

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ESSEX FELLS, NJ
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

REGULAR MEETING – 7:30 P.M. – VIRTUAL

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 January 8, 2021. Agendas were mailed to the Clerk of the Borough of Essex Fells, the Progress, and the Star Ledger.

I. Call to Order – 7:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

- Mrs. Kris Huegel, President
- Dr. Steven LoCascio, Vice-President
- Mrs. Amanda Haber
- Mr. Raj Mehta
- Mr. Theodore Skopak

III. Flag Salute

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

V. President’s Report

VI. Superintendent’s Report

- Retirements/Resignations
- Preschool Deposits
- Remote Snow Days

VII. Superintendents Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions # 01 – 06

1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the retirement of Mr. Adi Sulisty, Facilities Supervisor effective June 30, 2021.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the retirement of Mrs. Titin Sulisty, Custodian effective June 30, 2021.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the maternity leave effective on or about May 24, 2021 and resignation effective June 30, 2021 of Mrs. Sara Christopher, 6th Grade Math/Science teacher.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the payment of the following travel related expenses in accordance with the travel policy 6471 for Professional Development:

Staff Member(s): Marco Pannullo
Event: Drone Flying Training
Location: Lincoln Park Airport
Date: 1/27/21
Cost: \$0.00

Staff Member(s): Catherine Codella
Event: Play Therapy Engaging and Powerful Activities for the Treatment of Disruptive Behavior and Trauma
Location: Virtual
Date: 2/17-2/18/21
Cost: \$239.99

Staff Member(s): Deana Hromoko
Event: Catching Up Your Students Who Are Falling Behind in Writing
Location: Virtual
Date: 2/24/21
Cost: \$270.00

Staff Member(s): Kelly Mitchell
Event: Catching Up Your Students Who Are Falling Behind in Writing
Location: Virtual
Date: 2/24/21
Cost: \$270.00

Staff Member(s): Tracie Wiczorek
Event: Wilson Training
Location: Virtual
Date: 2/25/21
Cost: \$0.00

5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves the tuition reimbursement for Michelle V. Gadaleta in the amount of \$752.25.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

X. **Old Business / Board Discussion**

- Fully Remote Program
- Spring Break Travel Information

XI. **New Business / Board Discussion**

XII. **Public Comment**

XIII. **Resolution to Enter Executive Session**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall enter into executive session immediately following this meeting to discuss personnel, legal matters, and negotiations. The items discussed in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public when the need to maintain their confidentiality no longer exists.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

XIV. **Adjournment**

RESOLVED that this public meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at ____ P.M. The next Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.** virtually.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

AGENDA

February 17, 2021

2020-2021

Teacher	Section	Total	M	F
Mrs. Burger/Ms. Duarte	PS/AM	14	10	4
Mrs. Burger/Ms. Duarte	PS/PM	14	6	8
Mrs. Gann	KG	16	5	11
Ms. Livio/Mrs. Takkel	KL/T	17	8	9
Mrs. Brutman	1B	13	9	4
Mrs. Hromoko	1H	13	10	3
Ms. Mitchell/Mrs. MacKenzie	2M/M	13	5	8
Mrs. Quinn	2Q	15	6	9
Ms. Franzl	3F	16	8	8
Ms. Kowalski/Ms. Wiczorek	3K/W	15	8	7
Mrs. Banek/Mrs. Brzostowski	4B/B	15	7	8
Mrs. Hacker/Ms. Butler	4H/B	14	8	6
Ms. Craveiro/Mrs. Vetere	5C/V	19	8	11
Mrs. Truchel/Ms. Maloney	5T/M	20	9	11
Mrs. Buonomo/Mrs. Criscione	6B/C	16	8	8
Mrs. Christopher/Ms. Myers	6C/M	18	12	6
TOTAL		248	127	121
Out-of-District		4		
FINAL TOTALS		252		

*Total includes 4 out-of-district students.

Fire Drills: 2020-21

Month	Fire Drill	Emergency Drill
September	9/21/20	Walkie-Talkie Check 9/18/20
October	10/9/20	Trespassing on Property 10/23/20
November	11/16/20	Emergency Call System Test 11/13/20
December*	12/10/20	Fire Drill Lesson 12/15/20
January	1/12/21	Security Drill 1/13/21
February	TBD	TBD
March		
April		
May		
June		

*Drills scheduled prior to remote environment

HIB / V&V Report

As of Date of BOE Meeting	9/23/20	10/21/20	11/18/20	12/16/20	1/20/21	2/17/21						
TOTAL # of Reported Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Number of Unfounded Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Number of Founded Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Violence & Vandalism Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0						

ESSEX FELLS SCHOOL
DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Essex Fells School is a very special public elementary school enrolling boys and girls in preschool through the sixth grades. Pupils enjoy small classes and a total school population of approximately two hundred and fifty.

The size of the school is a wonderful asset as it allows a strong sense of community and offers teachers and pupils many opportunities to form bonds of collegiality, identification and support. It also supports the concept that every adult in the school is responsible for every child.

The comparatively small faculty is also a benefit. The faculty as a whole are the decision-making body on all questions of teaching and learning. Teachers find it easy to share experiences and act consistently across pupils' entire academic program. The combined efforts of the staff work to support a pupil centered approach to education.

Essex Fells teachers are encouraged to try new ideas, to work collaboratively with colleagues, and to participate fully in all aspects of schooling.

The mission of the school is etched in the mortar of the original schoolhouse with the words Studies Pass Into Character.

The primary goals of an Essex Fells education include:

1. Developing in all pupils the capacity to think critically and communicate effectively through a mastery of written and spoken English.
2. Motivating all pupils to recognize and develop their academic abilities in order to build character and to achieve their full potential.
3. Teaching children to value themselves, their peers and their teachers.
4. Establishing a respect for and a strong sense of responsibility to the physical, social, and aesthetic world around them.
5. Nurturing a love of country and a pride in our American heritage and citizenship.
6. Communicating a love of scholarship and continued interest in life-long learning.
7. Ensuring all pupils will achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all levels.

To secure these common goals, the Essex Fells staff of professional educators recognizes that the collaborative engagement of the children in the learning process is the key to intellectual development. Dedicated teachers create classrooms that are alive with cooperative learning activities and child-centered problem-solving routines. Children are encouraged to explore, to question, to make decisions, and to express opinions in a supportive learning environment. Teachers also model their own commitment to learning by continuing to earn advanced degrees. On-going professional development is acknowledged as the foundation for promoting outstanding pupil achievement.