

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

MINUTES – PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, July 14, 2014

Fort Lee High School Auditorium,
3000 Lemoine Ave. Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

1. The Public Work Session was called to order at 8:08 PM by Mr. Yusang Park, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. Peter Suh 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: Mr. Yusang Park, Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg and Ms. Helen Yoon

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paul Saxton, Dr. Sharon Amato, Mrs. Ana M. Flores, Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

ABSENT: Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. Michael Morell and Mr. Michael Zhadanovsky

5. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

◆ Mr. Paul Saxton spoke about parking issues at the Middle School in connection with a planned addition. He stated that a plan will be brought to the Board for the July 28, 2014 meeting. Traffic flow issues at School #2 were also explained.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Reported by Chairperson of respective committee

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| 1. Board Report (by President) | 7. Policy |
| 2. Negotiations | 8. Finance |
| 3. School Security | 9. Technology – District Technology Purchase |
| 4. Buildings & Grounds | 10. Contracts and Legal |
| 5. Personnel | 11. Athletics and Community Involvement |
| 6. Curriculum | |

- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park reported that the Board Goal Setting Meeting has been rescheduled to July 21, 2014 from July 19, 2014. He also announced that the Board will start the Superintendent search and he has appointed an Ad Hoc School Security Committee consisting of Mr. David Sarnoff, Mrs. Esther Han Silver and Mr. Jeff Weinberg to assist the Board in the process.
- ◆ Personnel Committee Report – Mrs. Holly Morell reported that a Personnel Committee Meeting was held on July 10, 2014.
- ◆ Negotiations Committee - Mrs. Holly Morell reported that the committee met on July 10, 2014. Fact Finding sessions are scheduled for July 16th and on July 24th.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Private Executive Session and the Regular Business Meeting on June 30, 2014.

	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell	Seconded by Ms. Helen Yoon	
	The minutes from the Private Executive Session and the Regular Business Meeting on June 30, 2014.	On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.	

8. PUBLIC WORK SESSION-None

Mr. David Sarnoff, offered, seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell, to open the meeting for Public Comments and Questions. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

9. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND ANY OTHER TOPIC OF CONCERN

- ◆ Mrs. Nancy Stern expressed disappointment that the board has chosen to do a search by committee and not the full board. Further discussion involved whether there would be a formal discussion tonight regarding the Superintendent search, including the criteria to be established.
- ◆ Additional comments, questions and public discussion involved the appointment of an Academy of Finance academic consultant and a professional development advisor.
- ◆ Concerns were expressed regarding administrative costs. A suggestion was made to consider qualifying student council hours as community service.
- ◆ Comments were made about increasing help to the Central Office and reducing help to teachers as a result of cutting paraprofessional staff. Other questions and comments addressed the number of candidates for the position of Special Services Director, the traffic plan at School #2 and the mentoring plan.
- ◆ Further discussion involved the need for hiring a professional development advisor and Middle School STEM Program. It was also suggested that public input is needed in the

Superintendent search process and that all board members should participate and hold discussions in public.

At approximately 9:05 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Ms. Helen Yoon, to close the Public Questions and Comments portion of the meeting. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

10. ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Board Committee		
#1B	APPROVE PRIVATE WORK SESSION	
#2B	APPROVE ADDITIONAL WORK FOR PHONE SYSTEM PURCHASE	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1B & #2B	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.

Buildings and Grounds		
#1B&G	RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1B&G	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.

Curriculum Committee		
#1CUR	APPROVAL OF EDMENTUM/STUDY ISLAND STUDENT LICENSE FOR FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR	
#2CUR	APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FOUNTAS & PINNELL LEVELED LITERACY INTERVENTION KITS TO BE USED BY THE BSI & SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS FOR SCHOOL NO. 2	
#3CUR	APPROVAL OF CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS (CAL) PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ON THE SHELTERED INSTRUCTION OBSERVATION PROTOCOL (SIOP) FOR TEACHERS	
#4CUR	APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FROM DR. JAMIE ZIBULSKY FOR THE RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI) PROGRAM	
	Motion by Ms. Helen Yoon To Approve #1CUR - #4CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.
#5CUR This Motion Not	APPROVAL OF NEW TEACHER MENTORING PROGRAM GUIDE FOR FORT LEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	

Moved		
#6CUR	APPOINTMENT OF LINDA FARRELL AS AN ACADEMIC CONSULTANT TO THE ACADEMY OF FINANCE (AOF) PROGRAM DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #6CUR	Seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.
#7CUR	APPOINTMENT OF DR. JOHN CAMPION AS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #6CUR & #7CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.
#8CUR	APPROVAL OF EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM (ESDP) AGREEMENT WITH JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES (JFS) FOR 2014-2015	
	Motion by Ms. Helen Yoon To Approve #8CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.

Finance		
#1F	APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST TOTALING \$4,679,384.95	
#2F	APPROVAL OF AMENDED FIRST STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS FOR 2014-2015	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F & #2F	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent. Mrs. Holly Morell abstained from her name on Resolution #1F.

Health-Welfare and Safety		
#1HWS	PAYMENT OF HOME INSTRUCTION SERVICES	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1HWS	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.

Personnel		
#1P	APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES AT NO COST TO THE DISTRICT	

#2P	SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR PATRICK AMBROSIO FROM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL TO PRINCIPAL AT SCHOOL NO. 4	
#3P	RESCIND APPOINTMENT OF MARIA MANALIS AS 1:1 AIDE IN LEONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
#4P	TRANSFER OF FRANCESCA MANENTE TO 1:1 AIDE AT LEONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR AND APPOINT FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR	
#5P	RESCIND APPOINTMENT OF GABRIELLE LOMBARDI AS LEAVE REPLACEMENT AT SCHOOL NO. 3	
#6P	RETIREMENT OF ALBERTO NAVAS AS CUSTODIAN AT SCHOOL NO. 2	
#7P	EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR BUS SERVICES	
#8P	APPOINTMENT OF BUS AIDES FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR	
#9P	APPOINTMENT OF MARK HANLEY AS HOME INSTRUCTOR FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR	
#10P	APPROVAL OF MARCHING BAND CAMP STAFF FOR SUMMER 2014	
#11P	SICKDAY PAYOUT FOR 2013-2014 RETIREES	
#12P	UNUSED VACATION PAYOUT FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR	
#13P	AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 26368 FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF 2014 PROJECT JUMP START SUMMER PROGRAM STAFF	
#14P	APPOINTMENT OF IRENE O'BRIEN FROM PART-TIME CLERK TYPIST TO 10-MONTH SECRETARY AT SCHOOL NO. 1	
#15P	ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1P - #15P	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name, Jack DeNichilo on Resolution #12P.

#1T	APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF LAPTOPS AND PRINTER FOR DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS	
#2T	APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOKS AND ACCESSORIES	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1T - #2T	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.

11. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

12. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

13. At approximately 9:20 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Ms. Helen Yoon, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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Att. 7-18-14