

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

MINUTES – REORGANIZATION MEETING

Monday, January 6, 2014

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Mr. David L. Rinderknecht, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. Yusang Park led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Mr. David Rinderknecht read the following statement:
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.

4. **REPORT RESULTS OF THE ELECTION**

- ◆ Mr. David Rinderknecht reported the results of the election for the Fort Lee Board of Education members at the election on November 5, 2013 as follows:

Nominations	# Votes Cast
Jeffrey Weinberg	1,559
Candace Romba	1,416
Yusang Park	1,305
Carmelo Luppino	892
Personal Choice	14

5. **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO THREE ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

- ◆ Mr. Jeff Weinberg, Mrs. Candace Romba and Mr. Yusang Park, having received the most votes for three positions on the Fort Lee Board of Education were then administered the oaths of office by Mr. David Rinderknecht.

6. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, Ms. Helen Yoon and Mr. Yusang Park

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

ABSENT: None

7. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND ELECTION THERETO AS CONDUCTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD. UPON ELECTION THE PRESIDENT SHALL THEN ASSUME THE CHAIR

- ◆ Mr. David Rinderknecht announced that the floor is open for nominations for President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
- ◆ Mr. Joseph Surace nominated Mr. Yusang Park for the office of President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
- ◆ Mrs. Holly Morell offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba to close nominations and for the Board Secretary to cast one ballot for Mr. Yusang Park as President of the Fort Lee Board of Education. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT AND ELECTION THERETO

- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park assumed the position of Board President and called for nominations for the position of Board Vice President.
- ◆ Mr. Peter Suh nominated Mr. Joseph Surace for the office of Vice President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
- ◆ Mrs. Holly Morell offered, seconded by Mr. Peter Suh to close nominations for Vice President and for the Board Secretary to cast one ballot for Mr. Joseph Surace as Vice President of the Fort Lee Board of Education. The motion was carried unanimously.

9. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA

- ◆ Mr. Peter Suh offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, to open the meeting to the Public for Questions. There being no questions, it was moved by Mr. Peter Suh, seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell to close the meeting to the public. The motion was carried unanimously.

10. RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING

- A. Designating Official Newspapers/Online Media Outlet for notices and legal advertisements.
- B. Approving the schedule of Board meetings for the 2014 calendar year.
- C. Naming depositories for Board funds.
- D. Approving to adopt Curricula and Programs for the 2013-2014 school year.
- E. Approving to adopt the Curriculum Textbooks for use during the 2013-2014 school year.
- F. Approving the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Education for the 2014 calendar year.
- G. Adopt New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics.
- H. Appointment of Auditor for the 2013-2014 school year.
- I. Appointment of Architect of Record for the 2014 calendar year.
- J. Appointment of Board Attorney and Negotiations Attorney for the 2014 calendar year.
- K. Appointment of Construction Attorney for the 2014 calendar year.
- L. Appointment of Board Secretary.
- M. Approving the Chart of Accounts for the 2014 calendar year.

- ◆ Mr. David Sarnoff offered, seconded by Mrs. Han Silver, to approve all motions except (A and J). On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

11. RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON

Curriculum Committee		
#1CUR	APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIPS AT NO COST TO THE DISTRICT	
	Motion by Ms. Helen Yoon To Approve #1CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, all voted unanimously.

Finance		
#1F	APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST TOTALING \$817,220.99	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, all voted unanimously, except Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name on Resolution #1F.

Health-Welfare and Safety		
#1HWS	APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR THERAPY ASSOCIATES AS ADDITIONAL RELATED SERVICE PROVIDER FOR 2013-2014	
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1HWS	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, all voted unanimously.

Personnel		
#1P	APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES TOTALING \$2,880.04	
#2P	APPOINTMENT OF MELANIE MARKARIAN AS ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT SCHOOL NO. 4	
#3P	SALARY CORRECTION FOR MICHELLE DESIERVO AS 3/5TH BSI MATHEMATICS TEACHER AT SCHOOL NO. 3	
#4P	PLACEMENT OF STUDENT TEACHER FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING FOR SPRING 2014	
#5P	APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CO-CURRICULAR PERSONNEL FOR 2013-2014	
#6P	MEDICAL LEAVE FOR SUSAN GRGAS AS 1:1 AIDE AT SCHOOL NO. 2	
#7P	APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES FOR 2013-2014	
#8P	APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT GUIDANCE PROGRAMS K-12	
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1P - #8P	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, all voted unanimously.

12. OFFERED BY Mrs. Candace Romba SECONDED BY Mrs. Holly Morell

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
WHEREAS, there now exists a need for this Board of Education to meet in Private Session; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education recess into Private Work Session to discuss exempt matters pertaining to personnel, legal matters and any such matters that may come before the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public will be informed regarding the topics discussed in Private at a later date undetermined at this time.

On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

RECESS FOR PRIVATE SESSION

- ♦ At approximately 7:50 PM, the Public Meeting was resumed. Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, Mrs. Esther Han Silver, seconded by, to approve (A and J) motions. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
13. At approximately 7:56 PM, Mr. Joseph Surace, offered, Mr. Peter Suh, seconded by, to adjourn the Public Meeting. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,



David L. Rinderknecht
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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Attachments