

**Bass River Elementary School**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
March 3, 2020

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **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.”

3. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Adams, Mr. Allen, Mr. Foder, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mr. Schmidt

**ABSENT:** 0

**Others Present:** Mrs. Siobhan Grayson, Principal/Superintendent  
Mr. Jonathan Yates, Board Secretary  
Mr. Nicholas Brown, Business Administrator  
Mr. Paul Kalac, Board Solicitor

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **FEASIBILITY STUDY PRESENTATION**

- **Mr. James Giaquinto, Stockton Research Institute**
  - Mr. Brown recapped the last 12 months of Bass River’s financials, prior to introducing Mr. Giaquinto, from Stockton Research Institute.

6. **BOARD QUESTIONS:**

- Mrs. Heinrichs:
  - Did both districts use the same discrepancy model?
- Mr. Foder:
  - Was information not handed over or not available?
- Mr. Schmidt:
  - Was operation and plant maintenance of 100K an estimate?
- Mrs. Adams:
  - Why not given a detail of leases through study.

7. **Motion to approve the following resolution:**

Motion by Mrs. Heinrichs, seconded by Mr. Allen and carried by roll call vote to approve THAT: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Bass River Board of Education does hereby accept the Feasibility Study from the Stockton Research Institute as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes:** Mr. Allen, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mr. Schmidt

**Nays:** Mrs. Adams, Mr. Foder

**Abstain:** 0

8. **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.

- Adam Sprague:
  - Class sizes and student/teacher ratio needs to be addressed.
  - What rate do you charge?
  - Does tenure staff have employment?
- Karl Swanseen:
  - What is the rate per student?
  - What is the total tuition rate?
  - Discussed regionalization, encourages BOE not to do knee-jerk reaction.
- Mrs. Adams:
  - Asked Mrs. Grayson to elaborate on larger regionalization study.
- Mr. Williams
  - Discussed feasibility - would entering send/receive preclude Bass River from voting rights on larger regionalization?
  - Will action be taken after executive session tonight?
- Carol Bitzberger:
  - Did study include debt of school district?
  - What is the debt remaining?
  - Feels state is at fault.
- Ashley Cramer:
  - How many students would we be charged for?
  - Why Little Egg Harbor? Why not Eagleswood or Tucketon?
- Mrs. Schmidt:
  - How do we get out of send/receive if it doesn't work out?
- Sara Nikko:
  - What is timeline?
- Karl Swanseen:
  - Study doesn't account for social impacts and property values.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Mr. Foder, seconded by Mrs. Heinrichs and carried by voice vote to approve the Board resolution to move to Executive Session.**

**Time: 8:24 pm.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education meet in closed session to discuss matters as listed below. Item(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.

**Voice Vote**

**Ayes:** Mrs. Adams, Mr. Allen, Mr. Foder, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mr. Schmidt

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion by Mr. Foder, seconded by Mrs. Heinrichs and carried by voice vote to approve adjournment of Executive Session.**

**9:31 pm.**

**Voice Vote**

**Ayes:** Mrs. Adams, Mr. Allen, Mr. Foder, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mr. Schmidt

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Foder, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by voice vote to approve that the Board adjourn the meeting.

adjourn at 9:32 pm

**Voice Vote**

**Ayes:** Mrs. Adams, Mr. Allen, Mr. Foder, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mr. Schmidt

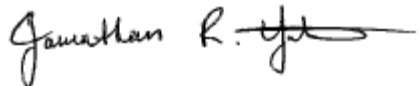
**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Regular Meeting - March 17, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,



Jonathan Yates  
Board Secretary