

**BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

BASS RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the Bass River Township School District, in the County of Burlington, that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. The notice has been posted in the Board of Education Office. The notice was also mailed to the Press of Atlantic City and filed with the Municipal Clerk of Bass River Township.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. THE BOARD PRESIDENT APPOINTED THE BOARD SECRETARY TO PRESIDE OVER THE MEETING.

4. THE BOARD SECRETARY REPORTED ON THE ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015 WHICH YIELDED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Jacqueline Heinrichs	201
Anastasia McGeoch	3
Personal Choice	<u>8</u>
_____ Total Votes	212

5. THE BOARD SECRETARY CONDUCTED THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

- Anastasia McGeoch

6. ROLL CALL

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>		<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Duym	X		
Mrs. Heinrichs	X		
Ms. McGeoch	X		
Mrs. Ruffo			X

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7. OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Board Secretary opens floor for nominations of President of the Bass River Board of Education.

NOMINEE: Mrs Duym nominated Mrs. Heinrichs for Board President, Hearing no further nominations the Board Secretary closed the floor to nominations and conducted the following roll call:

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. McGeoch

Nays:

Abstain:

Board Secretary opens floor for nominations of Vice President of the Bass River Board of Education.

NOMINEE: Mrs Heinrichs Duym nominated Mrs. Duym for Board Vice President, Hearing no further nominations the Board Secretary closed the floor to nominations and conducted the following roll call:

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. McGeoch

Nays:

Abstain: _____

8. BOARD PRESIDENT PRESIDES OVER MEETING

Board Secretary returned control of the meeting over to Board President

9. CODE OF ETHICS

RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1 the members of the Bass River Board of Education shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

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I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.

I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.

I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

I will refer all complaints to the chief school administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after the failure of an administrative solution.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. McGeoch

Nays:

Abstain:

10. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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 items.

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- A Bass River resident expressed concern of the smell of styrene gas in the area. She would like the District to post signs for residents to refer to if they would like to contact the DEP

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Heinrichs and carried by voice vote that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. McGeoch

Nays:

Abstain:

Adjournment at 7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen J. Brennan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen J. Brennan, M.B.A., C.P.A.
School Business Administrator/School Board Secretary