

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 11, 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. Yaacov Brisman, Esq.

ABSENT: None

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

- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow talked about the Good News Report.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow said that the Fort Lee High School Varsity Baseball team was on the plane to Florida and Ross Fasman assisted a man in trouble and comforted the family. We are very proud of him.
- ◆ The partnerships with Bloomfield College and the co-teachers approved the expanded program and have a formal signing of the Memorandum of Agreement. There are five Math and Science teachers from Korea that will work as co-teachers and five Math and Science teachers from our district that will go to Korea this summer and work in the Korean schools. This is all paid for by Korea and not from the Board of Education or the individuals going. Dr. Jejong is from Bloomfield College.
- ◆ Residency Committee Report for the month of March 2011.
- ◆ Reporting of Fire and Security Drills for the month of March 2011.
- ◆ School #3 had raised over \$11,000 for the Japanese Red Cross.
- ◆ The Fort Lee School District has qualified for a \$25,000 grant because of the swine flu closure of schools for three days. The Grant for Pandemic Preparedness is an online system for when the district was to be closed, we can communicate through technology.

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

- ◆ Sarah Moore stated that on Friday the eleventh graders will get rewarded for good attendance. The Circle of Arts will be at the High School on May 20, 2011. The Spring Concert for Japan will be held on April 14, 2011.
- ◆ Peter Liapes said that Ross Fasman saved a life. The Student Council said they will be having Class Olympics and will have athletic, artistic and an academic contest.

7. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

- ◆ The board members pulled Resolution #2CUR.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park asked about the payment from Carl and Associates.
- ◆ Mr. John Bang asked how much does it cost to see the fort Lee Historic Park and the Van Suan Park.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ◆ Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on March 28, 2011.

	Motion by Mr. Yusang Park	Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez	
	To Approve Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on March 28, 2011.	On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur Levine abstained.	

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

- ◆ Blanche asked if anyone has checked the bus drivers status?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that we must check them.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked what is a 3/5 teacher?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that it is a part time position.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked what is new on Resolution #10P.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that it is an updated description for principals.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked about the walk-in and what is inclusion.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that the children with Special Education need a teacher in the classroom.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked how many children are selected.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that the IEP will specify.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked if the next meeting is the Reorganization Meeting.
- ◆ Mr. Howard Pearl asked if we are doing anything with the students to encourage the parents to go out and vote. It is tragic that we had such a low turnout last time. We sent out flyers with Please Vote.
- ◆ Christina Yoo asked if we are using a private company to clean the schools and do we have reports on the sanitary conditions in the bathrooms. She also stated that the Kindergarten room #3 is disgusting.
- ◆ Blanche asked about the budget and the benefits. She also asked if the Board of Education will be moving offices and if renting trailers is feasible.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino stated that it's cheaper to rent space in an office.
- ◆ Holly Morelle asked if we rent space will it also be used for the Child Study team.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that we are only looking to replace the space that we are taking away.

- ◆ Millie Frederico stated that she is in favor of televising the board meetings.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that we are discussing who are retiring.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino thanked the teachers and supervisors for their years of service.

10. **RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<u>Curriculum Committee</u>		
#1CUR	Approval of Class Trips	
	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried.

<u>Finance</u>		
#1F	Approval – Current Bills List	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F	Seconded Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from two names.
#2F	Approval - Acceptance of Donations	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #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 - Additional Related Service Provider	
#3HWS	Approval - Out-of-District Placements	
	Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine To Approve #1HWS - #3HWS	Seconded by Mr. Yusang Park On roll call, Motion carried.

<u>Personnel</u>		
#1P	Approval - Staff Trips and Conferences	
#2P	Approval - Retirement of Alfred Toledo as Custodian at School No. 1	
#3P	Approval - Retirement of Michele Fox as District Supervisor	
#4P	Approval - Retirement of Gloria Norton as Middle School Music Teacher	

#5P	Approval - Resignation of Alexis Kiefer as High School English Teacher	
#6P	Approval - Addition to Home Instructors List	
#7P	Approval - Adjustment for Daniel Cirone as Three-Fifths High School Language Arts Teacher	
#8P	Approval - Reappointment of Brad Deitsch as Tutor	
#9P	Approval - Appointment of Additional Substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year	
#10P	Approval of Job Description – Principal	
#11P	Approval - Appointment of Alyson Karpman as Substitute Teacher	
	Motion by Mr. Yusang Park To Approve #1P - #11P	Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried.

Policy		
#1POL	Approval - Second Reading and Adoption of Policy/Regulation 5410	
	Motion by Mr. Peter Suh To Approve #1POL	Seconded by Mr. Yusang Park On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name.

11. At approximately 8:58 PM, Mr. Arthur W. Levine, offered, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez, 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.
4-12-11