

**ESSEX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 7:00pm**

F.O.I. Compliance – Subject to BOE approval at a future meeting
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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Seidman called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

VERBAL ROLL CALL FOR BOE MEMBERS

Attendance: Essex BOE

Lon Seidman
Loretta McCluskey
Nancy Johnston
Cassandra Sweet
Mark Watson
Justin Pillion

Administration:

Brian White
Bob Grissom
Jennifer Tousignant

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Loretta McCluskey seconded by Nancy Johnston the Essex Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 13, 2021 and they special meeting of June 3, 2021 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

Amendments:

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

Superintendent’s Report

District Update

Mr. White gave a brief update of the end of year events. Mr. White thanked everyone for getting schools ready to open. Staff and students are happy to be back in the schools.

Information and Communication

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brzozowy has started in our strict. A number of contracts are up for renewal this year. All staff has returned to the district. The reading curriculum in second grade was discussed. Concerns should be directed to Ms. Tousignant and Dr. Brzozowy. Discussion held regarding masks in school. Local and State

Health Department guidelines are used. The Governor has mandated that masks are used indoors and suggested for outdoors. Expectations will be communicated. It asked that quarantine guidelines be sent to district parents so that they are aware. Data indicates that proficiency rates for students last year was higher than anticipated for students who were in person. Remote learning was discussed. This is not an option at this time.

Assistant Superintendent's Report S. Brzozowy

General Update

Dr. Brzozowy discussed the checkpoints on student assessments. A plan to support students is continually being worked on. Dr. Brzozowy noted that she has visited EES and teachers are engaged with their students and students are happy to be back.

Finance Office Report

Financial Status Updates

End of Year to Date Financial Status Update FY20-21

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update. This is an unaudited report. The audit is underway.

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update FY-21-22

Mr. Grissom reported on the financial status. All financial obligations are expected to be met. An RFP will go out for bid for the building study. This is currently being reviewed by the district attorney.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update on the cafeteria reporting. A profit was realized for the last fiscal year. This was due to grants received for the free meal program. The reimbursement rate for this program is state determined.

Medical Reserve Tracking

The insurance committee will be reconvened. This year is expected to be favorable.

Grants Update

Pandemic relief funds were discussed. A presentation to the Joint Board of Education will discuss how these dollars are being spent across all the district.

Principal's Update

Opening of School

Ms. Tousignant thanked the Board for their support. Summer projects included general maintenance and repairs. The gym floor will be completed in a few weeks. New hires were discussed. Professional development occurred. 271 students are enrolled. Upcoming events were discussed.

Committee meetings will resume soon. Members should let Mr. Seidman know what committees members are interested in.

Committee Reports

Supervision District:

No update.

Other Committee Reports

LEARN Committee Report

No report at this time.

Discussion regarding and Pending Policies

None Pending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Joint BOE meeting October 7, 2021
- Essex BOE Meeting next Regular is November 11, 2021 @ 7:00pm
- Election of BOE Officers and Committee Assignments

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary