

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on February 9, 2011 in the Superintendent's Office of the Essex Fells School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Michele Nitti at 7:38 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 December 8, 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 – 7:38 p.m.**

**II. Roll Call**

Mrs. Alison Cirenza - present  
Mrs. Birgit Criqui – absent  
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 and Instruction items with the Board:

- 2011 – 2012 Kindergarten Registration Numbers.
- A shared K-12 Curriculum Supervisor.

**VI. Finance**

The Business Administrator / Board Secretary reviewed and discussed the following Finance items with the Board.

- 2011 – 2012 Budget Development.
- New Jersey Unemployment Payments.
- 2010 – 2011 Tax Levy Payment Update.

**VII. Buildings & Grounds**

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

- Facilities Request.

A presentation by Gregory Somjen of Parette Somjen Architects addressing the district's boilers. Mr. Somjen reviewed his analysis with the Board and provided options for a boiler replacement project.

**VIII. Policy**

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

- Strauss Esmay 2,000s Series Policies.

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

The Superintendent reported on her conversation and the response she received from the EFTA regarding opening the negotiated agreement for the 2011-2012 school year.

**X. Old Business/Board Discussion**

The Superintendent discussed a magazine article with the Board relating to Board of Education confidentiality.

**XI. New Business / Board Discussion**

The Superintendent discussed with the Board the documentation that new residents are to provide in order for the children of the new residents to attend Essex Fells School.

**XII. Public Comment**

A member of the public expressed to the Board that she was in support of a shared curriculum supervisor.

The same member of the public commented that the Board may wish to consider the favorable interest rate environment when considering the district's boiler replacement project.

**XIII. Resolution to Enter Executive Session (Personnel)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board shall enter into executive session immediately following this 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. No formal action will be taken.

Moved by:	Mr. LoCascio	Seconded by:	Mrs. Cirenza
Ayes:	4	Nayes:	None

**XIV. Adjournment**

**RESOLVED** that this workshop meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Moved by:	Mr. LoCascio	Seconded by:	Mrs. Cirenza
Ayes:	4	Nayes:	None

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Davison  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary