

**BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 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. ROLL CALL

	Present		Absent
Mrs. Adams	X		
Mrs. Duym	X		
Mrs. Heinrichs	X		
Ms. McGeoch	X		
Mrs. Ruffo	X		

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.

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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.

5. MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Adams and carried by voice vote to approve the Meeting Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting – February 7, 2017 ([Attachment 1](#))

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- **TRAVEL/TRAINING**

Motion by Mrs. Ruffo, seconded by Mrs. Duym and carried by roll call to approve the following seminars/workshops and all associated costs:

Name	Seminar / Workshop Name	Event Date	Seminar / Workshop Cost	Mileage Cost	Tolls / Meals Cost	Total Cost
Ginni Taylor	Phonics First Level II E-Learning	Online Computer Course	\$560.00	N/A	N/A	\$560.00
Lisa Nino	Decrease Attention-Getting & Tantrum Behaviors	3/29/17	\$245.00	-0-	-0-	\$245.00
Debbie Callan	Decrease Attention-Getting & Tantrum Behaviors	3/29/17	\$245.00	\$26.47	-0-	\$271.47
Ginni Taylor	Yoga for Children & Adolescents	4/28/17	\$219.00	\$22.32	-0-	\$241.32

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Joni Burns	NASW 2017 Annual Conference & Exhibition	5/1 & 5/2/17	\$460.00	-0-	-0-	\$460.00
Jamie Bernaldo	Oppositional Defiant & Disruptive Medication Alternatives	5/5/17	\$99.00	-0-	-0-	\$99.00
Christina Vezos	Oppositional Defiant & Disruptive Medication Alternatives	5/5/17	\$99.00	\$14.44	-0-	\$113.44
		<i>Totals:</i>	\$1927.00	\$63.23	-0-	\$1990.23

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

● **FIELD TRIPS**

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Ruffo and carried by roll call vote to approve the following field trips as follows:

Grade (s)	Destination	Date	Time
K, 1st, and 2nd grades	Island Beach State Park, Berkeley Township (Turtle Release)	Monday, May 22nd, 2017	8:30-2:15

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

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- **HIB Investigation Report** ([Attachment 6](#))

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Ruffo and carried by roll call vote to approve the HIB Investigation Report for Incident #17-01.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Discussion:

- The Superintendent provided further explanation behind the HIB report listed for approval.

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**

- Before/After Care

- The Superintendent explained the recent interest in a Before/After Care program to accommodate parent schedules. He explained the low volume makes it difficult to sustain such a program. However he will research options.

- Municipal Alliance

- The Superintendent informed the Board that the Municipal Alliance will not run the summer program due to budget constraints. He provided a few suggestions to address the void left by the absence of the Municipal Alliance.

- Students of the Month

- The Board commended the school staff for producing 4 Students of the Month at Pinelands.

- **BUDGET TRANSFERS** ([Attachment 2](#))

Motion by Mrs. Ruffo, seconded by Mrs. Duym and carried by roll call vote to approve the following:

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Pursuant to 18A:22-8.1, The Business Administrator recommends the attached budgetary transfers.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

• **BILLS LIST ([Attachment 3](#))**

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Ruffo and carried by roll call vote to approve the March 14, 2017 Bills List as attached.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

• **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion by Mrs. Ruffo, seconded by Mrs. Duym and carried by roll call vote to approve the following financial reports:

- a. Report of the Secretary dated January 31, 2017 ([Attachment 4](#))
- b. Report of the Treasurer dated January 31, 2017 ([Attachment 4e](#))

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

• **BOARD CERTIFICATION**

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Ruffo and carried by roll call vote to approve THAT:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) the Board certifies that after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and upon consultation with the

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appropriate district officials that to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meeting the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

8. POWER PURCHASING AGREEMENT

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Ruffo and carried by roll call vote to approve THAT:

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Education is a duly organized Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as "The Board") having principal offices at 11 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, NJ 08224; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to contract for a Power Purchasing Agreement through the Board's Energy Savings Improvement Plan, and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 2, 2017 the Board received the following bids:

Company	Base Bid
National Energy Partners Lindenwold, NJ	\$0.100 per kWh

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined to finance the contract through an Energy Savings Improvement Plan lease purchase agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6(c), and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent determined National Energy Partners is the responsive bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Bass River Board of Education awards the Power Purchasing Agreement to National Energy Partners.

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Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Discussion:

- The Business Administrator and Superintendent explained the Power Purchasing Agreement is part of the District's Energy Savings Program.

9. JUNE 30, 2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET ([Attachment 5](#))

Motion by Mrs. Duym, seconded by Mrs. Ruffo and carried by roll call vote to approve THAT:

RESOLVED, by the Bass River Township Board of Education in the County of Burlington to approve and authorize the Business Administrator to submit the Tentative June 30, 2018 budget in the amount of \$2,490,503

General Fund:	\$2,411,407	Tax Levy:	\$1,484,708
Special Revenue Fund:	\$ 79,096		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bass River Township Board of Education will hold its public hearing for the final June 30, 2018 budget on May 2, 2017 at 7:00pm in its Elementary School Media Center, 11 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, NJ 08224

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Discussion:

- The Superintendent and Business Administrator provided the details included in the Budget. Upon approval by the Board it will be sent to the Executive County Superintendent for review.

10. SEMI Waiver

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Motion by Mrs. Ruffo, seconded by Mrs. Duym and carried by roll call vote to approve the submission of a Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Waiver to the Burlington County Office of Education for the 2017-2018 school year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duym, Mrs. Heinrichs, Ms. McGeoch, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Disclaimer:

- The Superintendent provided the reasons for the SEMI Waiver.

11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 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 7:40 PM