

The Board of Education of the Borough of Essex Fells, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in a reorganizational/workshop session on January 7, 2015, in the Media Center of the Essex Fells School. The meeting was called to order by the Board Secretary, Mr. Steven Lella, at 7:35 P.M. Mr. Lella read the following Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: "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 on January 8, 2014. Agendas were mailed to the Clerk of the Borough of Essex Fells, the Progress, the Star Ledger, and posted on the district web-site."

**I. Call to Order – 7:35 P.M.**

- The meeting was called to order by the Board Secretary.

**II. Roll Call**

Mrs. Carol D’Alessandro, Vice-President – present  
Mrs. Shani Drogin – present  
Mrs. Kris Heugel –present  
Dr. Steven LoCascio, President – present  
Dr. Michele Nitti – present

Also present: Mrs. Michelle V. Gadaleta, Superintendent/Principal; and Mr. Steven J. Lella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**III. Flag Salute**

- The Board Secretary led the salute to the flag.

**IV. Election Report**

- The annual School Election was conducted on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 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: Carol D’Alessandro 353

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

- Mr. Lella administered the Oath of Office to elected member Mrs. D’Alessandro.
- Mr. Lella conducted roll call.
- Election of President: Mrs. D’Alessandro nominated Dr. LoCascio.

Moved by: Mrs. D’Alessandro                      Seconded by: Dr. Nitti  
Ayes: 4    Nays: 0    Abstain: 1

- Election of VP: Dr. Nitti nominated Mrs. D’Alessandro.

Moved by: Dr. Nitti                                      Seconded by: Mrs. Drogin  
Ayes: 4    Nays: 0    Abstain: 1

**VI. Board Comments**

- Dr. LoCascio congratulated Mrs. D’Alessandro on being re-elected to the Board of Education.

**VII. Public Comment**

No comment.

**VIII. Reorganization Action Items**

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

**NOTES:** Attachment A

Moved by: Mrs. D'Alessandro  
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. Nitti  
Nays: 0

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

Wednesday	January 21, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	February 4, 2015	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	February 18, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	March 4, 2015	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	March 18, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	April 1, 2015	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	April 15, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	May 6, 2015	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	May 20, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	June 3, 2015	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	June 17, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	August 19, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	September 2, 2015	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	September 16, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	October 7, 2015	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	October 21, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	November 4, 2015	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	November 18, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	December 2, 2015	Workshop Meeting
Wednesday	December 16, 2015	Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday	January 6, 2016	Reorganizational/Workshop Meeting

Moved by: Mrs. D'Alessandro  
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. Nitti  
Nays: 0

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, 2015; 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: Mrs. D'Alessandro  
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. Nitti  
Nays: 0

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 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 1, 2015, 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: Mrs. D'Alessandro  
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. Nitti  
Nays: 0

**IX. Superintendent's Resolutions**

- Mrs. Gadaleta explained the Superintendent Resolutions relating to a paraprofessional resignation and appointment of a paraprofessional.

- 1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the resignation of Dalyn Rees Veneziano, Paraprofessional, effective January 5, 2015.

**NOTES:** Attachment B

Moved by: Mrs. D'Alessandro  
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. Nitti  
Nays: 0

- 2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts and approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the appointment of Laura Roberts, Paraprofessional, effective February 18, 2015.

Moved by: Mrs. D'Alessandro  
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Dr. Nitti  
Nays: 0

**X. Curriculum & Instruction**

- No Report.

**XI. Finance**

- Mr. Lella informed the Board that the Aid in Lieu billing was received from West Essex.

**XII. Buildings & Grounds**

- No Report.

**XIII. Policy**

- Mrs. Gadaleta informed the Board that she had reached out to Stephen Fogarty in regards to Policy #5530 to see if it should be revised for K-6. The Board discussed policy.
- Discussion:

Policy/Regulation 5530	Substance Abuse (Revised)
Policy/Regulation 5600	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (Revised)
Policy 8505	Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods (Revised)

**XIV. Personnel**

- No Report.

**XV. Old Business / Board Discussion**

- Mr. Lella informed the Board that the IRS refund check that was due was received.

**XVI. New Business / Board Discussion**

- The Board confirmed the dates and availability for the upcoming Negotiations Meetings.

**XVII. Meeting Open for Public Comment**

- No comment.

**XIV. Adjournment**

The reorganizational/workshop meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Moved by: Mrs. D'Alessandro  
Ayes: 5

Seconded by: Mrs. Drogin  
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven J. Lella  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary