

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

MINUTES – SPECIAL PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Monday, July 22, 2013

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

1. The Special Public Work Session was called to order at 8:01 PM by Mr. Yusang Park, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.

2. Mrs. Candace Romba 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: Fort Lee Patch.com, 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. Holly Morell, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Joseph Surace, and Mr. Yusang Park

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Sharon Amato, Mrs. Cheryl Balletto and Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

ABSENT: Mr. Carmelo Luppino Jr. and Ms. Helen Yoon

5. **SPECIAL PUBLIC WORK SESSION: PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL PUBLIC WORK SESSION -**
 ♦ **TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, SCHOOL SECURITY, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, FINANCE, HEALTH-WELFARE & SAFETY, POLICY AND ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY ARISE.**
6. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**
7. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND ANY OTHER TOPIC OF CONCERN**
- ♦ A resident asked who is going to run the district if there is no superintendent.
 - ♦ Mr. Dennis McKeever stated there is a possibility the state will come in.
 - ♦ A resident asked what is the status of the High School Principal.
 - ♦ Mr. Yusang Park said candidates are being interviewed.
 - ♦ A resident asked who is running the district and who on the board is representing the school district with the planning board.
 - ♦ Mr. Yusang Park and Mrs. Candace Romba responded.
 - ♦ A resident asked about the attendance record of Mr. Carmelo Luppino.
 - ♦ Mr. Yusang Park said the minutes that are posted on the website has who was in attendance.
 - ♦ A resident asked is the district going to close on the Special Election day.
 - ♦ Mr. Yusang Park stated the board will be deciding that soon.
 - ♦ A resident criticized the board for a lack of a Superintendent and Mr. Yusang Park disagreed.
8. **RESOLUTIONS** – TABLED
9. At approximately 8:08 PM, Mrs. Candace Romba, offered, Mr. Peter Suh seconded by, to open the meeting for public comment. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
10. At approximately 8:20 PM, Mr. Peter Suh, offered, Mrs. Esther Han Silver, seconded by, to close the meeting to the public and go into the Special Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
11. At approximately 8:22 PM, Mr. Peter Suh, offered, Mrs. Holly Morell, seconded by, to adjourn the Special Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Roll calls and resolutions of this meeting are attached.

Respectfully submitted by,



 ROBERT BROWN
 INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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 Att.
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