

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 10, 2011

Library, School No. 1 – 250 Hoym St.

1. The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr., President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Public Announcement by the President of the Board of Education:
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, 255 Whiteman Street; published in the Board's designated newspapers: The Record, The Star Ledger, The Bergen News and The Suburbanite; filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Fort Lee; and mailed to all persons, if any, who have requested said notice.

4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. John Bang, Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Linda McCue, Mrs. Angela Napolitano, Mr. Yusang Park, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez, Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Joseph Surace and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Raymond J. Bandlow, Mr. Steven Engravalle, Mrs. Cheryl Balletto and Yaacov Brisman, Esq.

ABSENT: None

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

- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow talked about paperless agendas.
- ◆ Reporting of Fire and Security Drills for the month of December, 2010.

6. **REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

- ◆ Sarah Moore said Happy New Year to everyone and stated that the Midterm exams will begin on January 24, 2011. The Academy of Performing Arts will have their Desert Social on January 21, 2011.
- ◆ Peter Liapes said Happy New Year to everyone and stated that the High School Girl's Basketball won second place and the MVP won first place. The FBLA needs ID's. We now have a cashless system for the High School cafeteria. The cafeteria food is getting so much better.

7. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

- ◆ Mr. Peter Suh asked how was the Middle School Fire Drill able to be done in 1 min. 24 seconds? It's a remarkable time.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ◆ Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on December 20, 2010.

	Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine To Approve Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on December 20, 2010.	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried.	
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9. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked about Resolutions #1CUR and #1P. When there are class trips do we have substitutes?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated yes, if needed.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked about Resolution #7P and what is parent involvement?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that it's a part of Title I and 5% is for parent education and is more effective with helping children which we are required to do.

10. **RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- ◆ Mr. Joseph Surace stated that the Finance Committee is working on the budget and will meet Wednesday if snow permitting. We are still waiting for the rules from Trenton.
- ◆ Alex Floratos stated that Ridgewood has eliminated substitutes and have permanent resource teachers and have saved money.
- ◆ Carmelo Luppino stated that our problem is space.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked if we have a County Superintendent.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated no they are above my grade level.

Curriculum Committee

#1CUR	Approval of Class Trips		
#2CUR	Approval of Course of Study Guide for 2011-2012		
#3CUR	Approval - Sale of Unused Middle School Textbooks		
	Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine To Approve #1CUR - #3CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried.	

Finance

#1F	Approval - Current Bills List		
#2F	Approval - Englewood Public Schools BOE Joint Transportation		
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F & #2F	Seconded Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried.	

<u>Health-Welfare and Safety</u>		
#1HWS	Approval - Payment of Home and Bedside Instruction Services	
#2HWS	Approval - Out-of-District Placement	
	Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine To Approve #1HWS & #2HWS	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried.

<u>Personnel</u>		
#1P	Approval - Staff Trips and Conferences	
#2P	Approval - Joyce Hamilton Sick Day Payout	
#3P	Approval - Custodian - Change in Shift	
#4P	Approval - Retirement of Andrew Guddemi as High School Social Studies Teacher	
#5P	Approval - Appointment of Gloria Hill as 1:1 Aide	
#6P	Approval - Appointment of Carol Brooks as High School Home Economics Teacher	
#7P	Approval - Appointment of Staff for Extra Compensation for Parent Involvement	
#8P	Approval - After-School Tutors	
#9P	Approval - Additional Substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year	
	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1P - #9P	Seconded by Mr. Yusang Park On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from two names on Resolution #1P.

<u>Policy</u>		
#1POL	Approval - Second Reading of Policy/Regulation Updates	
	Motion by Mr. Yusang Park To Approve #1POL	Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried.

11. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY TOPIC OF CONCERN**

- ◆ George Makrolakis stated that we never appointed computer teachers that didn't have any computers. What are they using them for?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that they will pick up the additional services.
- ◆ Holly Morelle stated that School #4 still has a computer room and teachers do go in and teach.
- ◆ David Sarnoff asked if there was any discussion about broadcasting the Board meetings so they can be podcast.
- ◆ Carmelo Luppino stated that they haven't come to a conclusion. They may look into it further.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson stated that Time Warner Cable will come and she will work on it.
- ◆ Paula Colbath asked what is being studied.

- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that the major issues we are dealing with now. I offered it as a suggestion and you should take it as a suggestion.

12. At approximately 8:25 PM, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez, offered, Mrs. Angela Napolitano, seconded by, to adjourn the Regular Business meeting. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Roll calls and resolutions of this meeting are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHERYL BALLETT
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

CB/mp
Att.
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