

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Library, School No. 1 – 250 Hoym St.

1. The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM by Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr., President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. Peter Suh 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 Mr. Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq.

ABSENT: None
5. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**
 - ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow talked about School #3 that has the largest concentration of Japanese students and will be having a fundraiser to assist Japan since the earthquake. They will be collecting stuffed animals and SADD#1 will be contributing to the Red Cross.
 - ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow said that the Crossing Guard Breakfast is much deserved and the crossing guards are keeping our children safe. We are looking at April 13th as a tentative date. The PTA's will help subsidize this breakfast and with a small cost to the board.
 - ◆ The Good News Report stated that the Lewis F. Cole Middle School competed in Math Counts. We finished third with one of our students finishing sixth.
 - ◆ Residency Committee Report for the month of February 2011.
 - ◆ Reporting of Fire and Security Drills for the month of February 2011.

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

- ◆ Peter Liapes said that the High School will be having the play King and I from March 24th to March 26th. The High School Council is collecting money for the Japanese Red Cross. This Saturday the basketball tournament is saying that anyone is welcome to play. The FBLA competition is in June.

7. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION-None**

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ◆ Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on March 14, 2011.

	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano	Seconded by Mr. Arthur W. Levine	
	To Approve Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on March 14, 2011.	On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue abstained.	

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

- ◆ Paul Umrichin asked about Resolution #3CUR and the Project Jump Start Summer Program.
- ◆ Carla Bales asked who will replace Kathleen Weissman-Wei from School #2.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that an aide is a certified teacher and is a substitute while we are posting the position. Then we will get another aide.
- ◆ Nancy Stern asked about Resolution #7CUR. Is the Virtual High School being terminated because of the lack of interest of the students?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that we now have two years and next year is enrollment. We have thirty-eight students the first year, and only fourteen this year. Next year thirteen students have enrolled. The Virtual High School is an alternate. We don't see the need and the courses weren't as effective.
- ◆ Nancy Stern asked what is going on with the vouchers. Has the board decided about the two bills pending with the budget vote in April and November? Do you plan on discussing and taking action?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that he did send a draft to the board on vouchers from NJSBA.
- ◆ Tracy Mattei asked if Resolution #5CUR Teachscape could be explained.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that essentially Teachscape allows us to effectively supervise teachers with online training, recording, online library and giving feedback.
- ◆ Tracy Mattei asked if you can give an example.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated that an Instructional Steering Committee for about five years and can assess feedback on a daily basis. It's a common language of evaluation. Training for administrators is to help them. It hasn't been done in years. The online library is to see effective lessons.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park met the committee and was very impressed. If you play sports you study tapes. You can easily access your weak points and see them visually. We don't want to jump in and spend all this money. We are going with professional development. We will have an implementation plan. Do we have computer models for differentiated instruction?
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle said yes. It's a good thing we have it now but will not have to pay until August 1, 2011.

- ◆ Paul Umrichin asked if this is a video system.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino asked if we bought that piece to start and then expand.
- ◆ Howard Pearl asked if there was any progress on the situation at School #1.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated that the plan has been implemented. The basketball court has been taken over by cars.
- ◆ Holly Morelle asked if replacing Genesis is at the end of June, and what will be in its place. Will the teachers be putting in grades.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated Powerschool will replace Genesis.
- ◆ Holly Morelle asked right now?
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated that we will be required to input and will be used in K-12 grades. We will start training in March. It is a similar system. The elementary report card is done in Powerschool.
- ◆ Holly Morelle asked if the High School will be using it also.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated yes in the electronic gradebook. We use period attendance at the High School.
- ◆ Holly Morelle asked when will the parents know.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated that we will have a parent training and there will be online modules.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park stated that it is really quick and so easy. The company said they will come in and train.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated that there is also online training.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that it is less expensive also.
- ◆ George Porto asked would it track who monitors their child.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated yes, we can run a parent access report.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park asked the administration for the month's report on who is doing the monitoring. Mr. Park also asked how we can revise the calendar. We should go back to the contract as a Board of Education cannot detach itself and must respect cultures. A school calendar does that.
- ◆ Tracy Mattei stated that next year Rosh Hashanah is at the beginning of the school year and can we revisit Columbus Day?
- ◆ Mr. Joseph Surace stated that he doesn't remember any discussion about a parking lot.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated that there is parking behind School #1 due to excessive snow. The cars have taken over the basketball court. Kristine had done it on Friday. We have the need for 98 spaces and have only 52. We are short 34 spaces. There used to be double parking. We need parking permits.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino stated that we tried to deal with this in the referendum.
- ◆ Paula Colbath stated that the board should go to the parking authority.
- ◆ Mr. Carmel Luppino stated that we have and will look into it in the future.
- ◆ Nancy Stern asked how do you have board members vote on a ballot petition.
- ◆ Mr. Matthew Giacobbe stated no conflict and there is a case law.
- ◆ Mr. Peter Suh stated that he wished luck to all the candidates.
- ◆ Howard Pearl stated that another excellent meeting with the transition committee for the Freshman Academy. We are extremely positive. We think Ms. Priscilla Church did an excellent job.

10. **RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<u>Board Committee</u>		
#1B	Approval - Resolution of Determination Regarding objection to Nominating Petition of Helen Yoon	
	Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh
	To Approve #1B	On roll call, Motion carried.

<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>		
#1B&G	Approval - Approval of Emergency Repair	
	Motion by Mr. Yusang Park To Approve #1B&G	Seconded by Mr. Arthur W. Levine On roll call, Motion carried.

<u>Curriculum Committee</u>		
#1CUR	Approval of Class Trips	
#2CUR	Approval - Community-Based Instruction for Upper Elementary Autistic Class at School No. 2	
#3CUR	Approval of Summer 2011 Programs	
#4CUR	Approval - General Education Preschool Program	
#5CUR	Approval of Teachscape Proposal	
#6CUR	Approval of Proposal from Bloomfield College for Renewal and Expansion of Ticket Program	
#7CUR	Approval - Termination of Virtual High School Program for the 2011-2012 School Year	
	Motion by Mr. Yusang Park To Approve #1CUR - #7CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried.

<u>Finance</u>		
#1F	Approval – Current Bills List	
#2F	Donation of Automobile	
#3F	Aspire Payroll Consultant, LLC	
	Motion by Mr. Peter Suh To Approve #1F - #3F	Seconded Mr. Joseph Surace On roll call, Motion carried.

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

Personnel			
#1P	Approval of Staff Trips and Conferences		
#2P	Revised Medical Leave for Elizabeth Sofia as Elementary Teacher at School No. 3		
#3P	Approval of Daniel Cirone as Game Worker		
#4P	Additional Substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year		
#5P	Revised Resolution for Appointment of Alida Bacich as Part-Time Classroom Aide at Preschool		
#6P	Family Leave for Georgia Servos as Confidential Assistant to the Business Administrator		
#7P	Resignation of Megan Delalla as Preschool Teacher at Flecc		
#8P	Transfer Kathleen Weissman-Wei from School No. 2 to Autistic Preschool Teacher at FLECC		
#9P	Transfer Rachel Van Nortwick as Classroom Aide to Substitute Teacher at Autistic Program at School No. 2		
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11. At approximately 8:55 PM, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez, offered, Mr. Yusang Park, 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 BALLETO
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

CB/mp
Att.
3-17-11