

Bass River Elementary School
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
March 16, 2022
Media Center
Regular Meeting (Virtual/In Person)
6:30 PM Executive Session
7:00 PM Regular Session

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. 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.

- a. Attorney-Client Communication: contracts

4. 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.”

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 7, 2021 - [Regular Session](#)

December 7, 2021 - [Executive Session](#)

January 10, 2022 - [Reorganizational Meeting](#)

6. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 2022-2023 Tentative Budget Presentation
- Sale of School Building
 - Auction Closed 3/11
 - Winning Bid \$757,500
 - Closing date mid April TBD

8. BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS - BASS RIVER ([attachment #1](#))

A. [Mr. Karl Swanseen](#)

B. TBD

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

- A. Board Discussion - BOE candidates

10. VACANT BOARD MEMBER SEAT - BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP

Motion to approve the following to fill the vacant Board member seat for Bass River Township until the next organizational meeting of the Bass River Board of Education:

- A. TBD

11. NEW BOARD MEMBERS OATH

Mr. Brown will administer the oath of office to elected board member TBD.

[\(Attachment #2\)](#)

12. CODE OF ETHICS

Motion to approve the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BASS RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION to adopt the following 18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members as listed a through j:

- a) I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b) I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Board.
- f) 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.
- g) I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But 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 schools.
- h) I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i) I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j) I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

13. RESIDENT'S FORUM - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to comment. Each statement made by a participant is limited to three minutes as cited in Policy No. 0167. The public may comment on any item on the agenda at this time. General public comment will occur later in the meeting.

14. BOARD WORK SESSION

- Business Administrator applications & interviews

15. MOTION TO APPROVE DONATIONS

Motion to approve the donation of Spring Playground Equipment and dumpsters to Bass River Township.

16. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT HIGHEST BID

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:20-2 et seq., and District Policy #7300, the Bass River Board of Education (the “Board”) is authorized to sell any real property, capital improvements or personal property, or interests therein, no longer needed for school purposes, by open public sale at auction, to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the Bass River Elementary School Property (located at 11 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, New Jersey; Block 56, Lots 36 and 37) was no longer needed for school purposes and therefore held a public auction, via GovDeals, in connection with the sale of same; and

WHEREAS, when the auction closed on or about March 11, 2022, Eli Blech (“Mr. Blech”) of Lakewood, New Jersey was the highest bidder for the Bass River Elementary School Property, with a final bid of **\$757,500.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to accept Mr. Blech’s final bid of **\$757,500.00**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bass River Township Board of Education that the Board hereby accepts the highest bid of **\$757,500.00** offered by Mr. Blech for the Bass River Elementary School Property, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth on and linked to the relevant auction webpage of the GovDeals website, including but not limited to the “Purchase Agreement”; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Bass River Township Board of Education that the Board hereby authorizes and directs Board officers, employees, agents and/or professionals to perform all of the tasks and execute all of the documents that will affect the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

17. FINANCE

- A. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve all bills and claims for March 16, 2022 in the amount of \$260,861.10 which are presented for approval. [\(Attachment #3\)](#)
- B. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve all Line Item Transfers and Adjustments as per attachments. [\(Attachment #4-December, Attachment #4a-January, Attachment #4b-February\)](#)
- C. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the December, January & February Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, that as of December 2021, January & February 2022, no major budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Bass River Township Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.2, and no budgetary line item has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a)1. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c)2, it is certified that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the months of December 2021, January & February 2022. [\(Attachment #5-December, Attachment #5a-January, Attachment #5b-February\)](#)

Jonathan R. Yates
Board Secretary

March 16, 2022
Date

- D. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Board of Education’s Monthly Certification: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c)4, the Bass River Township Board of Education certifies that as of December 2021, January & February 2022, and after review of the secretary’s monthly financial report appropriations section as presented, and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, that to the best of the Board’s knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a)1, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- E. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer’s report and the Board Secretary’s report which are in agreement for the period ending December 2021; January & February 2022. [\(Attachment #6-December, Attachment #6a-January, Attachment #6b-February\)](#)
- F. **TENTATIVE BUDGET JUNE 30, 2022**
Resolved that the Board of Education hereby adopts the preliminary budget for the 2022-2023 school year, as follows, subject to final approval or modification at the public hearing on May 3, 2022.

<u>BASS RIVER</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2022-2023 Total Expenditures:	\$1,948,723	\$0	\$0	\$1,948,723

Less: Anticipated Revenues:	\$891,839	\$0	\$0	\$891,839
Taxes to be Raised:	\$1,056,884	\$0	\$0	\$1,056,884

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to advertise said tentative budget in The Press of Atlantic City in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public meeting be held in the Bass River Elementary School Building, New Gretna, New Jersey on May 3, 2022 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2022-2023 School Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to approve travel and related expense reimbursement per policy. Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-73 budgeted travel expenses do not exceed \$10,000.

18. 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.

19. BOARD FORUM

20. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BASS RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION to adjourn at _____ pm

MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Meeting - (May 3, 2022)