

**FORT LEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORT LEE, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES – SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2014

Fort Lee High School Library/Media Center,
3000 Lemoine Ave. Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

1. The Public Work Session was called to order at 8:10 PM by Mr. Joseph Surace, Vice President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. Jeff Weinberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Fort Lee Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the entrance hall of the Board Office, 2175 Lemoine Avenue; published in the Board's designated online media outlet/newspapers: The Record, The Star Ledger, The Suburbanite; filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Fort Lee; and mailed to all persons, if any, who have requested said notice. Please be advised that this meeting is being taped and will be broadcasted on local TV and the district's website at a future date.

During the course of the board meeting, the Fort Lee Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Fort Lee Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks all members of the public to be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comment in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh, and Mr. Joseph Surace

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paul Saxton, Dr. Sharon Amato, Mr. David L. Rinderknecht, and Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

ABSENT: Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, and Ms. Helen Yoon

5. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2013

- ◆ For the month of December 2013.

	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2013.	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, and Ms. Helen Yoon were absent.
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6. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS CERTIFICATION – DECEMBER 2013

- ◆ For the month of December 2013.

	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba Monthly Budget Status Certification for the month of December 2013.	Seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, and Ms. Helen Yoon were absent.
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7. PUBLIC WORK SESSION

- ◆ Jeanne Perantoni, from SSP Architectural Group, spoke about the following projects.
 1. Lewis F. Cole Middle School addition and alterations. Bids were received on January 16, 2014 and it is recommended to award the bid to Vanas Construction Co., Inc.
 2. Fort Lee High School Window Replacement bids was received on January 16, 2014. Due to the bids being over budget, it is recommended that bids be rejected and the project be negotiated as allowed by law.
 3. Mrs. Jeanne Perantoni explained the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) and recommended that the Board authorize moving forward with this project. There was an opportunity for questions and answers.
 4. The Master Plan Update was also explained and discussed.

At approximately 8:35 PM, Mr. Peter Suh, offered, seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver, to open the meeting for Public Comments and Questions. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND ANY OTHER TOPIC OF CONCERN-None

- ◆ Mr. Peter Suh, offered, seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff, to close Public Comment. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

9. ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Board Committee	
#1B	APPROVE PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SESSION
Buildings and Grounds	
#1B&G	APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS
#2B&G	AWARD BID FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL WINDOW REPLACEMENT

#3B&G	AWARD BID FOR THE LEWIS F. COLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS	
#4B&G	AUTHORIZING ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT	
#5B&G	PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ESIP)	
#6B&G	INTERIOR RENOVATION PROJECT AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL	
<u>Curriculum Committee</u>		
#1CUR	APPROVAL OF AMENDED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2013-2014 TO REPLACE A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY AND ACCOUNT FOR SNOW DAY(S)	
<u>Finance</u>		
#1F	APPROVAL – LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR DECEMBER 2013	
#2F	APPROVAL OF PAYMENT	
<u>Personnel</u>		
#1P	APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES TOTALING \$1,252.70	
<u>APPROVE PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>		
<p>WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act and the Fort Lee Board of Education reserve the right within the constraints of State Law to sit in Private Session; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, there now exists a need for this Board of Education to meet in Private Session;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education conduct a Private Executive Session at 7pm on February 10, 2014 to discuss exempt matters pertaining to personnel, legal matters and any such matters that may come before the Board; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public will be informed regarding the topics discussed in Private at a later date undetermined at this time.</p>		
	Motion by Mrs. Esther Han Silver To Approve #1B, #1B&G-#6B&G, #1CUR, #1F-#2F and #1P	Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, and Ms. Helen Yoon were absent. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name on Resolution #1P.

10. **OLD BUSINESS - None**

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

12. At approximately 8:45 PM, Mrs. Candace Romba, offered, seconded by Mr. Peter Suh, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



MR. DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

DLR/mp
Att. 2-11-14