

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

MINUTES –SPECIAL PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Monday, July 21, 2014

Fort Lee Board of Education, Conference Room
2175 Lemoine Ave., 6th Fl., Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

1. The Public Work Session was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mr. Yusang Park, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. David Sarnoff 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 (arrived 7:15pm), Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh (arrived 7:17pm), 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, Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

ABSENT: None

5. PUBLIC WORK SESSION

- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park distributed the Board Self Evaluation 2014 document that tabulated the evaluation results. The Board took time to review it.
- ◆ Mr. Dennis McKeever spoke about using the self evaluation as the basis for setting goals.
- ◆ The Board discussed various priorities and issues including traffic problems, addition to the Middle School and confidentiality issues.
- ◆ Mr. Paul Saxton reviewed a document containing four proposed Board goals.
- ◆ Mr. Dennis McKeever then asked the Board if anyone has another goal to suggest.
- ◆ Hiring procedures and policies were discussed.

Mr. David Sarnoff, offered, seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell, to open the meeting for Public Comments and Questions. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

6. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON GOAL SETTING FOR 2014-2015

- ◆ Various topics discussed included the approach to the Superintendent search, hiring of teachers, Middle School traffic problems and unreliable bus service.
- ◆ Also discussed was how the campaign to pass the proposed referendum should be conducted.
- ◆ Mr. Jeff Weinberg, offered, seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff, to close Public Comment. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SESSION

OFFERED BY Mr. Peter Suh

SECONDED BY Mr. Jeff Weinberg

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.

7. At approximately 8:36 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY