

**Bass River Township Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Agenda
October 21, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 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. BOARD RETREAT

~ Board of Education Goals and Objectives for 2008-2009

Ms. Mary Ann Friedman of New Jersey School Boards Association will meet with the Board members to establish goals and objectives for the 2008-2009 year.

5. 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:

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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.

6. MINUTES

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2008. (Enclosure)

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

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

~ *None*

B. NEW BUSINESS

~ **Presentation of the Annual Audit by Gross & Company, LLC**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the annual audit as presented by Gross & Company, LLC for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

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

~ **Resignation of Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Patrick S. DeGeorge, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective November 21, 2008. (Attachment #1)

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~ **Grants**

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It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of the REAP Grant for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$19,761. (Attachment #2)

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Motion by _____
Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association Grant for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$258. (Attachment #3)

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

~ Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Bass River Elementary School District are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Bass River Elementary School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Bass River Elementary School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements. (Enclosed in QAAR)

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

~Presentation of the Annual Violence and Vandalism Report

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the 2007-2008 school year Violence and Vandalism Report as presented by the Superintendent and the submission of the report to the Burlington County Superintendent of Schools. (Attachment #4)

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Motion by _____

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Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

~ Presentation of the Quality Assurance Annual Report (QAAR)

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the 2007-2008 Quality Assurance Annual Report ("QAAR") as presented by the Superintendent and the submission of the report to the Burlington County Superintendent of Schools. (Enclosure)

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

~ Administration of 403(b) Plan

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") desires to maintain a Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan pursuant to Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to maintain a written plan document governing the operation and administration of the Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to adopt the written Plan Document attached hereto, together with such other Investment Provider Service Agreements and Information Sharing Agreements as may be executed by and between the Board and the applicable vendors as the Bass River Township Board of Education Plan Document;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Board adopts the Plan Document and Adoption Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as the Bass River Township Board of Education Plan Document.

The Board President and Board Secretary are authorized to execute such documents, including any Service Provider Agreements and Information Sharing Agreements as are necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Action:
Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____

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

~ Board Policies (Second Reading)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the second reading of the following policies: (A list of policies is Enclosed. The policies

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themselves were Enclosures for the agenda of the September 16th Meeting)

5000 Series: 5512.01 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
5512.02 Cyber-Bullying

Action:

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

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

~ Atlantic County Special Services

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve *Atlantic County Special Services School District* to provide special education for L.R. for the 2008-2009 school year at the following cost (Attachment #5)

\$31,075 tentative tuition for 180 days (\$172.64 per diem)
6,000 out-of-county fee
 \$37,075 total cost

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 Motion by _____
 Second by _____
 In Favor _____ Opposed _____

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve *Atlantic County Special Services School District* to provide special education for K.C. for the 2008-2009 school year at the following cost (Attachment #6)

\$33,510 tentative tuition for 180 days (\$186.17 per diem)
 6,000 out-of-county fee
29,450 One-on-One Aide
 \$68,960 total cost

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

~ 2008-2009 Joint Transportation Agreements

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached *Resolution for Participation in Coordinated Transportation* with Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission ("MOESC") to transport special education, nonpublic, public and/or

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vocational school students to specific destinations for the 2008-2009 school year at a current per diem cost of \$87.23. This per diem rate will change in conjunction with the change in the number of students being transported on the bus. (Attachment #7)

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 *Diane H. Jarvis* to provide educational evaluation services for the 2008-2009 school year (pending the submission of a Hold Harmless agreement) at \$350 per evaluation. (Attachment #8):

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Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve *Patricia Librizzi* to provide educational evaluation services for the 2008-2009 school year (pending the submission of a Certificate of Insurance naming the District as "additional insured" and a Hold Harmless Agreement) at the following cost: (Attachment #9)

Initial and Re-Evaluations	\$100.00 per evaluation
Therapy Services	\$ 60.00 per visit

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

~ Written Hazard Communication Program

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Written Hazard Communication Program as amended for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment #10)

Action: Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Held for Study _____
Motion by _____
Second by _____
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~ Travel

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached seminars/workshops and all associated costs. (Attachment #11)

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Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

C. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

~ Legal Update

▪ **School Funding Reform Act of 2007**

On September 22nd the State Supreme Court heard arguments to have the new school finance system, the *School Funding Reform Act of 2007*, declared constitutional. Under this law, the state provides additional funding for the education of children at risk academically due to poverty, regardless of the district where they attend school. In December 2008, the Bass River School District will submit its plan to the State for the development of a full day preschool program for at-risk 3 and 4 year old students.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

~ New Jersey School Boards Association Membership 2008-2009

Mr. DeGeorge will acknowledge the receipt of the District's Certificate of Membership in the New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2008-2009 school year. In addition, Mr. DeGeorge will distribute individual membership cards.

~ Board Member Training

The Board Secretary Mr. DeGeorge will update the Board Member regarding required training for the 2008-2009 board year.

8. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2008 (Enclosure)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(d), I do certify that as of September 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

October 21, 2008
Date

B. TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2008 (Enclosure)

The July 2008 Treasurer of School Funds Report is in agreement with the September 2008 Report of the Board Secretary for the 2008-2009 school year.

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Patrick S. DeGeorge
Board Secretary

Date

It is recommended that the Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20.10(e), certify that as of September, 2008 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and Treasurer's Report and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.12(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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Motion by _____
Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

C. INVESTMENTS REPORT (Enclosure)

9. BILLS LIST

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Bills Lists for October 21, 2008. (Attachment #12)

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Motion by _____
Second by _____
In Favor _____ Opposed _____

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – October 21, 2008

A. Recommendations Requiring Board Approval

1. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the following Use of Facilities for the 2008 -2009 school year.

PTO Halloween Dance	Friday, Oct 24 th
All Purpose Room	6 – 8 PM

2. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the following transfers for September 2008, as well as any line item transfers required to be approved by the Executive County Superintendent. (Attached)
3. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the 2008 – 2009 School Objectives. (Enclosed in QAAR)
4. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education Approve the 2008 – 2009 School Nursing Services Plan. (Enclosed in QAAR)
5. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the Toilet Room Waiver for preschool for the 2008 – 2009 school year. (Attached)
6. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the amended contract of Elizabeth Nino for the 2008 – 2009 school year for a salary of \$52, 495 to reflect credits earned.
7. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the amended contract of Jennifer Gouveia for the 2008 – 2009 school year for a salary of \$50, 383 to reflect credits earned.
8. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the amended contact of Barbara Kraus for the 2008 – 2009 school year for a salary of \$51, 987 to reflect credits earned.
9. School Reports
 - A. Enrollment/Attendance - September

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION II

1. The president shall recognize persons who desire to speak
2. The president shall conduct and maintain the order to business.
3. Any person wishing to address the Board will be limited to 10 minutes per topic.

4. 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.

III. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is recommended that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss litigation, negotiations, or any other matter appropriate for this session. The results of this session will be made public immediately after or as soon thereafter as a decision is reached **if permitted by law.**

IV. ADJOURNMENT

It is recommended that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.