

**Bass River Township Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Agenda
July 22, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. - SCHOOL LIBRARY

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Bass River Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted, as follows:

Board Office Bulletin Board)	
Tuckerton Beacon)	
The Press of Atlantic City)	Date: <u>May 1, 2008</u>
Municipal Clerk)	

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Allen	Present:	Absent:
Mr. Hamilton	Present:	Absent:
Mr. McGeoch	Present:	Absent:
Mr. Naples	Present:	Absent:
Mr. Nutt	Present:	Absent:

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

PLEASE NOTE: This audience participation is limited only to items on the agenda. Audience Participation II is open to all comments.

Audience members attending Board of Education Meetings are permitted to voice their opinions on school related topics at specified times during the regular meeting. These times are included in the printed agenda for the meeting.

Members of the public are encouraged to speak during the public portion of the meeting. Complaints stated, or actions requested by the public, will be taken under advisement by the Board for investigation, discussion, and action or disposition at a later time/date.

When addressing the Board of Education, please respect the following procedure:

1. Be recognized by the Board President.
2. State your full name and address before commenting.
3. Identify the agenda item on which you will be commenting.
4. Wait to be recognized before making your comment(s).
5. Limit your comment(s) to the specific agenda item.

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5. MINUTES

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2008. (Enclosure)

Action: Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Held for Study _____
Motion by _____
Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2008. (Enclosure)

Action: Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Held for Study _____
Motion by _____
Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

~ None

B. NEW BUSINESS

~ Revision of Regular Meeting Dates for 2008-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular meetings of the Bass River Township Board of Education for 2008-2009 be held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (with the exception of the February 2009 and April 2009 meetings which will be held on the fourth Tuesday) in the Bass River Elementary School Library. All meetings will be open to the public except those meetings, or portions of meetings at which discussions take place on any of the nine categories of exempt items as listed in Article c.10.4-12b of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. The Board has the option to reconvene work sessions on the following evening to discuss any agenda items that have not been completed by 11:00 p.m. Action may be taken on all items properly presented at the Regular Meetings. The meetings will be held on the following dates as listed:

August 19, 2008	January 20, 2009
September 16, 2008	February 24, 2009
October 21, 2008	March 17, 2009
November 18, 2008	April 28, 2009
December 16, 2008	

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Motion by _____
Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

~ Monitoring of Legal Services

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint *Mr. Lawrence Mathis* (Chief School Administrator) and *Mr. Patrick S. DeGeorge* (Business Administrator) as authorized contact persons for the Board in conducting official business with the Board's solicitor Mr. Paul Carr, and that a log be established and maintained to record and monitor contact with Mr. Carr.

Action: Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Held for Study _____
Motion by _____
Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

~ Coastal Learning Center

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve *Coastal Learning Center, Inc.* to provide special education for T.L. for the 2008-2009 school year at the following cost (Attachment #1)

\$46,926.60 tentative tuition for 210 days
\$40,222.80 tentative tuition for 180 days
\$223.46 per diem

Action: Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Held for Study _____
Motion by _____
Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

~ Submission of Long Range Facilities Plan

WHEREAS every New Jersey School District must submit a Long Range Facility Plan to the Commissioner of Education every five years, specifically every year ending in "0" or "5", and

WHEREAS regulations require that every Board of Education must approve the submission of this plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bass River Township Board of Education does hereby authorize Garrison Architects to submit the Long Range Facility Plan for the Bass River Township Board of Education to the Commissioner of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Garrison Architects, in accordance with regulation, shall provide an advisory copy of this plan to the local planning board.

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Motion by: _____

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Seconded by: _____

Roll Call:	Ayes	Noes
Mrs. Allen	_____	_____
Mr. McGeoch	_____	_____
Mr. Hamilton	_____	_____
Mr. Naples	_____	_____
Mr. Nutt	_____	_____

~ 2008-2009 Joint Transportation Agreements

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Joint Transportation Agreement with *Pinelands Regional Board of Education* to transport one (1) private education student to All Saints Regional Catholic School and two (2) private education students to Pilgrim Academy for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost to the district of \$810.00 and \$1,666.05 respectively (for a total cost of \$2,476.05). (Attachment #2)

Action: Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Held for Study _____
 Motion by _____
 Second by _____
 In Favor _____ Opposed _____

~ Professional Services Contracts for Special Education

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve *Listen and Speak, LLC* to provide speech services for the 2008-2009 school year at the following cost (Attachment #3):

Initial Evaluations	\$120.00 per evaluation
Kindergarten Screening	\$120.00 per screening
Therapy Sessions	\$ 60.00 per hour

Action: Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Held for Study _____
 Motion by _____
 Second by _____
 In Favor _____ Opposed _____

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve *Testing & Evaluation Services, LLC* to provide speech psychological services for the 2008-2009 school year at the following cost (Attachment #4):

Initial Evaluations	\$320.00 per evaluation
Professional Meetings & Conferences	\$ 60.00 per hour

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 Motion by _____

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Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

~ Travel

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached seminars/workshops and all associated costs. (Attachment #5)

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Motion by _____
Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

C. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

~ Legal Update

- **Accountability Regulations:** On July 1st, the Commissioner of Education filed the emergency accountability regulations with the Office of Administrative Law. These regulations unilaterally implement the School District Accountability Act ("A-4"), the property-tax cap levy cap law and the CORE reform act. The major provisions of the regulations include:
 - Executive County Superintendent oversight/review of administrator employment contracts, professional service agreements, internal accounting controls, purchasing practices and travel expenditures.
 - Adoption of various policies including those regarding nepotism and efficiency standards.
 - County Office line item review of budgets and expenditures.The 84 page document is available at www.nj.gov/education.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

~ None

7. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. BOARD SECRETARY REPORTS FOR MAY 2008 AND JUNE 2008 (Enclosures)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(d), I do certify that as of June 30, 2008 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.S.A.18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1.

Patrick S. DeGeorge
Board Secretary

July 22, 2008
Date

B. TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS REPORTS FOR MAY 2008 AND JUNE 2008 (Enclosures)

The May 2008 and June 2008 Treasurer of School Funds Reports are in agreement with the May 2008 and June 2008 Report of the Board Secretary for the 2007-2008 school

