

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 18, 2010

Library, School No. 1 – 250 Hoym St.

1. The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Mr. Carmelo 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 (7:15), Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mrs. Linda McCue, Mrs. Angela Napolitano (7:10), Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez, Mr. Joseph Surace and Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Yusang Park and Mr. Peter Suh

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

- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow discussed three options for the referendum.
- ◆ SSP presented Option 1 and explained the items cut from the original referendum.
- ◆ The audience asked several questions regarding the presentation:
- ◆ Mr. Alex Floratos expressed a concern regarding the additional traffic that would be created around the Middle School with this option.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino responded that it will relieve traffic around the four Elementary Schools.
- ◆ Mr. Art Elmers pointed out that enrollment is increasing and traffic will be more congested regardless.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson needed clarification as to the location of the new grade Five and Six School. Dr. Levinson suggested placing it where the football field exists.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino stated that there is no access road.
- ◆ Mrs. Nancy Stern questioned the swapping of property, appraisal value of land and any monetary value for the exchange.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino explained that the Board is giving up the Little Field and the land behind it along with replacing any immenities.

- ◆ Mrs. Mildred Federico asked if the Board considered splitting the ballot into two separate questions.
- ◆ Ms. Paula Colbath expressed concern that the election may fail again if not separated into two questions.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino answered that the original intent for the Referendum is to address the overcrowding in schools. If you split the question into two there is a potential that only one question passes.
- ◆ Mr. Arthur Levine emphasized the importance of the additions that were never done in the past.
- ◆ Mrs. Nancy Stern responded that repairs were done but financed through current expense.
- ◆ Mr. Alex Floratos asked about costs relating to the new addition.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow answered that it would be an offset from energy savings from new energy efficient boilers, windows, roof and Special Education students brought back to the district.
- ◆ Mr. Joseph Surace commented on the letter written by Mr. Alex Floratos.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow explained that the Special Public Meeting on Thursday, October 22nd was to discuss why Option I was selected and to answer any questions.

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

- ◆ Sarah Moore mentioned the Fall Production. The Marching Band will be competing in the Northern Regional competitions.
- ◆ Peter Liapes stated that the High School football team was acknowledged for a donation and gave congratulations to the athletic teams that won.

7. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ◆ Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on October 4, 2010.

	Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue To Approve Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on October 4, 2010.	Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. John Bang, Mrs. Angela Napolitano, abstained from the minutes. Mr. Yusang Park and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.	
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9. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson questioned Resolution #2B&G regarding the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow responded that it was an annual mandated report required by the State.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson questioned Resolutions #5P regarding the after school tutoring and if it is possible to move a student from other schools and place in a School where there already exists a tutor?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow responded that not all schools are entitled to Title I funds, but that it will be looked into.
- ◆ Paula Colbath questioned why Resolution #2B&G does not include infrastructure improvements including in the proposed referendum.

- ◆ Mr. Yaacov Brisman explained that the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan is for routine maintenance and not capital improvements.
- ◆ Nancy Stern questioned Resolution #2CUR and why the New Jersey School Boards was not considered for this training?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow responded that it will be looked into.

10. **RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>		
#1B&G	Approval – Payment to Church of Good Shepherd	
#2B&G	Approval – Submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan	
	Motion by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez To Approve #1B&G - #2B&G	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Yusang Park and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<u>Committee of the Whole</u>		
#1CW	Approval – Approval of Bond Referendum Plan	
	Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine To Approve #1CW	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Yusang Park and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<u>Curriculum Committee</u>		
#1CUR	Approval – Approval of Class Trips	
#2CUR	Approval – Legal One Online Training	
	Motion by Mrs. Angela Napolitano To Approve #1CUR & #2CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Yusang Park and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<u>Finance</u>		
#1F	Approval – Current Bills List	
#2F	Approval of Cafeteria Claims for September 2010	
#3F	Approval – Acceptance of Donation	

#4F	Approval – Salaries Charged to Grants	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F - #4F	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name on Resolution #1F. Mr. Yusang Park and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<u>Health-Welfare and Safety</u>		
#1HWS	Approval – Payment of Home Instruction Services	
#2HWS	Approval – Additional Related Service Provider	
	Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine To Approve #1HWS & 2HWS	Seconded by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Yusang Park and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

<u>Personnel</u>		
#1P	Approval - Staff Trips and Conferences	
#2P	Approval – Appointment of Co-Curricular Personnel for the 2010-2011 School Year	
#3P	Approval – Appointment of Ivan Stipanov as Part-Time Classroom Aide at Fort Lee High School	
#4P	Approval – Appointment of Janet Szerkal Elmers as Part-Time Classroom Aide at School No. 2	
#5P	Approval – Additional After-School Tutor	
#6P	Approval – Substitute Custodian	
#7P	Approval – Extended Federal Family Medical Leave for Michele Hernandez as 1:1 Aide at School No. 1	
	Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue To Approve #1P - #7P	Seconded by Mr. Arthur W. Levine On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name on Resolution #2P & abstained on Resolution #7P. Mr. Yusang Park and Mr. Peter Suh were absent.

Policy			
#1POL	Approval - Second Reading and Adoption of Policy/Regulation Updates		
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11. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY TOPIC OF CONCERN**

- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow reminded the audience after the Special Public Business Meeting on Thursday at 7 pm at the Lewis F. Cole Middle School to discuss questions regarding the Bond Referendum.

12. At approximately 10:30 PM, Mr. Arthur W. Levine, offered, Mrs. Linda McCue, 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

AF/mp
Att.
10-27-10