

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

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, August 23, 2010

Library, School No. 1 – 250 Hoym St.

1. The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by Mr. Carmello Luppino, Jr., President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mrs. Angela Napolitano 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, Mrs. Linda McCue, Mrs. Angela Napolitano, Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Joseph Surace and Mr. Carmello Luppino, Jr.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh

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

6. **BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER’S REPORTS**

- ◆ For the month of July 2010.

	Motion by Mr. Yusang Park To approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Report for the month of July 2010.	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.	
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7. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS CERTIFICATION**

- ◆ For the month of July 2010.

	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To approve the Monthly Budget Status Certification for the month of July 2010.	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.	
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8. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION – None**

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ◆ Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on August 9, 2010.

	Motion by Mr. Yusang Park To Approve Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on August 9, 2010.	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent. Mr. John Bang and Mr. Yusang Park abstained from the minutes.	
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10. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

- ◆ Rosemary Giacomelli asked if the Kingdom Business International Ministries Church has ever rented from us in the past. Also asked if there were changes in the Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle stated that there the only changes are for Policy numbers.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked how many students are included in Resolution #5CUR. How many are in Dance II.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that he didn't know off hand but will get back to you.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked if Resolutions #4P and #5P are new.
- ◆ Kristine Cecere stated that she can appreciate having security for the equipment so that it will not be taken.
- ◆ Millie Federico asked about Resolution #4CUR and the Preschool Program.
- ◆ Mr. Joseph Surace stated that once we fill the spots with paying students and the space is filled then what will we do with the new move-ins.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that we have some flexibility and don't think we send out of the district. We may go with smaller classes. We have inclusion to provide proper education. We can't make money but will save money.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked if this saving includes \$488,000. that we spend. Have you received any money in the district and will the referendum then be on a tuition basis.
- ◆ Mildred Federico asked about enrollment numbers and related services.

11. **RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<b><u>Committee of the Whole</u></b>			
<b>#1CW</b>	Approval - <b>Resolution of The Board of Education of The Borough of Fort Lee in the County of Bergen, New Jersey Providing for the Submission of a Special Ballot Question to the Fort Lee Borough Voters at a Special School District Election to be held Tuesday, September 28, 2010</b>		
	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1CW	Seconded by Mr. Yusang Park On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.	

<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>		
<b>#1B&amp;G</b>	Approval - <b>Rental Agreement for School No. 1</b>	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1B&G	Seconded by Mr. Yusang Park On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<b>Curriculum Committee</b>		
<b>#1CUR</b>	Approval of <b>Class Trips</b>	
<b>#2CUR</b>	Approval - <b>BCSS Suspension Alternative Program (SAP) Memorandum Of Agreement</b>	
<b>#3CUR</b>	Approval - <b>Revised Code of Conduct</b>	
<b>#4CUR</b>	Approval - <b>Revised General Education Preschool Program</b>	
<b>#5CUR</b>	Approval - <b>Academy of Performing Arts Curricula</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue To Approve #1CUR - #5CUR	Seconded by Mr. Yusang Park On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<b>Finance</b>		
<b>#1F</b>	Approval - <b>Current Bills List</b>	
<b>#2F</b>	Approval - <b>Revised Acceptance of 2010-2011 Idea Funding</b>	
<b>#3F</b>	Approval - <b>Extended School Day Program Payments – July 2010</b>	
<b>#4F</b>	Approval - <b>Line Item Transfers – July 2010</b>	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F - #4F	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<b>Health-Welfare and Safety</b>		
<b>#1HWS</b>	Approval - <b>Payment of Home Instruction Services</b>	
<b>#2HWS</b>	Approval - <b>Out-of-District Placement</b>	
<b>#3HWS</b>	Approval - <b>Bloodborne Pathogen Program Professional Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year</b>	

