

**ESSEX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021 7:00pm**

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CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent White called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

VERBAL ROLL CALL FOR BOE MEMBERS

Attendance:	Essex BOE	Administration:
	Lon Seidman	Brian White
	Justin Pillion	Bob Grissom
	Nancy Johnston	Jennifer Tousignant
	Cassandra Sweet	
	Mark Watson	

0Absent:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. White opened the floor for the nominations for the office of chairman.

A motion was made by Mark Watson to nominate Lon Seidman as the Chairman of the Essex Elementary Board of Education. Nancy Johnston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Seidman opened the floor for the following nominations:

A motion made by Lon Seidman to nominate Mark Watson as the Vice Chair of the Essex Elementary Board of Education. Cassandra Sweet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Cassandra Sweet to nominate Nancy Johnston as the Secretary of the Essex Elementary Board of Education. Mark Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Supervision District representative will be Justin Pillion.

Possible VOTE to Re-Appoint Mark Watson to fill a Board Vacancy (As of November 16th) until the Next Municipal Election in 2023 at Which Time the Position Returns to the Ballot for a 2 Year Vacancy for a Term Ending 2025.

Upon a motion made by Lon Seidman and seconded by Nancy Johnston the Essex Elementary School Board of Education **VOTED** to re-Appoint Mark Watson to fill a Board vacancy (As of November 16th) until the next municipal election in 2023 at which time the position returns to the ballot for a 2 year vacancy for a term ending 2025.

Ayes: Lon Seidman, Cassandra Sweet, Justin Pillion, Nancy Johnston. Abstention: Mark Watson

Possible VOTE to Re-Appoint Nancy Johnston to Fill a Board Vacancy (as of November 16th) until the Term Ends in 2023 at which Time the Position Returns to the Ballot for a Full Term Ending 2029.

Upon a motion made by Lon Seidman and seconded by Mark Watson the Essex Elementary School Board of Education **VOTED** to re-appoint Nancy Johnston to fill a Board vacancy (as of November 16th) until the term ends in 2023 at which time the position returns to the ballot for a full term ending 2029. Ayes: Lon Seidman, Cassandra Sweet, Justin Pillion, Mark Watson. Abstention: Nancy Johnston

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Mark Watson seconded by Nancy Johnston the Essex Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 9, 2021 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

Amendments: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Mr. White gave a brief update. Mr. White thanked EES for a wonderful Veteran's day celebration. A vendor to conduct a building study is being secured. The purpose is to have a long term assessment of capital needs for all buildings. Capacity and a review of HVAC and all mechanical systems are also included in the study. A recommendation will be presented at the next Joint Board of Education meeting. The Diversity Committee is meeting and in the beginning stages of reviewing the needs of all students. Contract Negotiations are in process for six groups of employees.

Information and Communication

No additional report.

Financial Reports

No additional report

Sharing of Superintendent's Goals

No report.

Assistant Superintendent's Report S. Brzozowy

General Update

Ms. Brzozowy gave a brief status.

2019-20 Performance Profile Report for EES

Ms. Brzozowy discussed the 2019-2020 Performance Profile Report for EES. There is a low rate of absenteeism.

ESSER Grants Update

The school has received approximately \$129,000 in ESSER funds. Two areas of focus for the use of these funds is math intervention and social and emotional well being. The math intervention will be reviewed during the budget process for possible continued funding if needed. Ms. Tousignant discussed the differences between math enrichment and the math interventionist.

Finance Office Report

Financial Status Updates

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

Mr. Grissom gave an update on the financial status. All financial obligations are expected to be met.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update on the cafeteria reporting. The grant reimbursement is 98% of the revenue. The participation rate is up slightly.

Medical Reserve Tracking

Net favorable results have been realized for the beginning of the year. Conversations during labor negotiations is occurring regarding insurance. The insurance representative feels the district is well funded.

Grants Update

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

ADM Calculation Methodology

Mr. Grissom gave an overview of the methodology for the ADM calculation.

Principal's Update

Opening of School

Ms. Tousignant shared information on the new staff members who have joined the team at Essex Elementary. An outdoor classroom update was given. Ms. Tousignant gave an update on the fundraisers that have taken place. There are two reading libraries on the playground which the kids are enjoying.

The Essex Foundation has been very generous to EES. A discussion was held regarding how the funds will be used.

Possible VOTE to Accept Donation of \$52,000 from The Essex Foundation to be used at the Discretion of the Administration

Upon a motion made by Lon Seidman and seconded by Nancy Johnston the Essex Elementary School Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to accept the donation up to \$52,000 from the Essex Foundation.

Mr. Seidman thanked the Essex Foundation for their support and that they are supporting programs which will also include the other district schools.

Committee Reports

The Diversity Committee has begun meeting and update will be given at an upcoming meeting.

Supervision District:

Budget workshops are being scheduled.

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

- 10.1 Joint BOE next regular meeting December 2, 2021 at 7:00pm
- 10.2 Essex BOE Meeting next Regular is January 13, 2022 @ 7:00pm
- 10.3 EES BOE Budget Workshop I January 24, 2022 at 6:00pm.

On December 8, 2021 CABC is sponsoring their annual leadership conference and Board member orientation. All members are encouraged to attend. Mr. Seidman is also on a remote learning task force.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary