

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Library, School No. 1 – 250 Hoym St.

1. The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:12 PM by Mr. Carmello 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. Angela Napolitano, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez, Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Joseph Surace and Mr. Carmello Luppino, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Raymond J. Bandlow, Mr. Steven Engravalle, Mrs. Ana M. Flores and Mr. Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq.

ABSENT: Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park

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

- ◆ Mr. Matthew J. Giacobbe stated that comments should keep to three minutes per person.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow spoke about his trip to Japan. It was a memorable experience.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow gave an update on the referendum. The board received DOE letters approving approximately \$15 million in state aid.

6. **PRELIMINARY BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORTS**

- ◆ For the month of June 2010.

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| | Motion by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez To approve the Preliminary Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2010. | Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent. | |
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7. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS CERTIFICATION**

- ◆ For the month of June 2010.

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| | Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To approve the Monthly Budget Status Certification for the month of June 2010. | Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent. | |
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8. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ◆ Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on July 12, 2010.

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| | Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on July 12, 2010. | Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried. Art Levine abstained from the minutes. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent. | |
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10. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked about Resolution #2CUR and questioned the location of the Special Education Program.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond J. Bandlow stated that the Special Education Program will be in School #2, School #4 and the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked if Resolution #4P is a new position.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond J. Bandlow replied that it's a replacement.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked about Resolution #9P and why are some employees certified and others not certified.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond J. Bandlow answered that for the Extended School Day Program personnel do not have to be certified.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson questioned how many principals will be at the High School.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond J. Bandlow replied there will still be two positions.
- ◆ Mr. David Sarnoff asked about the Bond Referendum and if Board Members are going to be involved in answering questions.
- ◆ Mr. Carmello Luppino stated that the Board Members will be involved in answering any questions.
- ◆ Ms. Paula Colbath asked about St. Rocco's Festival?
- ◆ Mr. Carmello Luppino stated that the Board of Education will have a referendum booth at the festival.
- ◆ George Porto stated that he was concerned with the time constraint for the Bond Referendum and would like to know dates of any meetings that will be held.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that there will be meetings scheduled in the near future.
- ◆ Ms. Paula Colbath asked why certain items were crossed off in Resolution #1POL.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle explained that the cross offs were state mandated changes.
- ◆ A parent from School #1 supported the reappointment of Evelyn Cuomo.

11. RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

| <u>Buildings and Grounds</u> | | | |
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| #1B&G | Approval – Application for Dual Use of Educational Space and Substandard Instructional Space | | |
| #2B&G | Approval – Application for Alternate Bathroom Facilities | | |
| | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine To Approve #1B&G & #2B&G</td> <td>Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent.</td> </tr> </table> | Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine To Approve #1B&G & #2B&G | Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent. |
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| <u>Curriculum Committee</u> | | | |
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| #1CUR | Acceptance of Final Report for K-12 Music District Study Group | | |
| #2CUR | Establishment and Operation of Special Education/General Education Programs | | |
| | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1CUR & #2CUR</td> <td>Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent.</td> </tr> </table> | Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1CUR & #2CUR | Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent. |
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| <u>Finance</u> | | | |
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| #1F | Approval of Cafeteria Claims for June 2010 | | |
| #2F | Extended School Day Program Payments – June 2010 | | |
| #3F | Line Item Transfers – June 2010 | | |
| #4F | Student Accident Insurance | | |
| #5F | South Bergen Workers' Compensation Insurance | | |
| #6F | Nonpublic School Transportation Aid | | |
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| <u>Health-Welfare and Safety</u> | |
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| #1HWS | Payment of Home Instruction Service |
| #2HWS | Catapult Learning Agreement for Nursing Services |
| #3HWS | Bergen County Special Services Home/Hospital Instruction Program Contract |

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| #4HWS | Bergen County Special Services Contract for Idea Funding for 2010-2011 School Year | |
| | Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1HWS - #4HWS | Seconded by Mr. Arthur W. Levine On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent. |

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| <u>Personnel</u> | | |
| #1P | Approval - Staff Trips and Conferences | |
| #2P | Maternity Leave for Gina Graziano-Hempton as High School Social Studies Teacher | |
| #3P | Appointment of Flordaliza Rodriquez as Leave Replacement at Fort Lee High School | |
| #4P | Appointment of Deonca Williams as High School Spanish Teacher | |
| #5P | Rescinding the Appointment of Jung Mi Veronica Lee as Leave Replacement | |
| #6P | Appointment of Cross Country Head Coach for the 2010-2011 School Year | |
| #7P | Appointment of Substitute Teacher | |
| #8P | Rescinding the Appointment of Grace Kim as Art Teacher at School No. 4 and High School | |
| #9P | Appointment of Additional Extended School Day Program Personnel for the 2010-2011 school year | |
| #10P | Appointment of Football Assistant Coach for the 2010-2011 school year | |
| #11P | Appointment of Marianela Martin as Principal of School No. 2 | |
| #12P | Transfer of James Albro from Middle School Assistant Principal to High School Assistant Principal | |
| #13P | Resignation of Jennifer Viti as High School Assistant Principal | |
| | Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1P - #13P | Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent. |

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| <u>Policy</u> | | |
| #1POL | Approval – Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Nos. 2436, 6360, 6422 and 8420 | |
| | Motion by Mr. Peter Suh To Approve #1POL | Seconded by Mr. Joseph Surace On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue and Mr. Yusang Park were absent. |

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

- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow welcomed and introduced Marinella Martin who accepted the position of Principal at School #2.
Dr. Raymond Bandlow congratulated and introduced Jim Albro as the High School Assistant Principal.
- ◆ Mr. Howard Pearl expressed concern about a comment made by Ms. Viti regarding the Freshman Class. Students believed that their lunch privileges were going to be taken away since several freshmen students were doing poorly academically. He said how unfair this was to the freshmen students that were doing well academically.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that the incoming high school students have many pressures. Fort Lee is looking into a mentoring program for the freshmen and an alternative program to motivated students academically.
- ◆ Mrs. Candee Romba informed the board that Project Graduation went very well. Many students, teachers had volunteered.
- ◆ Mr. Carmello Luppino thanked Mrs. Candee Romba for her many years of service and dedication to the students of Fort Lee.

13. At approximately 9:05 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. ANA M. FLORES
ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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Att.
8-4-10