

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

**MINUTES – PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

Monday, April 7, 2014

Fort Lee High 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. Yusang Park, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Ms. Helen Yoon 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. 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,  
Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq., Mr. Michael Morell and Mr. Michael Zhadanovsky

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Esther Han Silver

**5. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

- ◆ Mr. Paul Saxton reported on the passing of a first grade student at School #4. Mr. Saxton explained how the security system cameras are set up and the capability for the police to access the system involving interior and exterior coverage.
- ◆ Student Board members Mr. Morell and Mr. Zhadanovshy reported on school activities and accomplishments including Winterguard running first place in a national competition and the Junior Class Black Light Dance.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Reported by Chairperson of respective committee-None**

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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                  |  |

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Private Executive Session and the Special Public Business Meeting on March 24, 2014.

	<b>Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba</b>	<b>Seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff</b>	
	The minutes from the Private Executive Session and the Special Public Business Meeting on March 24, 2014.	On roll call, Motion carried. *Please note that Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Mr. Jeff Weinberg abstained from the March 24, 2014 meeting and Mr. Joseph Surace (no to the public) from the March 24, 2014 meeting.	

Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, 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**

- ◆ Mrs. Nancy Stern explained the history and agreement with neighbors when field lights were installed and that they are not to be used after 9:30pm. She also questioned what would happen if any staff requested that their evaluation discussion be held in a public meeting since there is not a public meeting scheduled on April 16, 2014.
- ◆ A question was waived regarding the Use of Facilities Policy that does not address personnel and the need for overtime and expenditures on overtime would take away funds for other needs.
  - ◆ The need for stability among principal assignments was addressed.
  - ◆ The issue of relocatable classrooms at School #2 was also discussed and the request to look at other options was made.
  - ◆ With respect to the purposed locations of relocatable modular classrooms at School #2 a concern was expressed about small children being a long distance from the existing building.

At approximately 8:35 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff, to close Public Comment. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

9. **ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<b>Board Committee</b>		
<b>#1B</b>	<b>APPROVE PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1B	Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Esther Han Silver was absent.

<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>		
<b>#1B&amp;G</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH WINDSTREAM</b>	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1B&G	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Esther Han Silver was absent.

<b>Curriculum Committee</b>		
<b>#1CUR</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIPS AT A COST TO THE DISTRICT OF \$230.00</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Esther Han Silver was absent.

<b>Finance</b>		
<b>#1F</b>	<b>APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST TOTALING \$5,110,791.21</b>	
<b>#2F</b>	<b>SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT FOR 2014-2015</b>	
<b>#3F</b>	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS</b>	
<b>#4F</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL DATA SERVICES FOR 2014-2015</b>	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F - #4F	Seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Esther Han Silver was absent. Please note that Mrs. Candace Romba abstained from one name on Resolution #1F.

<b>Health-Welfare and Safety</b>		
<b>#1HWS</b>	<b>PAYMENT OF HOME AND BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1HWS - #3HWS	Seconded by Mr. Jeff Weinberg On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Esther Han Silver was absent.

<b>Personnel</b>		
<b>#1P</b>	<b>APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES TOTALING \$210.13</b>	
<b>#2P</b>	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT OF ARLENE SCALA AS 12-MONTH SECRETARY AT LEWIS F. COLE MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	
<b>#3P</b>	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF ADAM WINKLER AS CHEMISTRY TEACHER AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL</b>	
<b>#4P</b>	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF NICOLE SCHULTZ AS CLASSROOM AIDE AT SCHOOL NO. 1</b>	
<b>#5P</b>	<b>TRANSFER OF AIDES FOR 2013-2014</b>	
<b>#6P</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES FOR 2013-2014</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1P - #6P	Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Esther Han Silver was absent.

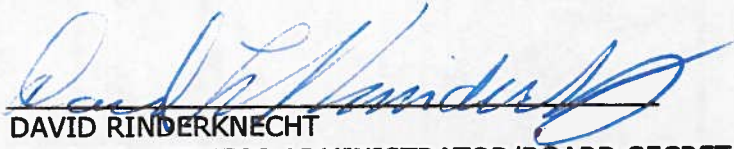
<b>Policy</b>		
<b>#1POL</b>	<b>SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICIES AND REGULATIONS: POLICY 5561 USE OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINT</b>	
	Motion by Mr. Peter Suh To Approve #1POL (As Amended)	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Esther Han Silver was absent.

10. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

11. **NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. David Sarnoff thanked the PTA from School #3 for their generous donation.

12. At approximately 8:42 PM, Mr. David Sarnoff, offered, seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID RINDERKNECHT  
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

AMF/mp  
Att. 4-17-14