

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

REORGANIZATIONAL/WORKSHOP MEETING – 7:30 P.M. – MEDIA CENTER

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 November 25, 2019. 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. – Board Secretary

II. Roll Call

- Mrs. Kris Huegel, President
- Dr. Steven LoCascio, Vice-President
- Mrs. Bethany Buccino
- Mrs. Shani Drogen
- Mrs. Debra Tedesco

III. Flag Salute

IV. Election Report

The annual School Election was conducted on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

The results of the election, as reported and certified by the Essex County Clerk, are as follows:

Members of the Board of Education:	Mrs. Kris Huegel	312 votes
	Mr. Theodore Skopak	282 votes

V. Reorganization of the Board of Education

- A. Oath of Office
- B. Roll Call: Board Secretary
 - Mrs. Bethany Buccino
 - Mrs. Kris Huegel
 - Dr. Steven LoCascio
 - Mr. Theodore Skopak
 - Mrs. Debra Tedesco
- C. Election of President: Board Secretary
- D. Election of Vice President: Board President

VI. Board Comments

VII. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

VIII. Old Business / Board Discussion

IX. New Business / Board Discussion

- January – School Board Recognition Month
- 2020 Board of Education Meeting Dates
- Exit/Entrance Safety & Security
- New Student Enrollment
- 2020 BOE Financial Disclosure Statement
- Teacher Certification Reimbursement
- Tree Removal from Ice Storm
- NJSBA Training Event
- 2018-19 Audit

X. Reorganization Action Items

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Reorganization Action Items # 01 - 04.

1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics.

NOTES: Code of Ethics Attached

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following dates for its meetings in the ensuing year (*dates subject to change):

Wednesday	January 22, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	February 5, 2020	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	February 19, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	March 4, 2020	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	March 18, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	April 8, 2020	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	April 22, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	May 6, 2020	Workshop Meeting

Wednesday	May 20, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	June 17, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	August 19, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	September 9, 2020	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	September 23, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	October 7, 2020	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	October 21, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	November 4, 2020	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	November 18, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	December 2, 2020	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	December 16, 2020	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	January 6, 2021 (TBD)	Reorganizational/Workshop Meeting

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

3. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency,” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System known as the “Educational Cooperative Pricing System” for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Essex Fells School District within the County of Essex, New Jersey, desires to participate in the Educational Cooperative Pricing System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Essex Fells Board of Education as follows:

AUTHORITY

As directed by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 et seq. and pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Board President is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall advertise for and receive bids from vendors who will make school supplies, equipment and other related goods and services available to participating members of the said Cooperative Pricing System at the agreed upon price; and

The Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Essex Fells Board of Education shall be responsible for complying with the 54 provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall continue to be effective as of January 1, 2020; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve payment of a \$500.00 annual fee for participation in the Cooperative Purchasing System, and an additional fee of \$250.00 to Educational Data Services, Inc. for participation in the Cooperative Purchasing System for various Time and Materials bids awarded in accordance with statute.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

4. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency,” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2020, the governing body of the Essex Fells Board of Education, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Essex Fells Board of Education.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Board President is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

XI. Superintendent’s Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions #01-03.

1. 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): Steve Lella
Event: After School Sports & Special Events Safety Training
Location: Bergen Community College
Date: 1/9/20
Cost: \$0

Staff Member(s): Laura Brutman, Sara Christopher, Jaclyn Franzi,
Deana Hromoko, Katie McNish, Kelly Mitchell,
Event: NJECC Conference
Location: MSU
Date: 1/14/20
Cost: \$0

Staff Member(s): Dorotea Banek, Nina Buonomo
Event: NJECC Conference
Location: MSU
Date: 1/16/20
Cost: \$0

Staff Member(s): Lisa Evangelista, Beth Leggett
Event: Google Admin Training
Location: MSU
Date: 1/20/20
Cost: \$0

Staff Member(s): Marco Pannullo
Event: Techspo Conference
Location: Harrah’s Atlantic City
Date: 1/30-31/20
Cost: \$662.00 Total (Conference = \$475.00; Lodging = \$97.00; Mileage = \$90.00)

Staff Member(s): Jackie Castellano, Katie McNish
Event: Full STEAM Ahead Workshop
Location: Wilshire Grand Hotel, West Orange, NJ
Date: 2/24/20
Cost: \$281.24 Total Per Person (Fee-\$279.00; Mileage-\$2.24)

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

XIII. Public Comment

XIV. Resolution to Enter Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall enter into executive session immediately following this meeting to discuss legal matters. 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:

XV. Adjournment

RESOLVED that this reorganizational/workshop meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at ____ P.M. The next **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Education will be held on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 7:30 P.M.** in the Media Center of Essex Fells School.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays: