

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

MINUTES

**PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2016
FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mr. David Sarnoff.

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Weinberg.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 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 January 11, 2016 and posted in the entrance hall of the Board Office, 2175 Lemoine Avenue; published in the Board's designated online media outlet/newspapers: 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.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Paula Colbath (*arrived at 6:36 p.m.*), Mrs. Esther Han Silver (*arrived at 6:37 p.m.*), Mrs. Holly Morell (*arrived at 7:12 p.m.*), Mr. Michael Osso, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. Michael Rubino, Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, Mr. David Sarnoff

Also Present: Mr. Kenneth Rota, Ms. Haquisha Taylor, Dennis McKeever, Esq. (*arrived at 6:36 p.m.*), Mr. Scott Bendul

Absent: Dr. Sharon Amato

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Weinberg, seconded by Mr. Rubino, at 6:34 p.m., to move into Executive Session.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 6-0.

The Board reconvened into the Public Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent discussed HIB and draft of annual Board & District action plans and goals.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Mr. Osso commends Superintendent and Mr. Bendul for hiring retired police officers as School Security Officers.

Mrs. Romba inquired if we have the funding to support a Musical Director in each school. Superintendent replied affirmatively.

Mrs. Colbath – appreciates the changes she recommended being incorporated into Superintendent's Merit Goals.

MOTION by Mr. Weinberg, seconded by Mrs. Romba, to close Public Work Session.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 9-0.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mrs. Morell, to open the floor to the public, 7:49 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 9-0.

There were no citizens who addressed the Board with any concerns.

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba, to close the floor to the public, 7:49 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 9-0.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee – Mr. Surace reported on property variance approvals and cited the reduced square footage of areas outside of new homes (yards, driveways, etc.).

Negotiation Committee - Mrs. Han Silver shared that the Negotiations team scheduled a meeting with FLEA without mediators and attorneys for Thursday, October 6th, at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD COMMITTEE

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mrs. Colbath, that the Board of Education approves items #1B through #4B.

1B	APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES
2B	APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S MERIT GOALS FOR 2016-2017 TO EXECUTIVE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
3B	APPROVAL OF BOARD GOALS FOR 2016-2017
4B	APPROVAL OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT GOALS FOR 2016-2017

MOTION carried upon roll call vote, 8-0-1, for item #1B; Mrs. Morell abstained. MOTION carried upon roll call vote, 7-0-2, for item #2B; Messrs. Osso and Surace abstained. MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0, for items #3B and #4B.

B&G COMMITTEE (Mr. Osso, Chairperson)

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba, that the Board of Education approves item #1B&G.

1B&G	APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER
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MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (Mrs. Romba, Chairperson)

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mrs. Morell, that the Board of Education approves item #1CUR.

1CUR	APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIPS AT NO COST TO THE DISTRICT
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MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0, with exception. Mr. Surace abstained on two names.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Surace, Chairperson)

MOTION by Mr. Surace, seconded by Mrs. Morell, that the Board of Education approves items #1F through #7F.

1F	APPROVAL OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS FOR JULY 2016
2F	APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST TOTALING \$2,154,397.00
3F	ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS
4F	APPROVAL OF AMENDED NCLB GRANT FUNDS FOR 2016-2017
5F	APPROVAL – CAFETERIA CLAIMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 TOTALING \$86,448.10
6F	APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF SAIF COMMISSIONER
7F	APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0, with exception. Mr. Surace abstained on two names for #2F and Mr. Sarnoff abstained on his name for #3F.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Mrs. Morell, Chairperson)

MOTION by Mrs. Han Silver, seconded by Mrs. Morell, that the Board of Education approves items #1P through #18P.

1P*	APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,032.48
2P	ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF DAVID MONTERO AS AIDE AT SCHOOL NO. 2
3P	APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS COSCIA AS COMPUTER TECHNICIAN FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
4P	APPROVAL OF HUGO BORTOLI AS LEAVE REPLACEMENT CUSTODIAN AT LEWIS F. COLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
5P	APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
6P	APPROVAL OF LEAVES
7P	APPROVAL OF LEAVE REPLACEMENTS DURING 2016-2017
8P	APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
9P	SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
10P	APPROVAL OF LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIPS DURING THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
11P	ALLOCATION OF 6TH PERIOD STIPEND FOR APRIL CONIGLIO FOR HISTORY AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL
12P	APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR SUMMER 2016 EMPLOYMENT OF CHILD STUDY TEAM MEMBER
13P	APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CO-CURRICULAR ADVISORS FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
14P	APPROVAL OF TITLE I TUTORS FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
15P	APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC GAME WORKERS FOR 2016-2017
16P	APPROVAL OF DAVID CARAVELLA TO PROVIDE DRILL DESIGN FOR MARCHING BAND FOR 2016-2017 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1,400
17P	TITLE CHANGE FOR SCOTT BENDUL FROM INTERIM TO SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND SECURITY
18P	APPROVAL OF FIELDWORK PLACEMENT DURING THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 9-0, with exception. Mr. Osso abstained on one name for #14P and Messrs. Osso and Surace abstained on one name for #15P.

POLICY (Mrs. Colbath, Chairperson)

MOTION by Mrs. Colbath, seconded by Mrs. Romba, that the Board of Education approves item #1POL.

1POL	SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF POLICY/REGULATION UPDATES
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MOTION carried upon roll call vote, 8-1; Mrs. Morell voted no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

MOTION by Mr. Weinberg, seconded by Mr. Rubino, at 8:08 p.m., to move into Executive Session.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 9-0.

The Board reconvened into the Public Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

President Sarnoff shared that Friday, October 7th, is the Homecoming Game and Saturday, October 8th, is the Homecoming Dance.

Mrs. Han Silver reported that parents received PARCC reports. Superintendent shared that Mrs. Carrubba has returned and will present PARCC scores at next meeting.

Mrs. Colbath shared article in the Bergen Record that implied a firm commitment for BOE to move to the new municipal parking authority building. Superintendent confirmed that the BOE sent a letter of intent.

Mr. Weinberg shared that this is his last meeting. Mr. Weinberg is resigning from Board as he is moving to Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sarnoff thanked Mr. Weinberg for his service to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Han Silver, seconded by Mrs. Romba, to adjourn, 8:19 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 9-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



HAQUISHA Q. TAYLOR
SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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10-06-16