

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

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AGENDA

THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING WILL COMMENCE AT 6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 24, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

Lewis F. Cole Intermediate School Cafetorium (in-person limited access) and Zoom (virtual) Meeting:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82838267705>

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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 on April 19, 2022 and posted on the district website at www.flboe.com; published in the Board's designated online media outlet/newspapers: The Record and The Star Ledger; 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 may be broadcasted on local TV and the district's website at a future date.

The Open Public Meeting Act allows for remote participation at Board Meetings and defines "meeting" as any gathering whether corporeal or by means of communication equipment, which is attended by, or open to, all of the members of a public body, held with the intent, on the part of the members of the body present, to discuss or act as a unit upon the specific public business of that body.

ROLL CALL

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- 2023-2024 Final Budget Presentation
- 2023-2024 Updated Budgeted Capital Reserve Projects (\$3.96MM)

PUBLIC WORK SESSION - QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA OR ANY OTHER TOPIC

PUBLIC COMMENT - COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA OR ANY OTHER TOPIC
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules (per District Policy #0167):

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.
2. Participants are limited to three minutes in which to make their statement. Additional time may be granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.
3. The Board will not entertain any comments from persons who communicate obscene material, make statements which are considered bias intimidation in which a person intends to intimidate any individual or group because of race, color, religion, gender, handicap, sexual orientation or ethnicity or makes comments intending to harass or speak any offensive language.
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually.
5. The presiding officer may:
 - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 - b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 - d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and
 - e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.

RESOLUTIONS

<u>FINANCE</u>

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the **inclusion in the Final 2023-2024 School District Budget of the use of Unrestricted Surplus (Fund Balance)** in the amount of \$2,523,085: and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the **inclusion in the Final 2023-2024 School District Budget of a withdrawal from** Capital Reserves in the amount of \$3,963,750 as follows:

<u>CAPITAL RESERVES PROJECTS</u>	
18-21 year old Program	337,500
Fort Lee High School Shop & Training Program	708,750
Lewis F. Cole MS Academic Wing Uni Vent Replacement	1,417,500
Purchase of Property	1,500,000
Total Capital Reserve Projects	3,963,750

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves **the Final 2023-2024 School District Budget as follows:**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LOCAL TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	86,074,065	72,386,681
Special Revenue Fund	4,024,038	-0-
Debt Service Fund	4,221,471	3,810,376
Total Base Budget	94,319,574	76,197,057

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the **General Fund Appropriations to include a \$18,274 withdrawal from the Emergency Reserve Account for the Fort Lee Board of Education, to improve school security in the district.**

3F	<p>WHEREAS, the Fort Lee Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will occur travel related expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for the travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operations of the school district; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board: and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Fort Lee Board of Education established \$100,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year; now</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Lee Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$100,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.</p>
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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Dr. Vincent Occhino

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INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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Attachments
04-24-23