

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

MINUTES

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 13, 2017
FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mr. Sarnoff.

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Rubino.

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 March 9, 2017 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, 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. 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, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. Michael Osso, Mr. Anthony Papavasiliou, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. Michael Rubino, Mr. David Sarnoff

Absent: Mr. Joseph Surace

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

PRESENTATION OF FY18 BUDGET

Mr. Rota presented the 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget.

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. Colbath, seconded by Mrs. Morell, at 7:00 p.m., to open the floor to the public.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 8-0.

MOTION by Mrs. Colbath, seconded by Mr. Rubino, to close the floor to the public, 7:00 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 8-0.

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

FINANCE

- 1F **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38, that the 2017-2018 school year budget includes an Enrollment Adjustment in the amount of \$382,434 and a Health Care Cost Adjustment in the amount of \$533,304.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, approves a **Preliminary 2017-2018 School District Budget** as follows:

| | Budget | Local Tax Levy |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | \$64,359,261 | \$60,410,472 |
| Special Revenue Fund | 1,415,227 | -0- |
| Debt Service Fund | 4,290,888 | 3,212,481 |
| Total Base Budget | \$70,065,376 | \$63,622,953 |

2F **WHEREAS**, Policy No. 6471 "School District Travel" and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 provide that the Fort Lee Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Lee Board of Education appropriated \$100,000 for travel during the 2016-2017 school year and has spent \$14,515 as of March 10, 2017.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2017-2018 school year at \$100,000.

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba, that the Fort Lee Board of Education approve items #1F and #2F.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mr. Rubino, to adjourn, 7:02 p.m.

MOTION carried unanimously upon voice vote, 8-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Haquisha Q. Taylor

HAQUISHA Q. TAYLOR
SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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03/16/2017