

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

**MINUTES – PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

Monday, January 13, 2014

Fort Lee High School Auditorium,  
3000 Lemoine Ave. Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

1. The Public Work Session was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mr. Yusang Park, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. Jeff Weinberg 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: 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:** Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, Ms. Helen Yoon and Mr. Yusang Park

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Paul Saxton, Dr. Sharon Amato, Mr. David L. Rinderknecht, and Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

**ABSENT:** None

**APPROVE PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

OFFERED BY Mrs. Holly Morell SECONDED BY Mr. David Sarnoff

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act and the Fort Lee Board of Education reserve the right within the constraints of State Law to sit in Private Session; and

**WHEREAS**, there now exists a need for this Board of Education to meet in Private Session;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education conduct a Private Executive Session following this meeting to discuss exempt matters pertaining to personnel, legal matters and any such matters that may come before the Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public will be informed regarding the topics discussed in Private at a later date undetermined at this time. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

- ◆ Recess for Private Executive Meeting.
5. At approximately 8:00 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mr. Peter Suh, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,



David L. Rinderknecht  
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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Attachments

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**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Paul Saxton, Dr. Sharon Amato, Mr. David L. Rinderknecht, Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq., Mr. Michael Morell and Mr. Michael Zhadanovsky

**ABSENT:** None

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

- ◆ Mr. Paul Saxton announced that the town is having a Memorial Day parade on May 26, 2014. Mr. Saxton reported that student response to the New Jersey Climate Survey is good, but he would like to see a better response from parents. The deadline for completion will be extended. Mr. Saxton gave Michael Morell and Michael Zhadanovsky, student Board representatives an opportunity to report activities and events.
- ◆ Michael Morell presented an extensive report on accomplishments of various sports as well as club activities.
- ◆ Michael Zhadanovsky supported Michael Morell’s report and did not have anything else to add.
- ◆ Mr. Saxton acknowledged how well the open campus lunch issue was handled to the Student Council and thanked them for their good work.
- ◆ School Security Drills for the month of December 2013.

**6. PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

- ◆ Mr. Dennis McKeever explained the process involved when a Superintendent’s contract is revised. Merit goals for the Superintendent have to be approved by the Executive County Superintendent before the board can approve them.
- ◆ Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mr. Helen Yoon, to open the meeting to the public for a public hearing regarding the Interim Superintendent’s contract. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
- ◆ Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, to close the public hearing. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.
- ◆ Mr. Paul Saxton spoke about plans to expand the network band width.

**7. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT AND TREASURER’S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2013**

- ◆ For the month of November 2013.

	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Report for the month of November 2013.	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried.	
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**8. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS CERTIFICATION – NOVEMBER 2013**

- ◆ For the month of November 2013.

	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell Monthly Budget Status Certification for the month of November 2013.	Seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff On roll call, Motion carried.	
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**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Reported by Chairperson of respective committee**

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| 1. Board Report (by President) | 7. Policy                                    |
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| 3. School Security             | 9. Technology – District Technology Purchase |
| 4. Buildings & Grounds         | 10. Contracts and Legal                      |
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| 6. Curriculum                  |  |

10. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Private Executive Session and Public Work Session on December 9, 2013.

	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell The minutes from the Private Executive Session and Public Work Session on December 9, 2013.	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried.	
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11. At approximately 8:49 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mr. Peter Suh, to open the meeting for Public Comments and Questions. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

12. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND ANY OTHER TOPIC OF CONCERN**

- ◆ Mr. Howard Pearl, representing the FLEA read a statement regarding statements about Fort Lee students made by Governor Christie.
- ◆ Mr. Alex Floratos spoke about TD Bank being a foreign bank and suggested that the Board should look into dealing with an American bank.
- ◆ Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff, to close Public Comment. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

13. **ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<b><u>Board Committee</u></b>			
<b>#1B</b>	<b>RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION/BULLYING</b>		
<b>#3B</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE AND TRAVEL FOR BOARD MEMBERS MRS. HOLLY MORELL AND MS. HELEN YOON</b>		
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1B & #3B	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried. *Please note that Mrs. Holly Morell and Ms. Helen Yoon abstained from their own name on Resolution #3B.	

<b>#2B</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S AMENDED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT</b>		
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #2B	Seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff On roll call, Motion carried.	

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<b><u>Buildings and Grounds</u></b>		
<b>#1B&amp;G</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS</b>	
<b>#2B&amp;G</b>	<b>A RESOLUTION BINDING THE FORT LEE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES ("ACES") Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS</b>	
<b>#3B&amp;G</b>	<b>A RESOLUTION BINDING THE FORT LEE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES ("ACES") Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS</b>	
<b>#4B&amp;G</b>	<b>AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1B&G - #4B&G	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried.

<b><u>Curriculum Committee</u></b>		
<b>#1CUR</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIPS TOTALING \$530.00</b>	
<b>#2CUR</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF STANDARDS SOLUTION FOR COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR 2013-2014</b>	
<b>#3CUR</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF STUDY ISLAND SOFTWARE AND EDMENTUN EDUCATOR ADVANTAGE ONSITE SERVICES</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1CUR - #3CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried.

<b><u>Finance</u></b>		
<b>#1F</b>	<b>APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST TOTALING \$646,185.20</b>	
<b>#2F</b>	<b>APPROVAL – LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR NOVEMBER 2013</b>	
<b>#3F</b>	<b>APPROVAL – CAFETERIA CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 2013 TOTALING \$154,835.03</b>	
<b>#4F</b>	<b>APPROVAL – CAFETERIA CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER 2013 TOTALING \$105,872.81</b>	
<b>#5F</b>	<b>ATHLETIC AWARDS DINNER CONTRACT</b>	
<b>#6F</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF AMENDED 2013-2014 NCLB GRANT FUNDING</b>	
<b>#7F</b>	<b>RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SUBMISSION OF LETTER TO YMCA TERMINATING LATCHKEY PROGRAM CONTRACT</b>	
	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace To Approve #1F - #7F	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried.



<b>Health-Welfare and Safety</b>		
<b>#1HWS</b>	<b>PAYMENT OF HOME INSTRUCTION SERVICES</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1HWS	Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba On roll call, Motion carried.

<b>Personnel</b>		
<b>#1P</b>	<b>APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES TOTALING \$960.68</b>	
<b>#2P</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF JANUE VARGAS AS MUSIC TEACHER AT LEWIS F. COLE MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	
<b>#3P</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF LAUREN CARRUBBA AS SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT GUIDANCE PROGRAMS K-12</b>	
<b>#4P</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ATHLETIC GAME WORKERS FOR 2013-2014</b>	
<b>#5P</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEERS FOR 2013-2014</b>	
<b>#6P</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES FOR 2013-2014</b>	
<b>#7P</b>	<b>PLACEMENT OF STUDENT TEACHERS AND PRACTICUM CANDIDATES FOR SPRING 2014</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1P - #7P	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried.

<b>#1T</b>	<b>PURCHASE OF 124 SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOKS AT A COST OF \$30,876.00</b>	
<b>#2T</b>	<b>PURCHASE OF 4 CHARGING CARTS AND 124 CHROME OS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE LICENSES AT A COST OF \$10,787.96</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1T & #2T	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried.

14. **OLD BUSINESS - None**



15. **NEW BUSINESS**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public will be informed regarding the topics discussed in Private at a later date undetermined at this time. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

16. At approximately 8:45 PM, Mr. Peter Suh, offered, seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



MR. DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT  
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

DLR/mp  
Att. 1-30-14