<b>#4HWS</b>	Approval - <b>Online Training Inservice Seminars (OtIS) through the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC)</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1HWS - #4HWS	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<b>Personnel</b>		
<b>#1P</b>	Approval - <b>Staff Trips and Conferences</b>	
<b>#2P</b>	<b>Approval of Unused Vacation Days and Sick Day Payouts</b>	
<b>#3P</b>	Approval - <b>High School Teachers 6<sup>th</sup> Period Stipends</b>	
<b>#4P</b>	Approval - <b>Reappointment of Rita Sciuto as Temporary Assistant to the Director of School Counseling Services</b>	
<b>#5P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Educational Coordinators at School No. 3 for Extended School Day Program</b>	
<b>#6P</b>	Approval - <b>Voluntary Transfer of Custodial Staff Members</b>	
<b>#7P</b>	Approval - <b>Resignation Of Brandi Lewis As Part-Time Physical Education Aide At School No. 3</b>	
<b>#8P</b>	Approval - <b>Maternity Leave for Rosa Sgro as Elementary Teacher at School No. 4</b>	
<b>#9P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of as Leave Replacements</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1P - #9P	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name in Resolution #1P. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.
<b>#10P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of John Coviello as Assistant Principal at Fort Lee High School</b>	
<b>#11P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Robert Feldman as Assistant Principal at Lewis F. Cole Middle School</b>	
	Motion by Mr. Yusang Park To Approve #10P & #11P	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.
<b>#12P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Additional Substitute Teachers for 2010-2011 School Year</b>	
<b>#13P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Matthew Addeo as 1:1 Aide at School No. 2</b>	

<b>#14P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Kristin Nicastro as Classroom Aide for Preschool Autistic Class</b>	
<b>#15P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Gloria Seltzer as Classroom Aide for Preschool Autistic Class</b>	
<b>#16P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Jennifer Kreckman as Classroom Aide for Autism Program at School No. 2</b>	
<b>#17P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Pamela Angelini as District School Nurse Assigned to The Fort Lee Early Childhood Center</b>	
<b>#18P</b>	Approval - <b>Extended Family Leave and Retirement of Carol Giannantonio as Middle School Geography/Computer Teacher</b>	
<b>#19P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Gregg Milgram as Leave Replacement at Middle School</b>	
<b>#20P</b>	Approval - <b>Appointment of Diana Spina as Leave Replacement at School No. 2</b>	
<b>#21P</b>	Approval - <b>Classroom Aide/1:1 Aide/2:1 Aide/3:1 Aide Assignments for the 2010-2011 school year</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #12P - #21P	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<b>Policy</b>		
<b>#1POL</b>	Approval - <b>Second Reading and Adoption of Policies and Regulations</b>	
	Motion by Mr. Yusang Park To Approve #1POL	Seconded by Mr. Joseph Surace On roll call, Motion carried.

<b>#1T</b>	Approval - <b>Disposal of Equipment</b>	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1T	Seconded by Mr. Yusang Park On roll call, Motion carried.

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

- ◆ Mr. David Sarnoff thanked Cheryl for coming on Saturday. He also thanked Tommy Myers and Linda McCue. Even with lawn signs and we have sent out e-mails there was only one response.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow thanked Alyssa Kleinfeld and her husband for donating postcards.

13. At approximately 9:05 PM, Mr. Joseph Surace, offered, Mrs. Angela Napolitano seconded by, to adjourn the Regular Business meeting and go into the Private Business meeting. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

14. At approximately 9:17 PM, Mr. Yusang Park offered, Mrs. Angela Napolitano seconded by, to enter into the Private Business meeting. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
15. At approximately 9:35 PM, Mrs. Angela Napolitano offered, Mr. Yusang Park seconded by, to adjourn the Private Business meeting and go into the Regular Business Meeting. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
16. At approximately 9:50 PM, Mrs. Angela Napolitano 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,

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CHERYL BALLETO  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

CB/mp  
Att.  
8-25-10