

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 29, 2011

Library, School No. 1 – 250 Hoym St.

1. The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Mr. Arthur W. Levine, 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 online media outlet/newspapers: Fort Lee Patch.com, The Record, The Star Ledger, 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: Mrs. Linda McCue, Mrs. Angela Napolitano, Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Joseph Surace, Ms. Helen Yoon and Mr. Arthur W. Levine

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Steven Engravalle, Mrs. Cheryl Balletto, and Mr. Bruce Padula, Esq.

ABSENT: Dr. Raymond Bandlow, Mr. John Bang and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr.
5. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**
 - ◆ Mr. Steven Engravalle talked about the purchase of the 2003 Ford F250 truck with a salt spreader and plow for \$14,000.
 - ◆ He also discussed Resolution #2CUR and the approval of K-2 Mathematics Curriculum. Two of three schools that have been in the "In Need of Improvement" category under No Child Left Behind made the benchmark. The Middle School did not make AYP SINI Level 2 and we will analyze the test scores and develop an action plan.
 - ◆ The new Math Curriculum is a pilot this year and will reduce variability.
 - ◆ Grades 4-8 will be in the program Jumpstart.
 - ◆ We have an annual Memorandum of Agreement with the Fort Lee Police Department.
 - ◆ Phase I of the Safety Audit was done over the summer. Phase II is starting now and there will be a site visit in September or October.
 - ◆ PowerSchool has been updated and all parents from grades K-12 will have access. Grades 3-12 are numeric grades and grades K-2 standards are based on the report cards. There are parent nights for PowerSchool. We are eliminating interim reports and all parents can log in. If a parent does not have a computer then they can request a printout.
 - ◆ Teachscape training will be given to all principals and they will do evaluations using IPAD's. We see trends in each school using Charlotte Damelson. Please send to the district website any suggestions.
 - ◆ Student information forms have changed in the schools.
 - ◆ Resolution #18P has new hires and eight of fifteen are new positions based upon IEP's, aide restructuring and new autistic classes.
 - ◆ We have a policy for Social Networking and Electronic Communication with students.
 - ◆ The second reading is the HIB Policy and will be on the website September 1, 2011.

6. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ◆ Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on August 15, 2011.

	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on August 15, 2011.	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Linda McCue, Mr. Peter Suh and Mr. Arthur W. Levine abstained. Dr. Raymond Bandlow, Mr. John Bang and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr. were absent.	
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8. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND ANY OTHER TOPIC OF CONCERN**

- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked about Resolution #3F and what types are the State Contracts.
- ◆ Mrs. Cheryl Balletto answered to approve the use of contracts.
- ◆ Mr. David Sarnoff asked if the Board of Education had any warranty on the Ford truck and do we have any plans for the Bond Referendum?
- ◆ Mrs. Cheryl Balletto answered no.
- ◆ Mr. David Sarnoff stated that we are discussing options and will have the status on the ethics complaint charges.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked about Resolution #18P and the new staff and the rental agreement at School #3.
- ◆ Mr. Paul Umrichin stated that he heard School #3 will have about 550 children today and spoke about the number of children for lunch.
- ◆ Mr. Robert Kravitz, principal at School #3 stated that he is working on it.
- ◆ Mr. Art Elmers stated that in today's Record it stated that the student population is dropping. Where do we stand?
- ◆ Mr. Keith Jensen asked if there is an active bill in front of the Senate and Assembly on Fair School Funding and \$27 million would be given to Fort Lee.
- ◆ Mrs. Linda McCue stated that we would like to review this.
- ◆ Mrs. Linda McCue stated that the answer we get is increased taxes and his concern even if we get money but we can't get the space, what good is the money.
- ◆ Mrs. Nancy Stern asked if the board considered an outside demographic study.
- ◆ Mrs. Maryanne Ovelles stated that she is disappointed in the lack of information and only received information against the referendum. The Fort Lee Board of Education didn't do a good job in getting information out.
- ◆ Mrs. Diane Secare stated that her neighbors and her didn't receive anything from the Board of Education on the referendum.
- ◆ Mr. Joseph Surace stated that there has been enough campaigns to know that sometimes they don't deliver.

9. **RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<u>Committee of the Whole</u>	
#1CW	Approval of Strategic Plan with Annual Board Goals Updated for the 2011-2012 school year

#2CW	Approval of Employee Handbook	
#3CW	Approval – Approving the Amendment to the School Calendar for Early Dismissal for Individual Schools for Back-To-School Nights	
	Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue To Approve #1CW - #3CW	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried. Dr. Raymond Bandlow, Mr. John Bang and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr. were absent.

<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>		
#1B&G	Approval – Rental Income Agreement for School No. 3	
#2B&G	Approval – Purchase of 2003 Ford F250 Truck	
	Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue To Approve #1B&G & #2B&G	Seconded by Mr. Joseph Surace On roll call, Motion carried. Dr. Raymond Bandlow, Mr. John Bang and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr. were absent.

<u>Curriculum Committee</u>		
#1CUR	Approval of Class Trips	
#2CUR	Approval of K-2 Mathematics Curriculum	
	Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue To Approve #1CUR & #2CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried. Dr. Raymond Bandlow, Mr. John Bang and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr. were absent.

<u>Finance</u>		
#1F	Approval – Current Bills List	
#2F	Approval – Line Item Transfers – June (Revised) and July 2011	
#3F	Approval – Authorization for State Contracts for 2011-2012	
#4F	Approval – Cliffside Park BOE Joint Transportation	
#5F	Approval – Reimbursement of Fingerprinting Fees	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F - #5F	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from #1F. Dr. Raymond Bandlow, Mr. John Bang and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr. were absent.

<u>Health-Welfare and Safety</u>			
#1HWS	Approval – Bergen County Special Services Annual Contracts for the 2011-2012 School Year		
#2HWS	Approval – Annual Adoption and Implementation of The Required Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement for the 2011-2012 School Year Between Fort Lee Police Department and Fort Lee Public Schools		
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<u>Personnel</u>	
#1P	Approval - Staff Trips and Conferences
#2P	Medical Leave for Lori Tauscher as Elementary Teacher at School No. 2
#3P	Appointment of Kristin Kim as Guidance Counselor at Fort Lee High School
#4P	Appointment of Ivan Stipanov as Three-Fifths Middle School Science Teacher (Increase from 2/5ths)
#5P	Appointment of Samantha Goldstein as Leave Replacement at School No. 2
#6P	Resignation of Debra Silverstein as Classroom Aide at School No. 2
#7P	Resignation of James Murphy as Classroom Aide at Lewis F. Cole Middle School
#8P	Reappointment of Jacqueline Maddi as 4/5ths District Behaviorist (Voluntary Reduction)
#9P	Transfer of Staff Members
#10P	Salary Adjustments for 2011-2012 school year
#11P	Appointment of Karen Simone as Elementary Teacher at School No. 1
#12P	Sick Day Payout for Ibraim Salloum
#13P	Stipends for 9 High School Teachers for Teaching a 6th Class
#14P	Approval of Athletic Game Workers
#15P	Approval - Appointment of Extended School Day Program Staffing for the 2011-2012 school year
#16P	Approval - Revised Appointment of Anti-Bullying Specialists for the 2011-2012 School Year (No Stipend)

#17P	Approval - Reappointment of Bus Aides and Substitute Bus Drivers for 2011-2012 school year	
#18P	Approval - Appointment Aides for 2011-2012 school year	
#19P	Approval - 2011 Summer Employment of Middle School Guidance Counselors	
#20P	Approval - Appointment of Cheryl Kovalick as Occupational Therapy Assistant	
	Motion by Mr. Peter Suh To Approve #1P - #20P	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from #1P, #15P, #17P and #18P. Ms. Helen Yoon abstained from #3P. Dr. Raymond Bandlow, Mr. John Bang and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr. were absent.

Policy		
#1POL	Approval - Second Reading and Adoption of Policy/Regulation Updates	
#2POL	Approval - First Reading of New Policies Nos. 3281.1 and 4281.1: Social Networking and Electronic Communication with Students	
	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1POL & #2POL	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Dr. Raymond Bandlow, Mr. John Bang and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr. were absent.

10. At approximately 8:40 PM, Mrs. Linda McCue, offered, Mr. Peter Suh, 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,

CHERYL BALLETTTO
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

CB/mp
Att.
8-31-11