

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a Special Meeting held in the Superintendent's Office on July 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Amanda Haber, at 9:00 A.M. Mrs. Haber 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 as of June 26, 2023. Agendas were mailed to the Clerk of the Borough of Essex Fells, the Progress, and the Star Ledger.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Mrs. Amanda Haber, President-Present
Mr. John Toth, Vice-President-Present
Mr. Raj Mehta-Present
Mrs. Caragh Lavoie-Absent
Mrs. Jacquelyn Burke-Absent

Also present: Dr. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal; Mr. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and (1) Staff Member

III. Flag Salute

- The Board President led the flag salute.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

- None

V. President's Report

- None

VI. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Gadaleta informed the Board of the resignation of Mrs. Cionna Lane, 1 to 1 paraprofessional. Mrs. Lane will be staying home with her family. Dr. Gadaleta appreciated her time and will advertise for a replacement.
- Dr. Gadaleta informed the Board of the surprise resignation of Mrs. Nicole Criscione, 6th grade teacher. This is a loss for EFS and the 6th grade team. We will advertise for the position and Dr. Gadaleta noted this will be a challenging position to fill, as we will miss Mrs. Criscione's passion, and we wish her the best.
- Dr. Gadaleta informed the Board of the resolution to approve the 5th grade new hire, Mrs. Ariella Latino. Dr. Gadaleta is very happy to welcome Mrs. Latino to EFS.

VII. Superintendent's Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions #01-04.

1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and approves the employment of the following student assistants in the IT/custodial departments for the 2023 summer, for a total of 50 hours each.

Marco De Benedetto \$14.13/hr.

Moved by: Mr. Toth Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the resignation of Nicole Criscione, 6th Grade Teacher, with June 30, 2023, as the last day of employment.

Moved by: Mr. Toth Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the resignation of Cionna Lane, Paraprofessional, with June 30, 2023, as the last day of employment.

Moved by: Mr. Toth Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Ariella Latino, 5th Grade Teacher, MA+15 step 10, for the 2023-2024 school year, at the at the salary of \$74,197.00, pending the usual criminal history and background check for new hires.

Moved by: Mr. Toth Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

VIII. Public Comment

- None

IX. Adjournment

At 9:05 A.M. the Board made a motion to adjourn. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, **August 16, 2023, at 7:30 P.M.** in the Media Center.

Moved by: Mr. Toth Seconded by: Mr. Mehta

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary