

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

MINUTES – SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, August 5, 2013

Fort Lee High Library/Media Center,
3000 Lemoine Ave. Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

1. The Special Public Business Meeting was called to order at 8:47 PM by Mr. Yusang Park, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. Yusang Park 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: Fort Lee Patch.com, 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: Mr. Carmelo Luppino, Jr., Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell,
Mr. David Sarnoff, Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Joseph Surace, Ms. Helen Yoon and
Mr. Yusang Park

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Sharon Amato, Mr. Robert Brown, and Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

ABSENT: Mrs. Candace Romba

5. **PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING – TO ADJOURN IMMEDIATELY INTO PRIVATE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

6. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

- ◆ Dr. Sharon Amato gave a few remarks on the status of different projects in the district.

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

- ◆ For the month of June 2013.

	Motion by Mrs. Esther Han Silver	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh	
	To Approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Report for the month of June 2013.	On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.	

8. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS CERTIFICATION – JUNE 2013**

- ◆ For the month of June 2013.

	Motion by Mr. Joseph Surace	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh	
	Monthly Budget Status Certification for the month of June 2013.	On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.	

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

- ◆ A resident asked the board to involve the teachers in the selection process of the High School Principal. She also objected to the three minute time limit. Mr. Park responded.
- ◆ A resident wanted to know why the public could not comment on the passing of the Superintendent’s contract. The attorney answered that the county guided us and it was in compliance to the Interim Superintendent.
- ◆ A resident asked about the process for hiring the High School Principal.
- ◆ A resident questioned the wisdom of giving a contract until December 31, 2013.
- ◆ A resident asked if there was any chance that we could get the High School Principal in before September 1, 2013. Dr. Sharon Amato responded.

10. **RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

<u>Board Committee</u>			
#1B	APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR DR. SHARON AMATO AS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT FROM AUGUST 5, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013		
#2B	APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR DR. SHARON AMATO AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR 2013-2014		
	Motion by Mr. Carmelo Luppino	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh	
	To Approve #1B & #2B	On roll call, Motion carried. Mrs. Candace Romba was absent.	

Finance			
#1F	APPROVAL – JUNE 2013 BILLS LIST TOTALING \$6,790,518.81 AND AUGUST 2013 COMPUTER CHECKS TOTALING \$928,170.37		
#2F	PAYMENT OF NEW JERSEY VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS		
#3F	APPROVAL OF MR. ROBERT BROWN AS ADDITIONAL SIGNATORY		
#4F	REVISED NAVIANCE SOFTWARE PROPOSAL		
#5F	APPROVAL OF DAVID CARAVELLA TO PROVIDE DRILL DESIGN FOR MARCHING BAND FOR 2013-2014 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1,400		
#6F	APPROVAL – LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR JUNE 2013		
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Personnel			
#1P	APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES TOTALING \$79.00		
#2P	APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATION CHART FOR 2013-2014		
#3P	RESIGNATION OF JOHN SCANCARELLA AS AN OUT-OF-DISTRICT 1:1 AIDE FOR LEONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
#4P	RESIGNATION OF BRIAN MCCARTHY AS BUSINESS TEACHER AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL		
#5P	RESIGNATION OF CARMEN BRINN AS CLASSROOM AIDE AT SCHOOL NO. 1		
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11. At approximately 9:31 PM, Mr. Peter Suh, offered, Mr. Joseph Surace, seconded by, to adjourn the Special Public Business Meeting. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Roll calls and resolutions of this meeting are attached.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT BROWN
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

RB/mp
Att.
8-30-13