

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ESSEX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 10, 2019 7:00pm**

The regular meeting of the Essex Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 10, 2019. In attendance were Lon Seidman, Judie McCann, Carolyn Rotella, Mark Watson and Loretta McCluskey. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent of Schools, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Kim Allen, Business Manager, Jennifer Tousignant, Principal and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent: DG Fitton

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Lon Seidman at 7:00p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Loretta McCluskey seconded by Carolyn Rotella the Essex Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 8, 2018 and the Accounts Payable report.

STUDENT REPORT

Ms. Tousignant introduced student leaders Jake Marmelstein, Delny Marsden and Grace Lunz. They discussed hat day at school.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

OTHER ITEMS:

Principal's Update

Ms. Tousignant introduced the literacy and math coaches who did a presentation on internal assessments. Ms. Tousignant gave an update on the events happening this winter at Essex Elementary.

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave a brief update on the financial status for Essex Elementary School. Trends indicate a surplus at the end of the year. Ms. Allen will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and we will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

Cafeteria Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave an update on the status of the cafeteria budget. Income has not been received through December. Essex will not have a deficit this year.

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is January 29, 2019.

Curriculum – Next meeting is January 29, 2019.

Policy – Next meeting is January 28, 2019.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

There have been three budget workshops. Discussions were held regarding FLES. More information is needed before a decision will be made.

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No report available.

Joint Ad Hoc School Security Advisory Committee

All five schools have been prioritized as to their security needs. Additional training will be done.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

Ms. Martineau gave a brief update. The language of assessment is being reviewed. K-12 standards for all content areas is also being reviewed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update

Critical and Creative Problem Solving

Work is being done on budgets. Curriculum will be reviewed in the elementary schools to prepare for the I/B program.

Information and Communication

Discussion Regarding any Pending Policies

First Reading of Joint BOE Policy Committee's Recommended Revisions to the Following Policies

Policies were discussed. It was suggested that Finance Policies be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

#5141.4 Students – Reporting Suspected Abuse

#5131.81 Students – Use of Private Technology

#3323 Business – Soliciting Prices

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting February 21, 2019
- Next Essex BOE Meeting is March 14, 2019 @ 7:00pm
- Essex Budget Workshops proposed for: Jan 22nd, Feb 13th, Feb 26th @ 6:00pm at Central Office
- BOE and Community Input for 2019-20 (On-Going)
- Vote on Non-Renewals
- BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:43p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary