

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

MINUTES

**PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2015
FLHS MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. David Sarnoff.

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was given by Mrs. Colbath.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 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.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Paula Colbath, Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell,
Mr. Michael Osso, Mr. Ammad Quraishi, Mrs. Candace Romba,
Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. David Sarnoff

Absent: Mr. Jeff Weinberg

Also Present: Mr. Kenneth Rota, Dr. Sharon Amato; Mr. H. Ronald Smith, Paul Griggs, Esq.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Han Silver, 7:03 p.m. to move into Executive Session as per item #1B.

1B	APPROVE PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SESSION
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MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 8-0.

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba, at 8:00 p.m., to reconvene into public meeting.

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Rota spoke about the HIB Report, school security drills for September 2015 and the 2014-2015 Violence and Vandalism Report for Period 2.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba, to go into Public Work Session.

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

Mr. Surace spoke about RFP's for professional services for the reorganization meeting in January.

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Han Silver, to close Public Work Session.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board with any questions, comments or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their school.

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba, to open the floor to the public, 8:37 p.m.

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

Mrs. Ada Garcia asked for committee assignments. Mr. Sarnoff read list to her. (Mrs. Garcia was also supplied with a copy of committee members by Mrs. Morell). Mrs. Garcia also commented that she supported getting RFP's for professional services. Mrs. Garcia asked about negotiation progress. Mr. Sarnoff stated that negotiations will begin in January.

Mr. Howard Pearl asked about Homeless Liaison position; Mr. Rota responded. Mr. Pearl also stated that he saw on the 10/13/15 agenda the graduation rate of 97.3%. Mr. Pearl asked what percentage of textbooks are online. He asked about language choices in high school (possibly teaching Chinese). He also stated that he saw a UK YouTube bullying video that he thought was of interest. He then asked about advertising on our scoreboard.

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Han Silver, to close the floor to the public, 8:48 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Surace stated that the committee met on October 21st. Mr. Surace also spoke about the following items: the upcoming audit; fixed asset inventory; possible purchase of used bus as back-up; RFP's for professional services; budget parameters and budget calendar are in place; possible use of facilities to bring revenue into district.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mrs. Morell, that the Board of Education approves the following minutes:

Private Executive Meeting Minutes	October 13, 2015
Public Business Meeting Minutes	October 13, 2015

MOTION carried upon roll call vote, 7-0-1; Mrs. Colbath abstained on Private and Public Minutes.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**BOARD COMMITTEE**

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mr. Quraishi, that the Board of Education approves item #2B.

2B	RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION/BULLYING
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MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 8-0.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE (Mrs. Romba, Chairperson)

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mr. Surace, that the Board of Education approves items #1B&G.

1B&G	SUBMISSION OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR 2015-2016
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MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 8-0.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba, that the Board of Education approves items #1CW AND #2CW.

1CW	SUBMISSION OF NEW JERSEY QUALITY SINGLE ACCOUNTABILITY CONTINUUM (NJQSAC) STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE (SOA) FOR 2015-2016
2CW	APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD - TABLED

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MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 8-0, for item #1CW. For item #2CW, MOTION was TABLED.

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 A COST TO THE DISTRICT NOT TO EXCEED \$552.50
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MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 8-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Surace, Chairperson)

MOTION by Mr. Surace, seconded by Mr. Quraishi, that the Board of Education approves items #1F through #6F.

1F	APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST TOTALING \$7,573,847.54
2F	APPROVAL – CAFETERIA CLAIMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 TOTALING \$84,841.59
3F	APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE AND TRAVEL TO THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS CONVENTION IN OCTOBER 2015
4F	ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION
5F	THE FORUM SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
6F	BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2016-2017

MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 8-0, for items #1F, #2F, and #4F through #6F. For item #3F, MOTION carried upon roll call vote, 7-0-1; Mrs. Colbath abstained.

HEALTH – WELFARE AND SAFETY

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Romba that the Board of Education approves items #1HWS and #2HWS.

1HWS*	PAYMENT OF HOME INSTRUCTION SERVICES
2HWS*	APPROVAL OF DELTA-T FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES TO THE CHILD STUDY TEAM FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Mrs. Morell, Chairperson)

MOTION by Mrs. Morell, seconded by Mrs. Han Silver, that the Board of Education approves items #1P through #10P.

1P*	APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$138.47
2P*	APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATION CHART FOR 2015-2016
3P*	APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINER AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
4P	APPOINTMENT OF LAUREN CARRUBBA AS DISTRICT HOMELESS LIAISON FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
5P	APPROVAL OF JAYMIE MAINIERI AS LEAVE REPLACEMENT AT SCHOOL NO. 3 DURING 2015-2016
6P	APPOINTMENT OF TERESA HARRIS AS TITLE I ENGLISH TEACHER AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL
7P	MATERNITY LEAVE FOR ALYCIA ADAMS AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER AT SCHOOL NO. 3
8P	APPOINTMENT OF WINTER COACHES FOR 2015-2016 (Tabled appointment for Head Wrestling Coach only)
9P	APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CO-CURRICULAR PERSONNEL FOR 2015-2016
10P	APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES FOR 2015-2016

For item #1P, MOTION carried upon roll call vote, 7-0-1; Mr. Surace abstained on one name (Nancy Sanders). For items #2P through #10P, MOTION carried unanimously upon roll call vote, 8-0, with one exception to item #8P - Gerald Carroll as Head Wrestling Coach - which was **TABLED**. All other winter coaches were approved.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Rota stated that Linda Farrell, Nancy Stern and Joe Finizio will be speakers at the NJSBA Workshop on October 27th, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 421. Their presentation is on "The Impact of an Advisory Board on Student Achievement."

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Romba, seconded by Mrs. Morell, to adjourn, 8:58 p.m.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


H. RONALD SMITH
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

HRS/haa
10-27-15