

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ESSEX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 14, 2019 7:00pm**

The regular meeting of the Essex Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019. In attendance were Lon Seidman, Judie McCann, Carolyn Rotella, DG Fitton, Mark Watson and Loretta McCluskey. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Allen, Business Manager, Jennifer Tousignant, Principal and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent:

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 Mark Watson the Essex Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 10, 2019 and the Accounts Payable report. DG Fitton abstained.

STUDENT REPORT

Ms. Tousignant introduced Camille Cobbs, Tristan Spallone and Madeline Holister who discussed the Green Team's Kindness Chain.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

OTHER ITEMS:

Principal's Update

Ms. Tousignant discussed the activities which have happened this winter. We have a Scientist in Residence who is working on a rain garden. Grades 3-6 enjoyed the Engineering with Legos program. The Chess Club is meeting weekly. The Townscape project was unveiled.

Possible VOTE to Adopt Proposed 2019-20 Essex Elementary Budget for Presentation to the Town.

The Budget presentation is Tuesday, March 26th to the Board of Finance and April 24th is the Public Hearing.

On a motion made by DG Fitton and seconded by Loretta McCluskey, the Essex Elementary School Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2019-2020 budget of \$7,463,976(seven million, four hundred sixty three thousand, nine hundred seventy six dollars) and to recommend this be brought to the Town of Essex.

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. Reporting will be changed to give a more accurate picture.

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is March 25, 2019.

Curriculum – Next meeting is March 26, 2019.

Policy – Next meeting is May 20, 2019.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

The search for a new Superintendent is underway. A firm is being hired to guide the process. The RFP has been approved. Mr. Seidman and Dr. Levy have been meeting with the legislators where Cooperative agreements are being discussed.

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No report available.

Joint Ad Hoc School Security Advisory Committee

A five year plan will be developed. The Committee will continue to meet when needed and will do annual reviews.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

Ms. Martineau was not present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update

Critical and Creative Problem Solving

The E Courses for ALICE has been completed by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the staff. The rollout is being discussed during Professional Development and faculty meetings. A letter will be sent to parents in the summer. The search for the middle school Principal is underway. A candidate will be brought before the Board of Education. Budgets are being worked on.

Information and Communication

Discussion of Joint BOE Policy Committee's Recommendation of the Following Policies:

Policies were discussed.

#3260 Business-Sales and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies

#5118 Students – Non Resident Attendance AND Related Policy #3240 Tuition Fee

#3324 Business-Ordering Goods and Services (Purchase Orders)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Johnston, Ivoryton, discussed how regionalized schools all work differently. She asked why it is so complicated here. Mr. Seidman gave the history of how the district was structured.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL-Discussion Superintendent's Recommendations Regarding Staff Non-Renewals

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Essex Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 8:30pm. Dr. Levy and Ms. Tousignant were invited to stay.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:33pm.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Essex Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Staff Non-Renewal

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting April 4, 2019
- Next Essex BOE Meeting is May 9, 2019 @ 7:00pm
- Possible VOTE to Renew the Agreement Concerning Interim Collaborative Preschool Program (May)
- Possible VOTE to Renew Afterschool Care Contract(May)
- BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)
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ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:34p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary