

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on November 10, 2010 in the Superintendent's Office of the Essex Fells School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Michele Nitti at 7:10 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 – 7:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mrs. Alison Cirenza - present
Mrs. Birgit Criqui – arrived at 7:26 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, and members of the public.

III. Flag Salute

The President led the salute to the flag.

IV. Public Comment

No comment.

V. Curriculum & Instruction

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

- Textbook review for Grammar and Math.
- NJQSAC.
- District's application for Blue Ribbon Award.

VI. Finance

The Business Administrator reviewed and discussed the following Finance items with the members of the Board.

- 2009 – 2010 Audit Status.
- Preliminary Budget Review and Budget Calendar.

VII. Buildings & Grounds

The Superintendent, Business Administrator, and Board President reviewed and discussed the following Buildings and Grounds items with the members of the Board.

- 5 year Facility Plan update.
- Use of Facility discussion with Mayor Abbot/Dr. Nitti.

VIII. Policy

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

- Strauss Esmay update.

IX. Personnel (Public Items only)

None.

X. Board Discussion – New Business

- The Board President reported that the information which was provided at the Regular Meeting dated October 27, 2010 regarding the West Essex Waiver Policy was obtained from the West Essex website. Specifically, the Board President obtained her information from the West Essex Programs of Study 2010-2011. After discussion with West Essex's Superintendent, the Board President was informed that the waiver has been eliminated and now West Essex implements an appeals process.
- The Board discussed establishing an AdHoc Committee relating to the options for 7th and 8th grade for Essex Fells Students. There was discussion between the Board, Tony Sciarrillo, and members of the public. The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting with the Mayor of Essex Fells to see if there was Borough support for continuing this discussion.
- The Board discussed setting workshop meeting dates for the remainder of the school year.

XI. Adjournment

RESOLVED that this workshop meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Cirenza
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Mr. LoCascio
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Davison
Business Administrator/Board Secretary