

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

MINUTES

**PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
April 6, 2020
Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/452740549>
6:45 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Mrs. Han Silver.

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. DiMeglio.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public Announcement was read by Mrs. Han Silver.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Elisa Cho, Ms. Paula K. Colbath, Mr. Ralph DiMeglio, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mrs. Kristen Richter, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. Michael Rubino, Mrs. Lauran Tuck, Mrs. Esther Han Silver.

Also Present: Mr. Kenneth Rota, Ms. Haquisha Q. Taylor, Dr. Sharon Amato, Dennis McKeever, Board Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mrs. Morell, at 6:50 p.m., to move into Executive Session.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 9-0.

The Board reconvened into the Public Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Rota shared that there were two (2) HIB investigations. One (1) was founded. One consequence is alternative schooling.

Mr. Rota shared that the Fire and Security Drills for February were conducted and have been posted for the Board's review. He is waiting to hear from the Department of Education if the district will be required to meet Drill Requirements for March.

Mr. Rota shared that we are in week four of our online instructional program and the teachers and students continue to make progress. The program is moving in a positive direction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Mrs. Romba inquired about the number of free and reduced meals the district is providing. Ms. Taylor shared how the number is comprised of the district providing free-and-reduced meals to the families with the support of local restaurants such as Jersey Mike's.

Mrs. Tuck publically applauds the PTA, administration, and office staff providing ongoing excellent educational online instruction.

Ms. Colbath is in favor of reducing the pay rate of hourly employees by 10 or 20 % and asked the Board if this is a course of consideration, and inquired if substitute teachers are receiving compensation. Ms. Taylor explained that it is unknown at this time if part-time employees and stipend-paid employees' pay rate can be reduced based on the logistics of the employees' contracts.

Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Romba expressed opposing views and believe the part-time employees should continue to be paid during these very difficult times due to the global pandemic regarding COVID-19 requiring the closure of all public schools across the State of New Jersey. Board conversation ensued regarding this topic, referring to item 3F on the Agenda.

HEARING OF CITIZENS - QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND ANY OTHER TOPIC OF CONCERN

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mrs. Richter, to open the floor to the public, 8:00 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 9-0.

Mr. Kyle Sanford inquired about alternate ways to distribute lunches to the other schools. Mr. Rota shared the challenges distributing lunches to other schools.

Mrs. Luba Veilend expressed appreciation to the Board for keeping the wheels rolling regarding educational online instruction during these unprecedented times and she hopes families are staying safe and remain well. She shared concerns of the possibility of students falling behind due to the fact that the students accomplish their tasks early afternoon. She inquired if the administration is looking into alternative instructional programs. Mr. Rota shared that the teachers and administration are researching all online instructional options.

Mr. Howard Lipoff expressed that he was pleased that the consensus of the Board established a resolution to continue to pay the part-time staff during these despairing times.

Mr. David Sarnoff applauds the Board and Administration how well the online classes are being conducted and impressed how well the educational assignments are being distributed. He also inquired if the Board has explored the option of pass/fail for grades 7 through 12. Mr. Rota shared that it has been briefly discussed with the administration and no determination has been made at this time.

Mr. David Smith inquired if the Board has any time frame when kindergarten registration will open. Mr. Rota shared that the Registrar is doing the best electronically to prepare for Fall registration.

Ms. Julene Stassou agrees with Mrs. Veilend of the possibility of the students falling behind because there is no direct instructional teaching at this time of crisis. She made suggestions of alternative online instructional teaching methods. Mr. Rota shared that it's still a learning curve and the teachers are collaborating to provide the most productive online instructions for the students. Ms. Stassou further shared that she is collecting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and donating the PPE to Englewood Hospital. In addition, Ms. Stassou and Tanya of the Middle School is buying masks and providing them to senior citizens. She inquired if there is a way to spread the word of their collection of PPE if any of the public is interested in donating. She furthered inquired if the school district could possibly partner with local eateries.

Margarita is also in agreement with Ms. Stassou and Ms. Veilend that the administration and teachers should be more aggressive in teaching lessons via teleconference platforms.

Andre stated that having individual chromebooks appeared to be a huge advantage for our students but would greatly benefit if physical textbooks can be provided instead of digital textbooks. Dr. Amato explained that the entire textbook containing all the appropriate material is online. Mr. Rota explained that it would be a challenge for administrators, teachers or custodians to go to the middle school to distribute hard copies of textbooks during these unprecedented times. Dr. Amato shared that many of the textbooks can be purchased through Amazon.

Ms. Audrey Greenberg shared that the teachers and Board are doing an excellent job during these challenging times. She expressed concern that the students are not being provided enough attention and that they need more structure because some students are not performing at the same level online teaching provides compared to a classroom based teaching environment.

Annie inquired if the administration has researched other teleconferencing platforms other than Zoom. Mr. Rota shared that they are and that Mr. Ruggiero, IT Director, is working with the teachers researching multiple online platforms to target the most effective online instructional platform.

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba, to close the floor to the public, 8:42 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 9-0.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION by Mr. Rubino, seconded by Mrs. Romba, that the Fort Lee Board of Education agrees to conduct Fort Lee Board of Education Zoom Public meetings.

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0.

BOARD

- 1B** **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, approves the following **minutes**:

Public Business Meeting Minutes	March 23, 2020
Private Executive Meeting Minutes	March 23, 2020

- 2B** **WHEREAS**, the Fort Lee Board of Education has received the Superintendent's report of **incident(s) of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying ("HIB")** within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent's recommendations with respect to the incident(s) of HIB.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(d), the Superintendent of Schools shall inform the applicable parents/guardians of the students involved in these incidents with the following information within five school (5) days of this Board meeting:

1. The nature of the investigation;
2. Whether the District found evidence of HIB;
3. Whether discipline was imposed;
4. Whether services were provided to address the incident of HIB.

- 3B** **Opposing Delay in Transmission of Quarterly Property Tax Revenue to School Districts without Language Authorizing School Districts to Bond**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the quarterly transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Lee Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Lee Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and Senator Loretta Weinberg, Assemblyman Gordon M. Johnson and Assemblywoman Valerie Vanieri Huttle, Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

4B RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROVING, ON FIRST READING, A REFUNDING SCHOOL BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF ITS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BONDS, SEREIS 2012 DATED AUGUST 16, 2012

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY approves as follows:

Section 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance, Exhibit A, is hereby approved. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice of public hearing for the Refunding Bond Ordinance in the form and at the time required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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EXHIBIT A

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF ITS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2012 DATED AUGUST 16, 2012, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$18,450,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE BOARD TO AFFECT SUCH REFUNDING

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2012, The Board of Education of the Borough of Fort Lee in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$18,450,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt School Bonds, Series 2012 (the "2012 School Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the "Refunding School Bonds") to refund all or a portion of the \$10,120,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2012 School Bonds maturing on or after November 1, 2023 (the "Refunded Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt and enact a refunding school bond ordinance (the "Refunding Bond Ordinance") authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the \$10,120,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding 2012 School Bonds maturing on or after November 1, 2023. The Refunded Bonds may be redeemed on and after November 1, 2022, at a redemption price equal to par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose set forth in Section 1 hereof, the Board is hereby authorized to issue not to exceed \$12,000,000 aggregate principal amount of School Bonds, all in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$250,000 may be allocated from the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds to pay for the aggregate costs of issuance thereof, including, but not limited to, bond insurance premiums, underwriting fees, official statement printing fees, public advertisement expenses, refunding verification agent fees, refunding escrow agent fees, bond counsel fees and other expenses in connection therewith.

Section 4. The purpose of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds is to realize net present value interest cost savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District ("net" meaning savings after payment of all costs of issuance of the Refunding School Bonds). Applicable State requirements mandate that such net present value interest cost savings equal at least 3% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds. In addition, the issuance of the Refunding Bonds shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, including that within 10 days of the date of the closing on the Refunding Bonds, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall file a report with the Local Finance Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs setting forth (a) a comparison of the Refunding School

Bonds' debt service and the Refunded Bonds' debt service which comparison shall set forth the present value savings achieved by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (b) a summary of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (c) an itemized accounting of all costs of issuance in connection with the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds and (d) a certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that (i) all of the conditions of section (b) of N.J.A.C. 5:30- 2.5 have been met and (ii) a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds, adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.5(b), was approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

Section 5. The supplemental debt statement required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been duly prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Fort Lee and has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the municipality and in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board as of the date of approval of this Refunding Bond Ordinance and a complete executed duplicate has been filed in the Office of the Director and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Board is increased by \$1,880,000 as a result of the authorization of the Refunding School Bonds.

Section 6. If the Refunding Bonds are issued on a federally tax-exempt basis, the Board covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all Refunding School Bonds issued under this Refunding Bond Ordinance.

Section 7. This Refunding Bond Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption hereof.

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CERTIFICATION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education approves the Board Secretary's attestation stating:

I, **Haquisha Taylor**, Business Administrator/Board Secretary to The Board of Education of the Borough of Fort Lee in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board"), HEREBY CERTIFY that the resolution entitled, "**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF ITS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2012 DATED AUGUST 16, 2012, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$18,450,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE BOARD TO AFFECT SUCH REFUNDING**" is a copy of a resolution which was duly adopted by the Board at a meeting duly called and held on April 6, 2020, in full compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., at which meeting a quorum was present and acting throughout and which resolution has been compared by me with the original thereof as contained in the minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of the Board and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and the aforesaid resolution has not been

repealed, amended or rescinded but remains in full force and effect on and as of the date hereof.

- 7B** **WHEREAS**, the Fort Lee Board of Education appreciates New Jersey legislators for applying for the Federal Waiver to cancel all New Jersey standardized testing and for communicating that the reopening of New Jersey Schools will be thoughtful and deliberate,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Lee Board of Education thanks our legislators for their quick and immediate responses to protect and support all New Jersey students during the COVID-19 global pandemic. [See Appendix Page 11](#)

MOTION by Ms. Colbath, seconded by Mrs. Romba, that the Fort Lee Board of Education approves items #1B through #7B.

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0.

FINANCE

- 1F** **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the payment of the claims on the current bills list in the amount of \$597,273.73 for April 2020 checks. [See Appendix Page 13](#)

- 2F** **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the payment of the claims on the current Cafeteria bills list in the amount of \$41,891.59 for April 2020 checks. [See Appendix Page 23](#)

- 3F** **CONTINUED COMPENSATION RESOLUTION
(Hourly Employees)**

WHEREAS, the Fort Lee Board of Education (“Board”) is a public entity charged with the provision of educational services of students in Fort Lee; and

WHEREAS, as part of its normal operations, the Board employs part-time teachers’ aides, bus aides, security guards and a residency officer who are compensated on an hourly basis (“Hourly Employees”) based on the number of hours worked;

WHEREAS, the Board transitioned to distance learning effective March 16, 2020 due to New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy’s Executive Order No. 104 regarding the global pandemic related to COVID-19 requiring the closure of all public schools across the State of New Jersey effective March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board has designated all Hourly Employees as “on-call” during the distance learning and mandatory school closure period.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education authorizes all Hourly Employees be paid his or her appropriate hourly rate of pay for the average number of hours normally worked this fiscal year prior to the March 9, 2020 State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency declarations.

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**CONTINUED COMPENSATION RESOLUTION
(Stipends)**

WHEREAS, the Fort Lee Board of Education (“Board”) is a public entity charged with the provision of educational services of students in Fort lee; and

WHEREAS, as part of its normal operations, the Board pays stipends to employees serving as extra-curricular and/or co-curricular activity advisors including athletic coaches; and

WHEREAS, the Board transitioned to distance learning effective March 16, 2020 due to New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy’s Executive Order No. 104 regarding the global pandemic related to COVID-19 requiring the closure of all public schools across the State of New Jersey effective March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in light of the mandatory school closures, the Board has suspended all extra-curricular, co-curricular, and athletic activities scheduled to take place during the spring semester; and

WHEREAS, employees normally performing such duties would be entitled to payment of the full stipend; and

WHEREAS, even though such duties are not currently being performed, the cost of not paying such spring extra-curricular, co-curricular, and athletic stipends potentially may be more detrimental to the Board and its employees than paying said stipends;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education authorizes the payment and/or continued payment of all spring semester extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic stipends.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following **breakfast and lunch prices for the 2020-2021 school year**.

Elementary Breakfast Paid	\$1.85	High School Lunch Paid	\$3.10
Elementary Lunch Paid	\$3.10	High School Student Featured Favorite Black Plate Meal	\$3.45
Middle School & Intermediate School Breakfast Paid	\$1.85	Reduced Price Student Meals	\$.0
Middle School & Intermediate School Lunch Paid	\$3.10	Faculty Lunch	\$4.10
High School Breakfast Paid	\$1.85	Faculty Featured Meals	\$4.35

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Ms. Cho, that the Fort Lee Board of Education approves items #1F through #5F.

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0.

PERSONNEL

1P THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves **amending the retirement date for Roberto Yan**, as a Custodian at School No. 2, after dedicating 13 1/2 years of service to the district, effective January 1, 2021. This resolution supersedes Resolution No. 30149 dated March 23, 2020.

2P THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following **appointments for the 2019-2020 school year**, pending verification of employment:

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>						
First Name	Last Name	Position	Loc	Position Control #	Annual Salary Prorated (Pending Negotiations)	Effective Date
Michael	Mattis	Instructional Aide Physical Education (.83)	S1	01-9101-122	Step 1/ Degreed \$21,019.00	Upon Return to School TBD

3P THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following **leaves**:

<u>LEAVES</u>								
Name	Position	Loc	Type	New or Amended	Paid Leave	Unpaid Leave with benefits	Unpaid Leave No Benefits	Return Date
Mai Koyo	Teacher ESL	S4	Maternity	Amended	4/20/20 to 5/15/20	N/A	5/16/20 to 6/30/20	9/1/20

4P **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the amended appointment of a **leave replacement** during the 2019-2020 school year, as outlined below:

LEAVE REPLACEMENTS					
Name	Grade/Subject	Loc	Salary	Effective Dates	Reason for opening
Rescind appointment previously approved on Resolution No. 30096 dated February 19, 2020					
Arleen Artinian (Rescind)	Teacher Grade 1	S3	Sub pay for the first 10 days \$100 per day, day 11-60 \$110 per day, day 61+ at the daily rate equal to a BA, Step 1; No Benefits	5/23/20 to 6/30/20	Mishell Chung (Maternity)
Approve amended leave replacement appointment					
Arleen Artinian	Teacher Grade 5 LAL/SS	IS	Sub pay for the first 10 days \$100 per day, day 11-60 \$110 per day, day 61+ at the daily rate equal to a BA, Step 1; No Benefits	3/25/20 to 6/30/20	Courtney Teitell (Maternity)

5P **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves amending the pensionable stipend, for the following teaching staff member assigned to teach a sixth period for the 2019-2020 school year (previously approved on Resolution No. 30059 dated January 21, 2020) as outlined below:

Fort Lee High School		
Teacher	Content	Stipend
Christine Teitlebaum	World Language - Spanish	\$6,500 (amended to be prorated from 12/1/19 – 3/31/20)

6P **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following Building Technology Assistant at a non-pensionable stipend of \$2,000 for the 2019-2020 school year:

Location	Name	
Lewis F. Cole Intermediate School	Genna Kornweiser	Prorated 4/1/20 to 6/30/20

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba, that the Fort Lee Board of Education approves items #1P through #6P.

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0.

POLICY

1POL THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the first reading of the following policy/regulation updates listed below: [Click here for 2020-04-06 #1POL Back-up](#)

Policy/Reg No.	Topic
R3432.1 / 4432.1	FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

MOTION by Ms. Colbath, seconded by Mrs. Morell, that the Fort Lee Board of Education approves item #1POL.

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cho expressed her opinion that pass/fail should be a topic of discussion with the Board. Board conversation ensued regarding instituting pass/fail for grades 5 through 12.

Mrs. Han Silver shared closing thoughts of heartening words of encouragement to teachers, administrators, and families.

Mrs. Romba and Mrs. Richter shared that the online instructional teaching is a learning curve for all and it is helpful to share your challenging situation working from home while your child(ren) are performing their schooling online with their teachers. They are very understanding of family's situations.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Rubino, seconded by Mrs. Romba, to adjourn, 8:57 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 9-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Haquisha Q. Taylor

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SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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