

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

**MINUTES – PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

Monday, March 31, 2014

Fort Lee High School Library/Media Center,  
3000 Lemoine Ave. 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, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh (arrived 7:45PM), and Mr. Yusang Park

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, Ms. Helen Yoon, Mr. Michael Morell and Mr. Michael Zhadanovsky

**APPROVE PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

OFFERED BY Mrs. Esther Han Silver

SECONDED BY Mrs. Holly Morell

**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 7:50 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,



David L. Rinderknecht  
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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

**MINUTES – SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING**

Monday, March 31, 2014

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

1. The Public Work Session was called to order at 8:05 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**

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4. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Holly Morell, Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh and Mr. Yusang Park

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg, Ms. Helen Yoon, Mr. Michael Morell and Mr. Michael Zhadanovsky

**5. PUBLIC WORK SESSION - None**

At approximately 8:45 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff, to open the meeting for Public Comments and Questions. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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

- ◆ Concern was expressed over traffic problems at School #2. Mr. Yusang Park reported that Mr. Paul Saxton met with the Fort Lee police traffic officer about the situation.
- ◆ Other comments included concern about allowing more housing which in turn is bringing more students into an already overcrowded situation.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park explained some of the measures being taken by the Board to address concerns, including a new perimeter fence at School #2, hiring of security personnel and adding outdoor security cameras. Mr. Yusang Park also reviewed the history of failed referenda which were designed to address expected enrollment increases.
- ◆ Other concerns and suggestions included urging the Board not to rush into a solution and be aware of various health problems related to modular classrooms.
  
- ◆ At approximately 9:00 PM, Mrs. Candace Romba, offered, seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver, to close Public Comment. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

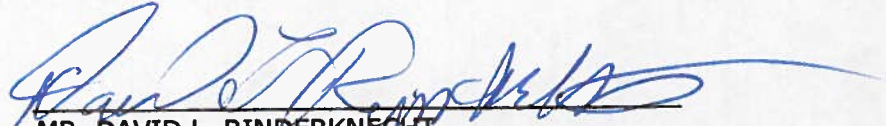
**7. ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<b>Board Committee</b>		
<b>#1B</b>	<b>APPROVE JUNIOR BRIDGEMEN, INC. LEASE AGREEMENT</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1B	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg and Ms. Helen Yoon were absent.

<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>		
<b>#1B&amp;G</b>	<b>APPROVE CHANGE OF USE FOR AUTISTIC STUDENTS</b>	
<b>#2B&amp;G</b>	<b>PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM</b>	
<b>#3B&amp;G</b>	<b>AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR MODULAR CLASSROOM UNITS</b>	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1B&G - #3B&G	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Joseph Surace, Mr. Jeff Weinberg and Ms. Helen Yoon were absent.

8. **OLD BUSINESS - None**
9. **NEW BUSINESS-None**
10. At approximately 9:10 PM, Mr. Peter Suh, offered, seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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Att. 4-2-14