

**Bass River Township Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, New Jersey was held at 7:00PM, Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at the Bass River Elementary School.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. McGeoch. Notice of the meeting was published in the official Board of Education newspaper, The Press of Atlantic City, as well as posted on the bulletin board at Bass River Elementary School, and was filed with the Municipal Clerk of Bass River Township.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. McGeoch led the group in the pledge to the flag.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch, Mr. Nutt
Members Absent: Mr. Hamilton
Administration Present: Mr. Larry Mathis, Superintendent
Mr. Stephen J. Brennan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – N/A

5. MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2009 (**Attachment #1**).

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. 1. Art Teacher

Moved by Mrs. Cramer and seconded by Mrs. Gobosack that the Board of Education approve Angela Stella-Randall as Art Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year at a pro-rated annual salary of \$14,142 (Step 4 BA 1/5/5), pending negotiations.

Discussion: The Superintendent provided the Board with a brief background of the candidate. He then introduced Ms. Stella-Randall to the Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

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2. Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education amend 6.A.1. to read “as an emergent hire.”

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

B. Part-Time Custodian

Motion was made by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the board of Education approve William Gudo, Jr., as Part-Time Custodian for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$9.88 per hour (Step 1 - \$9,485 per year, prorated, pending negotiations).

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

C. Substitutes

Motion was made by Mrs. Gobosack and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve Krista Harrsch as a non-instructional substitute for the 2009-2010 school year.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

D. Superintendent’s Report

- The Superintendent updated the Board on the QSAC process and the fact that it should expect a recommendation to approve its submittal to the Executive County Superintendent during its November meeting.
- Mr. Mathis provided the Board with positive feedback on the accomplishments of the new Head Custodian.
- The Superintendent provided an update on the following issues:
 - Painting of all-purpose room
 - Front door installation

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS - N/A

B. 1. NEW BUSINESS

Travel/Training (Attachment #2)

Moved by Mrs. Gobosack, and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the attached seminars/workshops and all associated costs.

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Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

C. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. Shared Service Update

The Business Administrator and Superintendent provided the Board a brief update of the following:

- a) Business Office Inter Local Agreement
- b) Special Education Pilot Program

8. 2009 NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP

The Business Administrator reminded the Board of the New Jersey School Boards Association annual convention on October 28-30, 2009 at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. BUDGET TRANSFERS (Attachment #3)

Moved by Mrs. Cramer and seconded by Mrs. Gobosack that the Board of Education approve the budgetary transfers.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

B. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT – AUGUST 31, 2009 (Attachment #4)

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Gobosack that the Board of Education approve the following:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:2302.12(d), I do certify that as of August 31, 2009, no budgetary line item accounts have been over-expended in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

C. TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS REPORT – AUGUST 31, 2009 (Attachment #4a)

Moved by Mrs. Gobosack and seconded by Mr. Nutt that the Board of Education approve the following: The August 31, 2009 Treasurer of School Funds Reports are in agreement with the August 31, 2009 Reports of the Board Secretary.

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Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

D. BOARD CERTIFICATION

Moved by Mrs. Cramer and seconded by Mrs. Gobosack that the Board of Education approve the following:

It is recommended that the Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20.10(e), certify that as of August 31, 2009 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and Treasurer's Reports and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.12(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

E. BILLS LIST (Attachment #5)

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Gobosack that the Board of Education approve the Bills list for October 20, 2009.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

F. COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN (Attachment #6)

Moved by Mrs. Gobosack and seconded by Mr. Nutt that the Board of Education approve the following:

RESOLVED, that the Bass River Township Board of Education approve the submittal of the 2009 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan to the Burlington County Executive Superintendent

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bass River Township Board of Education certifies that the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan is complete and in compliance with N.J.A.C 6A:26A-3 and it includes activities and expenditures for each school facility that qualify as requires maintenance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A26A-2 and are reasonable to ensure such facilities are kept open and safe for use or in its original condition and maintain the validity of warranties.

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Discussion: The Business Administrator provided the Board with an explanation of the purpose of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

G. COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC PURCHASING

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing

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reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

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FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Discussion: The Business Administrator explained that the resolution authorizing the District, in cooperation with many other school districts, to competitively purchase electric and gas.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

H. COOPERATIVE GAS PURCHASING

Moved by Mrs. Gobosack and seconded by Mr. Nutt that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public

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School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreement entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

I. GRANT AWARD – REAP (Attachment #7)

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of the REAP Grant for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$19,761.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

J. FIELD TRIPS

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the following field trip:

Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2010
Destination: Bay Atlantic Symphony at Stockton College
Purpose: 3rd and 4th Grade

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

K. USE OF FACILITIES

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the following use of facilities:

Date: October 1, 2009 – March 25, 2010
Room: All Purpose Room
Group: LEHT Softball – Lightning

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Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

L. TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the Pupil Transportation Contract Transfer Agreement between Bass River School District and Pinelands Regional School District. This agreement transfers ownership for Durham School Services contract C, route C from Bass River to Pinelands.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

**M. EDUCATION SERVICES UNIT OF BURLINGTON COUNTY
AGREEMENT (Attachment #8)**

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Board of Education approve the Agreement for Professional Services between the Educational Services Unit of Burlington County and Bass River Board of Education as attached.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – N/A

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nutt and seconded by Mrs.
+Cramer that the Board of Education adjourn the Board meeting at 7:36PM.

Voice Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Gobosack, Mr. McGeoch and Mr. Nutt
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen J. Brennan, Board Secretary