

**BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2017**

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. APPOINT BOARD SECRETARY TO PRESIDE OVER THE MEETING

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Ruffo and carried by voice vote to appoint Board Secretary to preside over the meeting.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

4. REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS

The Board Secretary reported the following information related to the School Board Election results:

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Cindy Ruffo	404
Bonnie Adams	6
Personal Choice	<u>18</u>
<hr/> Total Votes	428

5. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board Secretary conducted the oath of Allegiance for the following reelected Board Members:

Cindy Ruffo

Bonnie J. Adams

6. ROLL CALL

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

7. OFFICER NOMINATIONS

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

NOMINEE: Mrs. Duym nominated Mrs. Heinrichs for President of the Bass River Township Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

NOMINEE: Mrs. Heinrichs nominated Mrs. Duym for Vice President of the Bass River Township Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

8. BOARD PRESIDENT PRESIDES OVER MEETING

The Board Secretary returned control of the meeting over to Board President

9. CODE OF ETHICS

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Ruffo to recognize by roll call vote, the Board Member Code of Ethics:

RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1 the members of the Bass River

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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.

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. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

10. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment at 7:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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