

**Bass River Elementary School**  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
April 23, 2020  
Special **REMOTE** Meeting  
5:30 PM Executive Session  
6:00 PM Regular Session  
Next regular meeting to be held on 5/5/20

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Time: 5:31 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.**

**Voice Vote**

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

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

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**

**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

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Foder, seconded by Mrs. Heinrichs and carried by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

**Voice Vote**

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

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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.

- None at this time.

8. **SEND/RECEIVE RESOLUTION**

Motion by Mrs. Heinrichs, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by roll call vote to approve the following:

**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 does not have the fiscal resources mandated 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 a local board of education to enter into a sending-receiving relationship with another public-school 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 ("Little Egg Harbor") 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; the feasibility study conducted by SRI & ETTC; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Board's March 3, 2020 special meeting, the Board accepted

**WHEREAS**, Little Egg Harbor has expressed a desire to enter into a send-receive agreement with the Board in which it will educate the Board's prekindergarten through sixth grade school district students on a tuition basis; and

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting on March 25, 2020, the Board tentatively approved a sending-receiving relationship with Little Egg Harbor, which approval was contingent upon certain conditions being met to the satisfaction of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of its tentative approval of the sending-receiving relationship, the Board authorized its legal counsel to prepare and negotiate a sending-receiving agreement with Little Egg Harbor; and

**WHEREAS**, in further satisfaction of the contingencies placed on the Board's tentative approval of the sending-receiving relationship, Bass River officials have conducted at least two (2) internal meetings with its legal counsel to review and consider the terms and conditions of the sending-receiving agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has held an advertised meeting to allow public comment on the sending-receiving relationship.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that all contingencies placed on the Board's March 25, 2020 tentative approval of entering into a sending-receiving relationship with the Little Egg Harbor Public School District have been met to the satisfaction of the Board; and

**Be it further Resolved** that the Board approves the sending-receiving agreement between the Board and Little Egg Harbor, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2026; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board's agents and representatives are hereby directed to take all necessary actions to effectuate the terms of the sending-receiving agreement with Little Egg Harbor.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

(Mr. Foder stated that he did not vote to approve the Stockton study).

9. **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mrs. Heinrichs, seconded by Mr. Foder and carried by roll call vote to approve THAT:

**UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

A. Motion to transfer all listed tenured staff to Little Egg Harbor Township School District in accordance with the sending/receiving agreement approved between Bass River Township School District and Little Egg Harbor Township School District. The Little Egg Harbor Township School District will make determinations for tenured staff placement within their District.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Joni	Burns	Counselor/CST Coordinator/School Social Worker
Deborah	Callan	Second Grade Teacher

Lori	Capaccio	Basic Skills Teacher
John	Dondero	Music Teacher
Jennifer	Gouveia	First Grade Teacher
Barbara	Kraus	Sixth Grade Teacher
Christopher	Manzer	Fourth Grade Teacher
Elizabeth	Nino	Kindergarten Teacher
Angela	Randall	Art/Technology Teacher
Allison	Russomanno	Third Grade Teacher
Regina	Schneider	PreK/Special Education Teacher
Virginia	Taylor	Special Education Teacher
Christina	Vezos	Special Education Teacher
Joan	Wallis	Fifth Grade Teacher

B. Effective June 30, 2020, motion to abolish all teaching staff positions, school nurse, instructional aides, secretaries, and custodians as Bass River School District will become a non-operating school District effective June 30, 2020 as a result of entering into Sending/Receiving agreement with Little Egg Harbor Township School District.

C. Effective June 30, 2020, Motion to not renew appointment of instructional aides, custodians, and secretaries due to abolishment of positions based upon closure of Bass River Elementary School due to entering into Sending/Receiving Agreement with Little Egg Harbor Township School District.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ann	Pomponio	Instructional Aide
Barbara	Hund	Instructional Aide
Rosanne	Lubrano	Instructional Aide
JoAnn	Stewart	Confidential Secretary
Christine	Somers	Confidential Secretary
Robert	Sprague	Custodian

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes:** Mrs. Adams, Mr. Allen, Mr. Foder, Mrs. Heinrichs, Mr. Schmidt  
**Nays:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0

10. **RESIDENTS' FORUM - GENERAL TOPICS**

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

- Mrs. Bitzberger
  - She said she cannot get on the virtual meeting (but was able to access this form to make comment).
- Mr. Swanseen:
  - What if regionalization happens prior to end?
  - Who will maintain school?
  - Duration of the agreement
    - The Board Secretary and Attorney provided answers to questions.

11. **BOARD FORUM**

- Mrs. Grayson

- 4/22 was administrative professionals day and wanted to thank them for their hard work.
- Mr. Foder
  - Thanked the president and vice president for holding the meeting to get this done.
  - Thanked parents and teachers for their hard work.
- Mrs. Heinrichs
  - Great job teachers and staff for a great job during remote learning.
- Mr. Schmidt
  - Thanks to staff for all their hard work
- Mrs. Adams
  - Thanked caregivers and grandparents for their extra work, amazing and encouraging that everyone is persevering for the younger generation. Thanked Mr. Kalac for his help. Thanked Mr. Schmidt for all his efforts.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION #2**

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

**Time: 6:30 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.**

**7:26 pm**

**Voice Vote**

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

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

adjourn at 7:27 pm

**Voice Vote**

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

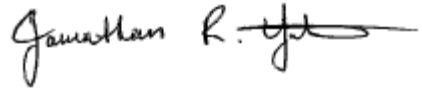
**Nays:** Mr. Foder

**Abstain:** 0

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Regular Meeting - May 5, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan R. Yates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal stroke at the end.

Jonathan Yates  
Board Secretary