

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on October 3, 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 September 27, 2012. 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. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

III. Flag Salute

The President led the flag salute.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Buildings & Grounds

- Mr. Lella informed the Board that New Wave, the district's environmental company, updated materials in the Business Office, as well as confirmed training of custodial/maintenance staff in December.
- Mr. Lella informed the Board of Janet's Law and will discuss options with the town recreation program.

VI. Curriculum & Instruction

- Mrs. Gadaleta presented a power point printout to the Board for NJ DOE curriculum items.
- Mrs. Gadaleta inquired as to the Board's feeling about looking into partaking in the experimental Extended Day Pilot program that is being offered.

VII. Finance

- Mr. Lella asked the Board if they would like to further challenge an IRS penalty from December 2011.
- Mr. Lella asked if any of the Board members would be attending the School Board Conference in Atlantic City at the end of the month.
- Mr. Lella updated the Board about the PSE&G energy audit, as well as a billing mix up with the town that has been corrected.
- Mr. Lella spoke about the Professional Development courses he attended the prior week.
- Mr. Lella informed the Board in regards to a workers compensation claim that was filed.

VIII. Policy

No discussion.

IX. Personnel (Public Items only)

- Mrs. Gadaleta commented on her evaluation from the Board and expressed her appreciation for the Board's comments.

X. Old Business/Board Discussion

- Mrs. Gadaleta and the Board discussed pre-school tuition reimbursement and reasoning as to why the family withdrew.
- The Board notified Mrs. Gadaleta they completed their self evaluations.

XI. New Business / Board Discussion

- Mrs. Gadaleta and the Board discussed the survey questions to go out and if the Board wanted anything specifically added or omitted.
- BOE Officers discussed upcoming election and responsibilities of the Board President and Vice President.

XII. Public Comment

No public comment.

XIII. Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:31 P.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Mrs. Cirenza
Nays: 0

XIV. Adjournment

At 8:57 P.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Mr. Hutchinson
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. LoCascio
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary