

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

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING  
June 30, 2021  
Lewis F. Cole Intermediate School Cafetorium  
and Zoom Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Ms. Colbath.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Morell.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Ms. Elisa Cho, Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mrs. Kristen Richter, Mr. Michael Rubino (6:39 p.m.), Ms. Julene Stassou, Ms. Paula K. Colbath

**Also Present:** Dr. C. Lauren Schoen, Ms. Haquisha Q. Taylor, Mrs. Diane Collazo-Baker, Ms. Frances Febres, Board Attorney

**Absent:** Mrs. Candace Romba

**PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING**

The purpose of the Special Public Business Meeting was to approve year-end additions to Capital, Maintenance, and Reserve accounts.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Dr. Schoen updated the community on Elementary School #1 Principal's investigation.

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

None

**HEARING OF CITIZENS- QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

MOTION by Mrs. Morell , seconded by Mrs. Richter, to open the floor to the public, 6:07 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 8-0.

Several members of the public shared their comments regarding the Elementary School #1 investigation.

MOTION by Mrs. Richter, seconded by Mrs. Han Silver, to close the floor to the public, 6:51 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 8-0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**FINANCE**

**1F** **WHEREAS**, NJAC 6A:23A-14.3 and 6A:23A-14.4 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end and to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations, from the General Fund as outlined below:

<b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>Amount Not to Exceed</b>
Emergency Reserve	\$350,000
Maintenance Reserve	\$1,000,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator be authorized to transfer any remaining unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations above the amounts contributed to Emergency and Maintenance Reserves, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations, from the General Fund to Capital Reserves.

MOTION by Mr. Rubino, seconded by Mrs. Morell, that the Fort Lee Board of Education approves item #1F.

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 8-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Han Silver, to adjourn, 6:54 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 8-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Haquisha Q. Taylor*

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**HAQUISHA Q. TAYLOR**  
SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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07/08/2021