

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a workshop meeting on August 10, 2011, 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 7:33 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 July 14, 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 – 7:33 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. Michael Davison, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Robert Greitz of NJSBA.

III. Flag Salute

The President led the flag salute.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Resolution to Enter Executive Session (Personnel)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations. 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: Mrs. Cirenza
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. LoCascio
Nays: 0

VI. Workshop Session resumed at 9:33 P.M.

Moved by: Dr. LoCascio
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Mr. Hutchinson
Nays: 0

VII. Curriculum & Instruction

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

- NJASK Test Scores Received in District.
- Textbook Evaluation Form.
- NCLB/IDEA.

VIII. Finance

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary reviewed and discussed the following Finance items with members of the Board:

- Year End Close.
- 2010-2011 Extraordinary Aid.

IX. Buildings & Grounds

The Superintendent and the Business Administrator reviewed and discussed the following Buildings and Grounds items with members of the Board:

- Landscape with Garden Club and PTA.
- Use of Facilities – Profit/Not for Profit.
- Boiler Project.
- Summer Projects.

X. Policy

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

- Strauss Esmay Policies – 7000s - 9000s Series.
- Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying – BOE Training.
- New Jersey’s Open Public Meetings Act – “The Sunshine Law.”

XI. Personnel (Public Items only)

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

- Staff Handbook Update.

XII. Old Business/Board Discussion

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

- Lockers.
- Code of Conduct Update.

XIII. New Business / Board Discussion

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

- New Teacher Orientation/Training.
- Fire Alarm Status.

XIV. Public Comment

No public comment.

XV. Adjournment

At 10:55 P.M. the Board of Education made a motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Mrs. Cirenza
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Mr. Hutchinson
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Davison
Business Administrator/Board Secretary