

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on February 1 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, Mr. Ernie Turner, Business Office Consultant, and two members of the public.

**III. Flag Salute**

The President led the flag salute.

**IV. Public Comment**

The PTA and EFFEE presented the Board of Education with a fruit basket and thanked them for their good work.

**V. Curriculum & Instruction**

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

- Winter session of MAP testing

**VI. Finance**

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

- The budget development status

**VII. Buildings & Grounds**

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

- Boiler project update

**VIII. Policy**

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

- First reading and Discussion of Bylaws and Policies.

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| Bylaw 0168  | Recording Board Meetings                                   |
| Policy 5519 | Dating Violence at School (new)                            |
| Policy 6424 | Emergency Contracts  |
| Policy 6472 | Tuition Assistance (new)                                   |
| Policy 8505 | School Nutrition   |
| Policy 9180 | School Volunteers  |
| Policy 9181 | Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular               |
|             | Activity Advisors/Assistants (new) – discussed and decided |
|             | not to be included in the policy manual                    |

**IX. Personnel (Public Items only)**

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

- Business Administrator resumes
- Maternity Leave replacement

**X. Old Business/Board Discussion**

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

- Aftercare program
- Development of 2012-2013 school calendar
- Preschool Registration – Parent Concerns
- Transportation for out-of-district students

**XI. New Business / Board Discussion**

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

- EFTA Negotiations – meeting schedule
- Anti-bulling law rejected as unfunded mandate

**XII. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**XIII. Adjournment**

At 9:10 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