

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

MINUTES – PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, July 27, 2015

Fort Lee High School Library/Media Center
3000 Lemoine Avenue, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

1. The Public Work Session was called to order at 8:00 PM by Mr. David Sarnoff, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. Jeff Weinberg led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure 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 by having the date, time, and place thereof 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.

During the course of the board meeting, the Fort Lee Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Fort Lee Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks all members of the public to be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comment in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. Michael Osso, Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Ammad Quraishi, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, and Mr. David Sarnoff

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Kenneth Rota, Dr. Sharon Amato, Mr. Ronald Smith, and Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

ABSENT: None

Mr. David Sarnoff, President of the Board called for a moment of silence for two former students.

5. **REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

- ♦ School Security Drills for June 2015
- ♦ Reported that five people filed for seats on the Board of Education.
- ♦ Reported water leak at the High School
- ♦ Discussed fingerprinting of volunteers

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – Reported by Chairperson of respective committee**

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| 1. Board Report (by President) | 7. Policy |
| 2. Negotiations | 8. Finance |
| 3. School Security | 9. Technology |
| 4. Buildings & Grounds | 10. Contracts and Legal |
| 5. Personnel | 11. Athletics and Community Involvement |
| 6. Curriculum | 12. Sick Day Bank |

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – The High School field shared parking lot at the High School. roof replacement, storage buildings, mold cleanup and summer programs in buildings in August.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Private Executive Session, Public Business Meeting 6pm, Public Business Meeting 8pm on June 22, 2015 and the Private Executive Session, Special Public Business Meeting 7pm, Special Public Business Meeting 8pm on June 29, 2015 These minutes will be on the July 27, 2015 agenda for approval.

	<p>Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell</p> <p>The minutes from the Private Executive Session, Public Business Meeting 6pm, Public Business Meeting 8pm on June 22, 2015 and the Private Executive Session, Special Public Business Meeting 7pm, Special Public Business Meeting 8pm on June 29, 2015 These minutes will be on the July 27, 2015 agenda for approval.</p>	<p>Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba</p> <p>On roll call, Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
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Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, to open the Public Work Session portion of the meeting. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

8. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

- ♦ Mr. George Porto discussed the following:
 - A. Cost of background check for volume
 - B. Asked for home address of Board Candidates
 - C. School #4 field maintenance
 - D. Explanation of teacher evaluation process. Mr. Kenneth Rota gave a detailed explanation.

9. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND ANY OTHER TOPIC OF CONCERN**

- ♦ Mr. Alex Floratos questioned the plan for traffic flow at the Lewis F. Cole Middle School for the electronic gate operation. He also discussed concerns for homeowners in the area.
- ♦ Mr. Howard Pearl asked for an explanation of Hunterdon Education Services Community Coop. Membership, sick payout for retirees, volume background costs, teacher evaluation

process, staff using board owned vehicles and new position of Supervision of New Construction.

- ♦ A student from the audience discussed AP exams and costs. He asked if they were budgeted.

Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, to close the meeting for Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

10. **ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<u>Finance</u>		
#1F	APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST TOTALING \$5,068,695.85	
#2F	APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE AND TRAVEL TO THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS CONVENTION IN OCTOBER 2015	
#3F	AUTHORIZING THE FORT LEE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT	
#4F	APPROVAL OF INCREASING THE BID THRESHOLD ALLOWABLE FOR DISTRICTS WITH A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT	
#5F	YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICE ("YCS") LUNCH PROGRAM FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR	
#6F	APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL FEES FOR CLOCK OPERATORS FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR	
#7F	AWARD BID FOR LED ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER	
#8F	APPROVAL OF DAVID CARAVELLA TO PROVIDE DRILL DESIGN FOR MARCHING BAND FOR 2015-2016 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1,400	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1F - #8F	Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Resolution #1F Mr. Yusang Park abstained. Resolution #2F Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. Michael Osso, Mr. Ammad Quraishi, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, and Mr. David Sarnoff abstained from their own name.

<u>Health-Welfare and Safety</u>	
#1HWS	ADDITIONAL RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR 2015-2016
#2HWS	APPROVAL OF BERGEN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES HOME/HOSPITAL PROGRAM SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
#3HWS	APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING MILESTONE INC. FOR DR. SUDHA RAMASWAMY AS BEHAVIORIST

	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1HWS - #3HWS	Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba On roll call, Motion carried unanimously.
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Personnel	
#1P	APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES TOTALING \$56.17
#2P	APPOINTMENT OF DEANNA MARCELLI AS ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT SCHOOL NO. 1 FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
#3P	APPOINTMENT OF ROCIO TORRES AS SPANISH TEACHER AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
#4P	APPOINTMENT OF MARY BATTISTA AS 12-MONTH SENIOR SECRETARY TO PRINCIPAL AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL
#5P	APPOINTMENT OF DIMITRI NANNAS AS PART-TIME PHYSICAL EDUCATION AIDE AT SCHOOL NO. 4
#6P	APPOINTMENT OF MICHELE WALKER-CARLOR AS SUPERVISOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
#7P	APPOINTMENT OF ABIGAIL BERGOFFEN AS CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS TEACHER AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL
#8P	ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF DELMY AMAYA-MELENDEZ AS SCHOOL BUS DRIVER
#9P	ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF GLADYS RODRIGUEZ AS SCHOOL BUS DRIVER
#10P	SICK DAY PAYOUT FOR 2014-2015 RETIREES
#11P	APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC GAME WORKERS FOR 2015-2016
#12P	APPOINTMENT OF FALL 2015 COACHES
#13P	APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC VOLUNTEER COACHES FOR FALL 2015
#14P	APPOINTMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
#15P	APPOINTMENT OF MARCHING BAND CAMP STAFFING FOR SUMMER 2015
#16P	APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR STAFF FOR SUMMER 2015 [As amended]
#17P	ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL AIDES FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
#18P	SUMMER 2015 EMPLOYMENT OF BUS DRIVERS AND BUS AIDES
#19P	ADDITIONAL SUMMER 2015 EMPLOYMENT FOR TECHNOLOGY STAFF DEVELOPERS

#20P	RESIGNATION OF HANNAH MUTSAU AS CONFIDENTIAL SUMMER HELP IN CENTRAL OFFICE	
#21P	APPOINTMENT OF SUMMER 2015 TECHNOLOGY HELPERS	
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1P - #21P	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Resolution #1P Mr. Michael Osso abstained from one name. Resolution #11P Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name.

Policy		
#1POL	FIRST READING OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS UPDATES	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1POL	Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba On roll call, Motion carried unanimously.

11. **OLD BUSINESS** – None
12. **NEW BUSINESS** – None
13. Mr. Jeff Weinberg, offered, seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell, to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting. At 8:50PM on voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


 H. RONALD SMITH
 INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

HRS/mp
 Att. 8-20-15