

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

**MINUTES –SPECIAL PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

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

1. The Public Work Session was called to order at 8:00 PM by Mr. Yusang Park, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.

2. Mrs. Holly Morell 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 (arrived 8:05pm), Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Joseph Surace, and Mr. Yusang Park

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Paul Saxton, Dr. Sharon Amato, Mr. David L. Rinderknecht, Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

ABSENT:

Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, and Ms. Helen Yoon

**5. PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park introduced Jeanne Perantoni of SSP Architectural Group, Inc. She presented and explained the Action Plan Final Report using PowerPoint that identified plans to construct additions to the Middle School and School #2. The Middle School plan will add enough classrooms to house grades 5 and 6, thus giving relief to grades K to 6 schools.
- ◆ Mr. Paul Saxton explained that it is a three-year process from referendum until completion of construction. The Board discussed two key issues involving parking and traffic.

Mr. David Sarnoff, offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, 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 questions, comments and concerns were raised regarding elimination of the artificial turf field at the Middle School, holding baseball games at Constitution Field with no lights and traffic and parking issues. Viability of taking over the Little League field on Board property was also discussed regarding cost of the proposed construction. Jeanne Perantoni said that it is too early to give a precise number.
- ◆ Other questions were concerned when the Board would decide what they will vote on and when they will vote.
- ◆ Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver, to close Public Comment. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**7. RESOLUTION**

<b>Board Committee</b>			
<b>#1B</b>	<b>APPROVE PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>		
	Motion by Mr. David Sarnoff To Approve #1B	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, and Ms. Helen Yoon were absent.	

- 8. At approximately 10:10 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT  
 INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY