

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on September 4, 2013, in the Superintendent's Office of the Essex Fells School. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Mrs. Alison Cirenza at 7:32 P.M. Mrs. Cirenza 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, 2013. 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, Vice-President ✓ present
Mrs. Carol D'Alessandro ✓ present
Mr. Peter Hutchinson ✓ present
Dr. Steven LoCascio, President ✓ absent
Dr. Michele Nitti ✓ present

Also present: Mrs. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal; Mr. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and three members of the public.

III. Flag Salute

The Vice President led the flag salute.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Buildings & Grounds

- Mrs. Gadaleta & Mr. Lella informed the Board that the Security Items funded by the Essex Fells Police Department had all but been completed.
- Mr. Lella updated the Board on the status of the Boiler project. Work had been completed on time and a final punch list would be completed. Training and Final Inspection would also be scheduled.

VI. Curriculum & Instruction

- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the Board that the district was due for QSAC Review.
- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the Board that the EFFEE Enrichment Program will begin in 2 weeks.

VII. Finance

- Mr. Lella informed the Board of the Audit Start Date of Monday, September 16th 2013.
- Mrs. Gadaleta and Mr. Lella explained to the Board that an employee who worked over the summer was late submitting a payroll time sheet, and that they wanted to make them aware before processing the payment.

VIII. Policy

- The Board discussed Policy with Mrs. Gadaleta

IX. Personnel (Public Items only)

- Mrs. Gadaleta provided a copy of her Merit Goals and discussed the NJASK results, comparing the 2012-13 results to 2013-14.
- Mrs. Gadaleta updated the Board as to the current status of the Media Center position. Currently there is a substitute filling in and resumes are being received.

X. Old Business/Board Discussion

- Mr. Lella informed the Board that the prior Unemployment Claim Appeal had been dismissed.
- Mr. Lella informed the Board that the Fire Inspector returned prior to school opening and signed off on the corrections made by the District.
- Mrs. Gadaleta updated the Board on the status of an additional Out of District Placement and that the District was working towards a resolution with the family.

XI. New Business / Board Discussion

- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the Board that School is ready to be opened, and she thanked the summer staff for their hard work.

XII. Public Comment

No public comment.

XIV. Adjournment

At 8:27 P.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Mrs. DeAlessandro
Ayes: 4

Seconded by: Mr. Hutchinson
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary