

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

**MINUTES – SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING**

Monday, March 16, 2015

Fort Lee High School Auditorium  
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. Mrs. Holly Morell 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, and Mr. David Sarnoff

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paul Saxton, Mr. David L. Rinderknecht, Dr. Sharon Amato,  
Mr. Paul Griggs, Esq. and Mr. Michael Zhadanovsky

ABSENT: Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg and Ms. Arielle Vertsman

5. **PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING – TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE 2015-2016 BUDGET. ACTION MAY ALSO BE TAKEN ON ANY OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.**

Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver, to open the meeting for Public Comments and Questions. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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

- ◆ Mrs. Nancy Stern discussed various issues and asked various budget questions, including staffing, paying for AP exams, new positions and positions eliminated along with Board involvement in the budget development process.
- ◆ Mr. Howard Pearl inquired as to how many students eligible for the AP exam declined to take it. He requested that the Board rethink paying for AP exams.
- ◆ Other questions and statements included the topics of PARCC testing costs, meeting the new Superintendent and what courses are being dropped in 2015-2016.

At approximately 8:40 PM, Mr. Yusang Park, offered, seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell, to close the meeting for Public Comments and Questions. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>Finance</b>			
<b>#1F</b>	<b>APPROVAL – ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR</b>		
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8. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

9. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

10. At approximately 8:41 PM, Mr. Yusang Park, offered, seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell, to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT  
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY