

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 8, 2010

Library, School No. 1 – 250 Hoym St.

1. The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM by Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr., President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mrs. Linda McCue 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, Mr. Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq., and Yaacov Brisman

ABSENT: None

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

◆ **Reporting of Fire and Security Drills conducted**

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

- ◆ Sarah Moore mentioned that the Fall Production will be on December 4, 5, and 6, 2010. There is a new Tech Director that has been hired. There is a transition to winter sports. The Wind Ensemble will be held on November 17, 2010. The APA gathering will be held on November 28, 2010.
- ◆ Peter Liapes stated that the High School football team won the homecoming game against Dumont. The Homecoming Dance will be held on November 20, 2010. There will be a blood drive at the High School. Peter asked that the voters get out and vote.
- ◆ Mr. Joseph Surace thanked Peter and the football players for helping Flag football.
- ◆ Mr. John Bang thanked Peter as an Assistant Coach.

7. **BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORTS**

- ◆ For the month of June (Final) and September 2010.

	Motion by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh	
	To approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report For the month of June (Final) and September 2010.	On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Angela Napolitano abstained from the Treasurer's Report.	

8. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS CERTIFICATION**

- ◆ For the month of September 2010.

	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace	Seconded by Mrs. Linda McCue	
	To approve the Monthly Budget Status Certification for the month September 2010.	On roll call, Motion carried.	

9. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION – None**10. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ◆ Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on October 18, 2010 and the Special Public Business Meeting on October 13, 2010.

	Motion by Mr. Arthur W. Levine	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano	
	To Approve Minutes from the Executive Session and Regular Business Meeting on October 18, 2010 and the Special Public Business Meeting on October 13, 2010.	On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Yusang Park and Peter Suh abstained from the minutes.	

11. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked if the Board pulled Resolution #2CW.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino said yes.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked if Resolution #5P is a new position.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow said yes, and that there was a new IEP required.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked what is Fort Lee-der in Resolution #9P.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park stated that the Fort Lee-der Advisor is a newspaper.
- ◆ Dr. Nina Levinson asked what the Successmaker is in Resolution #10P.
- ◆ Mrs. Cheryl Balletto stated that it is a tutoring program for at risk students paid by EIS IDEA Grant funds.
- ◆ Paula Colbath stated that the Board pulled the January date. Is there a date in December?
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino stated that there is still a meeting on December 14, 2010.
- ◆ Alex Floratos asked if we had the statistics of staff living in Fort Lee.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino said no.
- ◆ Mr. Yaacov Brisman read the apology letter from R. Maceri.

12. **RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<u>Committee of the Whole</u>		
#1CW	[Administratively Pulled]	
#2CW	Approval To County To Advertise The Referendum -PULLED	
	Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue To Approve #1CW & #2CW #2CW PULLED	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried.
#3CW	Settlement Agreement For Rosario Maceri	
	Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue To Approve #3CW	Seconded by Mr. Arthur W. Levine On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Peter Suh and Mr. Joseph Surace stated Nay to Resolution #3CW.
#4CW	Approval Of Strategies And Benchmarks For 2010-2011 Goals	
	Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue To Approve #4CW	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried.

<u>Curriculum Committee</u>		
#1CUR	Approval Of Class Trips	
#2CUR	Eca Educational Services Agreement For Science Kit Management And Refurbishment Service	
	Motion by Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez To Approve #1CUR & #2CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano On roll call, Motion carried.

<u>Finance</u>		
#1F	APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST	
#2F	LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - SEPTEMBER 2010 & FINAL JUNE 30, 2010	
#3F	APPROVAL OF PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR	
#4F	REVISED NCLB APPLICATION 2010-2011	
#5F	ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F - #5F	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried. Mr. Carmelo Luppino abstained from Resolution #1F.

<u>Health-Welfare and Safety</u>			
#1HWS	Payment Of Home Instruction Services		
#2HWS	Out-Of-District Placement		
#3HWS	Approval Of Section 504 Accommodation Plan		
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<u>Personnel</u>			
#1P	Approval - Staff Trips And Conferences		
#2P	Maternity Leave For Johanna Barrabee As Special Language Specialist At School No. 2		
#3P	Maternity Leave For Gina Marie Delserro As Middle School Spanish Teacher		
#4P	Medical Leave For Carol Kuchar, Elementary Teacher At School No. 3		
#5P	Appointment Of Lauren Dimick As 2:1 Aide At School No. 1		
#6P	Amending Resolution For Disability Retirement For Carol Giannantonio As Middle School Geography/Computer Teacher		
#7P	Extended Leave Replacement Of Gregg Milgram As Middle School Geography/Computer Teacher		
#8P	Resignation Of Jacquelyn Cerdas As 1:1 Aide At School No. 4		
#9P	Additional Co-Curricular Personnel		
#10P	Successmaker Facilitators		
#11P	After-School Tutors		
#12P	Appointment Of Additional Substitutes		
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<u>Policy</u>			
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13. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY TOPIC OF CONCERN**

- ◆ Paula Colbath stated that the AYP status is out and questioned if Fort Lee is good?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow said no, three schools did not meet the criteria for Special Education. The Middle School, High School and School #1 did not make AYP. The state raises the bar every year.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino stated that he heard on the news more schools are failing.

14. At approximately 8:31 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,

CHERYL BALLETO
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

CB/mp
Att.
11-9-10