

**Bass River Township Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, New Jersey was held at 7:12PM, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at the Bass River Elementary School.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. McGeoch. Notice of the meeting was published in the official Board of Education newspaper, The Press of Atlantic City, as well as posted on the bulletin board at Bass River Elementary School, and was filed with the Municipal Clerk of Bass River Township.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. McGeoch led the group in the pledge to the flag.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt

Members Absent: Mr. Hamilton

Administration Present: Mr. Larry Mathis, Superintendent

Mr. Stephen J. Brennan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- Art teacher from Bass River Elementary School addressed the Board to express her concern for her job duties and the time allotted her on a part-time basis. Due to budget constraints and curriculum standards the Board could not reduce her work load nor increase compensation.

5. MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2009 (Attachment #1).

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve Karissa Reinhold as Part-time Instructional Aide for the 2009-2010 school year at a salary of \$6,980 (Step 1)(pending negotiations), on an emergent basis.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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- B.** Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the Preschool Toilet Room Waiver for the 2009-2010 school year.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

- C.** Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year.

Teacher- Michelle Begonja, Erik Piatnochka,
Christina Brooks, Jamie Bernaldo
Non-Certificated Positions- Christina Brooks

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

- Superintendent discussed the status of hiring a head custodian replacement

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded Mrs.Cramer that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Ann Connelly, Part-time custodian, effective immediately.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

2. Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bass River Board of Education acknowledges an extended leave of absence by Superintendent Larry Mathis, and
WHEREAS, the Burlington County Executive Superintendent is requiring an Interim Administrator in his absence, and
NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Bass River Board of Education authorizes the following:

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Mr. Steve Brennan, Business Administrator, is authorized as the official designee of the superintendent to sign forms for the district in his absence.

AND

Mrs. Kris Neville is appointed Interim Principal at an hourly rate of \$60.

AND

Mrs. Lori Capaccio, Teacher-in-Charge will assist in any capacity needed.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

3. BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEW

- The Board conducted an interview of Marcie Gobosack for the seat vacated by Mrs. Allen in July.

4. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

- A. Be it resolved, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-15(f), to appoint Marcie Gobosack to serve as a member of the Bass River Township Board of Education until the organizational meeting following the next annual school election (April 2010).

C. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Shared Service Update

1. Business Office

- The Business Administrator discussed the success and challenges of the Interlocal Arrangement. He explained at the completion of the audit the agreement will have run one full cycle. While the District has sacrificed service level overall, the venture continues to prove successful.

2. Food Service

- The Business Administrator explained that, Mark Mendes, Aramark Food Service Manager, will make a presentation before the Board at its September meeting. The Superintendent shared a brief summary of the newly constructed menu. He was impressed with the variety offered. While the parents may find displeasure in the increased cost of a meal, he believes that they will be satisfied with the new choices available to the students.

3. Special Education

- The Business Administrator explained that the Board will act upon a pilot program under #10. The program was developed through the increased involvement of the two districts. The Superintendent and Business Administrator

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believe this will provide an increased level of service to the students and affected families.

2009 New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop

New Jersey School Boards Association will hold its annual convention October 28-30, 2009 at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. BILLS LIST

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the bills list for August 18, 2009 (**Attachment #2**).

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

9. PILOT PROGRAM – CST Services

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Education strives to utilize shared services agreements and cooperative purchasing arrangements to increase service levels and control costs for its District; and

WHEREAS, The Bass River Board of Education currently utilizes independent contractors to provided child study team services, and

WHEREAS, Developing a comprehensive shared services agreement to provide child study team services demonstrates a unique and challenging attempt to provide an increased level of services to special needs students, and

WHEREAS, The Bass River and Pinelands Regional Boards of Education posses a direct vested interest of the success of all K-12 students, and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, The Bass River Township Board of Education authorizes the necessary District personnel to undertake a pilot program to study the feasibility of entering into a formal Shared Service agreement for the Pinelands Regional School District to provide, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Bass River Board of Education will compensate the Pinelands Regional Board of Education Five Hundred Dollars

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(\$500) per child study work up.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That both District's administration will report back the results of the aforementioned study at the completion of the 2009-2010 school year.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

10. INSURANCE POLICIES

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer to approve the following insurance policies:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Term</u>
Property & Casualty	Utica	\$18,185	7/1/09-6/30/10
Automobile	Utica	\$318	7/1/09-6/30/10
Umbrella	Utica	\$2,855	7/1/09-6/30/10
Workers Comp	CHUBB	\$19,520	7/1/09-6/30/10
Student Accident	National Union Fire Ins Co.	\$787	7/1/09-6/30/10

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

11. NCLB FY10

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer to approve applying for NCLB funds for the 2010 fiscal year as follows:

	Annual Allocation	ARRA
Title I Part A	\$15,593	\$3,955
Title II Part A	\$5,492	
Title II Part D	\$155	
Title III	\$1,515	
Title IV	\$344	

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

12. IDEIA FY10

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Moved by Mrs. Cramer and seconded by Mr. Nutt to approve applying for IDEIA funds for the 2010 fiscal year as follows:

	Annual Allocation	ARRA
IDEIA Basic	\$44,825	\$26,242
IDEIA, Preschool	\$3,135	\$947
Total	<u>\$47,960</u>	<u>\$27,189</u>

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

13. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – N/A

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education adjourn the Board meeting at 8:24 PM.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen J. Brennan, Board Secretary