The Superintendent will be attending a professional development meeting with the EFPD.

IX. Old Business/Board Discussion

- The Superintendent reported the results the district received on the 2007 NJQSAC monitoring.

X. New Business/Board Discussion

- There was discussion regarding a Borough of Essex Fells/Essex Fells Board of Education Joint Open Public Meeting/Budget Presentation.
- The Superintendent informed the Board that a suggestion box has been placed outside the Superintendent's office.

XI. Public Comment

- There was inquiry from the public regarding replacing the blowers in the gymnasium.

XII. Adjournment

RESOLVED that this workshop meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Cirenza
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Mr. Hutchinson
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Davison
Business Administrator/Board Secretary