

Bass River Elementary School
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
March 25, 2020
5:30 PM Executive Session
6:00 PM Regular Session
Next regular meeting to be held on 4/7/20

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education meet in closed session to discuss matters as listed below. Items(s) so discussed will be disclosed to the public providing it does not violate New Jersey statutes and regulations regarding disclosure of Information affecting this matter.

1. Personnel Items

Motion for the Board to approve the resolution to move to Executive Session.

Time: _____

Voice Vote

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Mrs. Adams _____
Mr. Allen _____
Mr. Foder _____
Mrs. Heinrichs _____
Mr. Schmidt _____

Motion for the Board to approve adjourning Executive Session.

Time: _____

Voice Vote

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Mrs. Adams _____
Mr. Allen _____
Mr. Foder _____
Mrs. Heinrichs _____
Mr. Schmidt _____

3. **RECOGNITION**

“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.”

4. **ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Adams _____
Mr. Allen _____
Mr. Foder _____
Mrs. Heinrichs _____
Mr. Schmidt _____

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The floor is now open to members of the public. The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express with each statement made by a participant limited to three minutes as cited in Policy No. 0167.

7. **SEND/RECEIVE AGREEMENT**

Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as “Board”) operates a prekindergarten through sixth grade school district; and

WHEREAS, the Board is experiencing financial distress and declining enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that it does not have the resources to provide its students with a thorough and efficient education during the 2020-2021 school year and the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8 authorizes any board of education to enter into a sending-receiving relationship with another district whereby it sends its pupils to the receiving district’s schools for one grade or more in exchange for tuition payment; and

WHEREAS, the Little Egg Harbor Township School District operates a prekindergarten through sixth grade school district; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to explore appropriate alternatives for educating its students, the Board retained Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center (“SRI & ETTC”) of Stockton University for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study on entering into a sending-receiving relationship with the Little Egg Harbor Board of Education (“Little Egg Harbor”); and

WHEREAS, the results of the feasibility study indicated that the Board’s prekindergarten through sixth grade students could receive a thorough and efficient education at Little Egg Harbor; and;

WHEREAS, at the Board’s March 3, 2020 special meeting, the Board accepted the feasibility study conducted by SRI & ETTC; and

WHEREAS, at its regular business meeting on March 19, 2020, the Board’s Motion to approve the sending-receiving relationship with Little Egg Harbor failed; and

WHEREAS, as the Board is desirous of obtaining additional information regarding the feasibility of the sending-receiving relationship.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board has determined that due to fiscal restraints and declining enrollment, its prekindergarten through sixth grade students may no longer be able to receive a thorough and efficient education at Bass River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board has determined that its prekindergarten through sixth grade students may be able to receive a thorough and efficient education at Little Egg Harbor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board wishes to further explore and consider the feasibility of entering into an appropriate sending-receiving agreement whereby Little Egg Harbor will receive the Board's prekindergarten through sixth grade students beginning in the 2020-2021 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes its legal counsel to prepare and negotiate a sending-receiving agreement with Little Egg Harbor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Bass River officials shall conduct at least two (2) internal meetings with its legal counsel to review and consider the terms and conditions of the sending-receiving agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to voting on whether to approve the final sending-receiving agreement with Little Egg Harbor, Bass River will hold an advertised meeting to allow public comment on the sending-receiving relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after public comment on the final sending-receiving agreement with Little Egg Harbor, the Board will reconsider its March 19, 2020 Motion to approve the sending-receiving relationship with Little Egg Harbor.

Roll Call Vote

Motion by _____ Secoded by _____

Mrs. Adams _____
Mr. Allen _____
Mr. Foder _____
Mrs. Heinrichs _____
Mr. Schmidt _____

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Bass River Board of Education to adjourn at ____ pm

Voice Vote

Motion by _____ Secoded by _____

Mrs. Adams _____
Mr. Allen _____
Mr. Foder _____
Mrs. Heinrichs _____
Mr. Schmidt _____

MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Meeting - April 7, 2020