

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

**MINUTES – REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

Monday, July 29, 2013

Fort Lee High Library/Media Center,  
3000 Lemoine Ave. Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

1. The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 8:27 PM by Mr. Yusang Park, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. Carmelo Luppino led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

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, 2175 Lemoine Avenue; 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. Please be advised that this meeting is being taped and will be broadcasted on local TV and the district's website at a future date.

During the course of the board meeting, the Fort Lee Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Fort Lee Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks all members of the public to be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comment in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr., Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh (left 8:32pm), Mr. Joseph Surace, Ms. Helen Yoon and Mr. Yusang Park

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Sharon Amato, Mr. Robert Brown and Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

ABSENT: None

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

- ◆ School Security Drills for the month of June 2013.

6. **PRE-AUDIT VERSION BOARD SECRETARY REPORT AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2013**

- ◆ For the month of June 2013.

	Motion by Mrs. Esther Han Silver To Approve the Pre-Audit Board Secretary Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2013.	Seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff On roll call, Motion carried.	
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7. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS CERTIFICATION – JUNE 2013**

- ◆ For the month of June 2013.

	Motion by Mrs. Esther Han Silver Monthly Budget Status Certification for the month of June 2013.	Seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff On roll call, Motion carried.	
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8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – Reported by Chairperson of respective committee**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Report (by President)</li> <li>2. Negotiations</li> <li>3. School Security</li> <li>4. Buildings &amp; Grounds</li> <li>5. Personnel</li> <li>6. Curriculum</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Policy</li> <li>8. Finance</li> <li>9. Technology</li> <li>10. Contracts and Legal</li> <li>11. Athletics and Community Involvement</li> </ol> |
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9. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

10. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Private Work Session and Public Work Session on July 15, 2013.

	Motion by Mrs. Esther Han Silver The minutes from the Private Work Session and Public Work Session on July 15, 2013.	Seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff On roll call, Motion carried.	
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11. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND ANY OTHER TOPIC OF CONCERN**

- ◆ A resident asked why we have to wait another week for an Interim Superintendent.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park answered that all options are being considered.
- ◆ Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq. responded by saying that various offers were made and none were accepted.
- ◆ The statement from Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq. was about the Interim Superintendent position not as an answer about the High School Principal.
- ◆ A resident asked why we don't have a High School Principal.

- ◆ A resident asked the board to please move forward and get an administrator hired.
- ◆ A resident expressed concern about not having a steady High School Principal.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park explained that we have two good candidates to be considered.
- ◆ A resident expressed a concern about the board not being able to pay the bills.
- ◆ A resident asked when the next board meeting would be held.

12. **RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES-None**

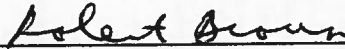
13. **OLD BUSINESS – None**

14. **NEW BUSINESS – None**

15. At approximately 9:00 PM, Mr. Joseph Surace, offered, Mr. Carmelo Luppino, 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,



ROBERT BROWN  
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

RB/mp  
Att.  
8-22-13