

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

MINUTES

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 27, 2017
FORT LEE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM
4:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Mr. David Sarnoff.

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was given by Mr. Papavasiliou.

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 this Act, the Fort Lee Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published in The Record on June 27, 2017. Notice of the Special Public Meeting, indicating date, time, and place, were posted in the entrance hall of the Board Office, 2175 Lemoine Avenue, 6th Floor; published in the Board's designated online media outlet/newspapers: The Record, The Star Ledger, The Gold Coast Life; filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Fort Lee; and mailed to all persons, if any, who have requested said notice.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. Michael Osso, Mr. Anthony Papavasiliou,
Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. Michael Rubino, Mr. Joseph Surace,
Mr. David Sarnoff

Absent: Mrs. Paula Colbath, Mrs. Esther Han Silver

Also Present: Mr. Kenneth Rota, Ms. Haquisha Taylor

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

MOTION by Mr. Papavasiliou, seconded by Mrs. Morell, at 4:05 p.m., to open the floor to the public.

None.

MOTION by Mr. Papavasiliou, seconded by Mrs. Romba, at 4:05 p.m., to close the floor to the public.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Mr. Papavasiliou inquired about the handwritten changes on the Dobco payment application. Ms. Taylor shared that Turner, SSP and the Fort Lee Board of Education disagreed with certain costs on payment application #5. Dobco does not agree with our position but, in an effort to get the payment application into the Board on time for Board review and approval, Dobco agreed to the handwritten crossouts of the disagreed open items.

Mr. Surace highlighted that Dobco has 20% of the contracted payment and we do not have a building foundation.

Mr. Osso stated that when Dobco finishes the slab on grade pour, they will be erecting the steel.

Mr. Papavasiliou inquired why the percentage increase in sick and vacation compensation for Ms. Taylor's employment contract is 19.76%. Mr. Rota and Ms. Taylor surmised that the 2016-2017 number was based on the minimal accrued days in 2015-2016.

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE

- 1F **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves **payment application #5** in the amount of \$380,483.60 to **Dobco, Inc.**

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

MOTION carried upon roll call vote, 6-1; Mr. Surace voted no.

PERSONNEL

- 1P **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the **employment contract for Haquisha Q. Taylor as Business Administrator/Board Secretary**, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent, for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, at an annual salary of \$150,000.00.

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mr. Papavasiliou, that the Board of Education approves item #1P.

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Romba stated that graduation was a great success.

Mr. Rubino commended Mr. Sarnoff on his graduation speech.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Rubino, seconded by Mrs. Morell, to adjourn, 4:20 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 7-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Haquisha Q. Taylor
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY