

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

MINUTES – REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, April 21, 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. 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. 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:

Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mr. Michael Morell and Mr. Michael Zhadanovsky

5. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- ◆ Mr. Paul Saxton explained the RFP process involved in soliciting Food Service vendors to provide the food service for 2014-2015. He reported that the Board will vote tonight on awarding a contract to Pomptonian.
- ◆ School Security Drills for March 2014 were also noted.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Reported by Chairperson of respective committee

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| 1. Board Report (by President) | 7. Policy |
| 2. Negotiations | 8. Finance |
| 3. School Security | 9. Technology – District Technology Purchase |
| 4. Buildings & Grounds | 10. Contracts and Legal |
| 5. Personnel | 11. Athletics and Community Involvement |
| 6. Curriculum | |

- ◆ Negotiations Committee Report – Mrs. Holly Morell reported that there is a mediation meeting this Thursday with FLEA.
- ◆ Contracts and Legal Committee Report – Mr. David Sarnoff said the Committee agreed with the Administration that Pomptonian should be awarded the contract for 2014-2015.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park announced that two resolutions are being added to Personnel this evening. He then read resolutions #11P and #12P. Mr. Dennis McKeever explained the FLAG Agreement and noted that it is in line with the previously approved Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Dennis McKeever also commented on the Memorandum of Agreement with Mrs. Cheryl Balletto being voted upon in resolution #12P.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Private Executive Session, Public Work Session and Special Public Business Meeting on March 31, 2014, Private Executive Session and Public Work Session on April 7, 2014 and the Private Executive Session on April 16, 2014.

	<p>Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell</p> <p>The minutes from the Private Executive Session, Public Work Session and Special Public Business Meeting on March 31, 2014, Private Executive Session and Public Work Session on April 7, 2014 and the Private Executive Session on April 16, 2014.</p>	<p>Seconded by Ms. Helen Yoon</p> <p>On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from the March 31, 2014 minutes. Ms. Helen Yoon abstained from the March 31, 2014 and April 7, 2014 minutes. Mr. Peter Suh abstained from the April 16, 2014 minutes. Mrs. Han Silver was absent.</p>	
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8. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT AND TREASURER’S REPORT FOR MARCH 2014

- ◆ For the month of March 2014.

	<p>Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell</p> <p>To Approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Report for the month of March 2014.</p>	<p>Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba</p> <p>On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Han Silver was absent.</p>	
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9. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS CERTIFICATION – MARCH 2014

- ◆ For the month of March 2014.

	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace Monthly Budget Status Certification for the month of March 2014.	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Han Silver was absent.	
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At 8:20 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, to open the meeting for Public Comments and Questions. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

10. PUBLIC WORK SESSION – None

At 8:21 PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, to close the meeting for Public Comments and Questions and open the meeting for Questions and Comments. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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

- ◆ A representative from Chartwells read a statement regarding their RFP proposal and listed their accomplishments over the years in the fort Lee Public Schools.

- ◆ A member of the audience commented on Mr. Saxton's goals, especially regarding whether Arabic should be given preference over Chinese or Japanese as a language to be taught. He also spoke about special equipment needed for some Autistic students and the issue of nepotism.

- ◆ The topic of relocatable classrooms was also addressed. Several members of the audience questioned how long they would be allowed to remain at School #2, the Department of Education's involvement in the process and engineering activities involving the relocatable classrooms.

- ◆ A question was asked about when the Master Plan would be available. Mr. Saxton said it is expected by Monday, April 28, 2014.

At 8:58PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, to close Public Comment. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

12. ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

<u>Board Committee</u>			
#1B	APPROVE PRIVATE WORK SESSIONS		
#2B	RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION/BULLYING		
#3B	APPROVAL OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S MERIT GOALS FOR 2013-2014		
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1B - #3B	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Peter Suh abstained from Resolution #3B. Mrs. Han Silver was absent.	

Buildings and Grounds			
#1B&G	APPROVE LEWIS F. COLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AIR TESTING		
#2B&G	APPROVE LEWIS F. COLE MIDDLE SCHOOL SOIL TESTING		
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Curriculum Committee			
#1CUR	APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIPS TOTALING \$5,490.00		
#2CUR	ATTENDANCE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR BOARD MEMBERS MRS. CANDACE ROMBA, MRS. HOLLY MORELL AND DAVID SARNOFF AT NO COST TO THE DISTRICT		
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Finance			
#1F	APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST TOTALING \$422,762.21		
#2F	APPROVAL – CAFETERIA CLAIMS FOR MARCH 2014 TOTALING \$88,808.30		
#3F	APPROVAL – LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR MARCH 2014		
#4F	ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS		
#5F	APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT FOR 2014-2015		
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Health-Welfare and Safety	
#1HWS	APPROVAL OF DELTA T GROUP AS ADDITIONAL RELATED SERVICE PROVIDER FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR
#2HWS	APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE PLACEMENTS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

	Motion by Ms. Helen Yoon To Approve #1HWS - #2HWS	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Han Silver was absent.

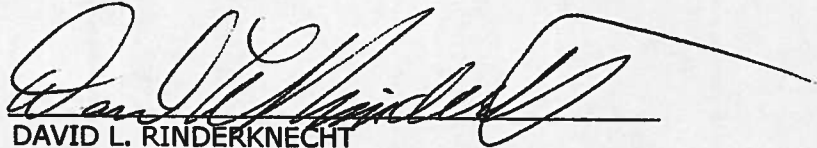
Personnel		
#1P	APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES AT NO COST TO THE DISTRICT	
#2P	ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT OF CAROL BURGHARDT AS HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL	
#3P	RESIGNATION OF STACEY MARGOLIES AS ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT SCHOOL NO. 2	
#4P	RESIGNATION OF MARGO MELZER AS BUSINESS TEACHER AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL	
#5P	RESIGNATION OF FRANKLIN FERRARA AS CHEMISTRY TEACHER AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL (RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN)	
#6P	EXTENDED MATERNITY LEAVE FOR SARA CUOMO AS ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT SCHOOL NO. 2	
#7P	APPOINTMENT OF DENISE ASTUTO AS SCHOOL COUNSELING INTERN FOR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL	
#8P	MEDICAL LEAVE FOR BRANKA STIPANOV AS PART-TIME AIDE AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL	
#9P	APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHOOL COUNSELOR/SCHOOL COUNSELOR	
#10P	APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES FOR 2013-2014	
#11P	APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE FORT LEE ADMINISTRATORS GROUP (FLAG)	
#12P	APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MS. CHERYL BALLETO	
	Motion by Mrs. Holly Morell To Approve #1P - #12P	Seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from Resolution #1P. Mr. Peter Suh and Mr. Jeff Weinberg voted NAY to Resolution #12P. Mrs. Han Silver was absent.

13. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

14. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

15. At approximately 9:03 PM, Mr. Peter Suh, offered, seconded by Ms. Helen Yoon, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Rinderknecht", written over a horizontal line.

DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

DLR/mp
Att. 4-29-14