

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on October 5, 2011, at 7:32 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 – 7:32 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, Mr. Michael Davison, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and members of the public.

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:

- Consortium meeting to review curriculum revisions and professional development
- Science curriculum revision

VI. Finance

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary reviewed and discussed the following Finance item with the members of the Board:

- Correspondence with NJSBAIG

VII. Buildings & Grounds

The Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary reviewed and discussed the following Buildings and Grounds item with the members of the Board:

- Boiler project status

VIII. Policy

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

- HIB training for BOE members
- Adoption of Strauss Esmay Manuals at 10/19/11 meeting

IX. Personnel (Public Items only)

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

- BA interview process

X. Old Business/Board Discussion

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

- Field maintenance

XI. New Business / Board Discussion

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

- Basketball backboards
- Character Ed whole school initiative

XII. Public Comment

A member of the public inquired as to whether the children were aware a boiler project was taking place.

A member of the public inquired as to why the policy manual was placed on the website.

XIII. Resolution to Enter Executive Session

The Board of Education entered into executive session following the workshop meeting to discuss personnel matters. The matters discussed in executive session will be disclosed to the public when the need to maintain their confidentiality no longer exists. Formal action may be taken.

Moved by: Mr. Hutchinson
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. LoCascio
Nays: 0

XIV. Adjournment

At 9:41 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,

Michelle V. Gadaleta
Superintendent/Principal
for
Michael Davison
Business Administrator/Board Secretary