

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, in the Superintendent's Office of the Essex Fells School. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Kris Huegel, at 7:31 P.M. Mrs. Huegel 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 January 2, 2019. 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 – 7:31 P.M.**

- The meeting was called to order by the Board President.

### **II. Roll Call**

Mrs. Kris Huegel – President , present  
Dr. Steven LoCascio – Vice President, present  
Mrs. Bethany Buccino, – present  
Mrs. Shani Drogen – present  
Mrs. Debra Tedesco – present

Also present: Mrs. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal; Mr. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and 2 Staff Members.

### **III. Flag Salute**

- The Board President led the salute to the flag.

### **IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

- None

### **V. Building and Grounds**

- Mr. Lella informed the Board that the front door buzzer component was installed, however it was installed inside and still can't be heard from the outside. He is contacting the vendor to come back out.
- Mr. Lella reported to the Board that a refrigerator had been rented for the last 2 weeks until ours arrived for the kitchenette. Our unit is scheduled to be delivered on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **VI. Curriculum & Instruction**

- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the Board that EFS had been randomly selected by the state for the NJSLA Field Test in the spring of 2020.

### **VII. Finance**

- Mr. Lella informed the Board that the 2018-19 Audit would begin shortly.

**VIII. Policy**

- The Board discussed Policy.

**IX. Old Business/Board Discussion**

- Mr. Lella provided the Board with the cost of the new furniture that was purchased for the Second and Fifth Grade Classrooms per Dr. LoCascio's question last meeting. Mrs. Gadaleta explained to the Board the program.

**X. New Business/Board Discussion**

- None

**XII. Meeting Open for Public Comment**

- Mrs. Emma noted to the Board that her daughter, who is currently a student teacher in college, visited the Essex Fells School and was very impressed with the setup and furniture in the classrooms. Mrs. Emma thanked Mrs. Gadaleta and the Board for their efforts making for a nice learning environment.

**XII. Adjournment**

At 8:11 P.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn.

The next **Regular Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.** in the Superintendent's Office.

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio

Seconded by: Mrs. Tedesco

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0