

Bass River School District
January 3, 2019
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
Media Center
Organizational Session 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION

"This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the Bass River 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."

3. REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS - MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Personal Choice	46
Robert Schmidt	38
Jacqueline Heinrichs	27
Carol Bitzberger	6
Benjamin Wurst	12
Total Votes	129

4. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO NEW BOARD MEMBER

- A. Jacqueline Heinrichs
- B. Robert Schmidt

Board Member	Term Expires
Mrs. Bonnie Adams	2019
Mrs. Jacqueline Heinrichs	2021
Ms. Cindy A. Ruffo	2019
Mr. John Allen	2020
Mr. Robert Schmidt	2021

5. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. Ruffo
ABSENT: Mr. Schmidt
Others Present: Mrs. Siobhan Grayson Principal/Superintendent
Mr. Nicholas K. Brown, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

6. BOARD SECRETARY PRESIDES OVER THE MEETING

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

7. OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Motion by Mrs. Heinrichs, seconded by Mr. Allen and carried by roll call vote to table the following nominations for Board President and Board Vice President.

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Mrs Heinrichs nominates Mrs. Ruffo for President. Mr Ruffo accepts. The BS opens the floor for additional nominations. Mr Allen nominates Mrs. Adams for President. She accepts.

Board Secretary calls a vote on Mrs Ruffo for President. There are two (2) affirmative votes: Mrs Heinrichs and Mrs. Allen.

Board Secretary calls a vote on Mrs. Adams for President. There are two (2) affirmative votes: Mr. Allen and Mrs. Allen.

BS calls a brief recess.

Unable to break a deadlock the Board elects to table President and Vice President nominations until the full Board can be present.

After discussion among BOE members a Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be scheduled for January 11, 2019.

B. Board Secretary opens floor for nominations of Vice President of the Bass River Board of Education. - This motion has been tabled.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. Ruffo
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

8. BOARD PRESIDENT PRESIDES OVER MEETING

Board Secretary returns 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.

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.

10. RESIDENT'S FORUM - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Board Policy #0167 encourages community participation in every meeting. However, the Board requests that the public respect a reasonable time limit when commenting on agenda items.

The Superintendent, Business Administrator and Board entered into general discussion regarding the following:

- BOE training in Washington DC and Philadelphia, and the Superintendent's attendance at this training.
- Sharing training with Pinelands staff.
- HIB legislation/connect with congress and senators.
- New super salary saving.
- Storm water issues.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Heinrichs, seconded by Mrs. Ruffo and carried by voice vote THAT: the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mrs. Ruffo

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjourned 7:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Brown", written in a cursive style.

Nicholas K. Brown

Business Administrator/Board Secretary