

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014**

**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 January 2, 2013. 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. Alison Cirenza, Vice-President  
Mrs. Carol D’Alessandro  
Mr. Peter Hutchinson  
Dr. Steven LoCascio, President  
Dr. Michele Nitti

**III. Flag Salute**

**IV. Election Report**

The annual School Election was conducted on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 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:	Shani Drogin	<u>48</u>
	Kris Huegel	<u>47</u>

**V. Reorganization of the Board of Education**

- A. Oath of Office
- B. Roll Call: Board Secretary  
Mrs. Carol D’Alessandro  
Mrs. Shani Drogin  
Mrs. Kris Huegel  
Dr. Steven LoCascio  
Dr. Michele Nitti
- C. Election of President: Board Secretary
- D. Election of Vice President: Board President

VI. Board Comments

VII. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

VIII. Reorganization Action Items

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Reorganization Action Items # 01 - 05.

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

NOTES: Attachment A

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following dates for its meetings in the ensuing year:

Wednesday	January 22, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	February 5, 2014	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	February 19, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	March 5, 2014	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	March 19, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	April 9, 2014	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	April 23, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	May 7, 2014	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	May 21, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	June 4, 2014	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	June 18, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	August 20, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	September 3, 2014	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	September 17, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	October 1, 2014	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	October 15, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	November 5, 2014	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	November 19, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	December 3, 2014	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	December 17, 2014	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	January 7, 2015	Reorganizational Meeting

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education recognizes the Essex Fells Foundation for Educational Excellence and the Essex Fells PTA as official parent support Organizations for the 2013-2014 school year in accordance with Policy #9210; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the activities/functions scheduled by these organizations will be brought to the attention of the Board.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

- 4. **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, 2014; 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:

- 5. **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 Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, 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 2, 2014, 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:

**IX. Superintendent’s Resolutions**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Resolutions # 01-02.

**1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of ABA For You, LLC to provide ABA services from December 20, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a rate of \$100 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per month.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

**2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the resignation of Linda Costello, Wilson Reading/Basic Skills Teacher, effective June 30, 2014.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

**X. Curriculum & Instruction**

- MLK – Professional Development

**XI. Finance**

- Budget Review at January 22, 2014 Meeting

**XII. Buildings & Grounds**

- Chimney Report to Architect
- New Jersey School Insurance Group Walk-thru

**XIII. Policy**

**XIV. Personnel (Public Items only)**

**XV. Old Business / Board Discussion**

- New Board Member Criminal Background Check Complete

**XVI. New Business / Board Discussion**

**XVII. Public Comment**

**XVIII. Adjournment**

**RESOLVED** that this reorganizational/workshop meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at \_\_\_\_ p.m.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays: