

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

MINUTES – PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Monday, May 5, 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. Joseph Surace, Vice President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mrs. Esther Han Silver 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, Mr. Joseph Surace, and Ms. Helen Yoon

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

ABSENT: Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg and Mr. Michael Zhadanovsky

5. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- ◆ Mr. Joseph Surace read a statement explaining the various achievement awards to be presented to teachers, advisors and students this evening.
- ◆ Two fourth grade students and the Art teacher at School #3 were recognized as winners in the "My County" Poster Contest.
- ◆ Regarding the Bergen County Teacher Recognition Poetry Contest, an eleventh grade student was given a first place award and the other students were recognized for Honorable Mention.
- ◆ The Model UN Award was given to a junior student at the Fort Lee High School. An eleventh grade student was selected as the delegate of Sweden at the Model United Nations Conference at Dartmouth University.
- ◆ Nine students and their advisor were recognized for their first place finish of the Winter Color Guard at the US Bands National Championship.

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 | |

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Private Executive Session on April 16, 2014 and the Private Executive Session and the Regular Business Meeting on April 21, 2014.

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

- ◆ One parent addressed the Board regarding specifications for the playground renovation at School #2 and requested that the PTA and principal have input.
- ◆ The High School Industrial Arts teacher, Alfred Epstein spoke about the decision to terminate the Industrial Arts Program and requested to be paid for his balance of 81 sick days.
- ◆ A resident spoke about the temporary classroom units to be installed at School #2. Mr. Paul Saxton stated that plans are going to the state tomorrow.

Mr. Peter Suh, offered, seconded by Mr. David Sarnoff, to close the Public Questions and Answer portion of the meeting. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

9. ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Board Committee			
#1B	APPROVE PRIVATE WORK SESSION		
#2B	APPOINTMENT OF DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT AS ACTING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY FROM MAY 5, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2014		
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1B & #2B</td> <td>Seconded by Ms. Helen Yoon On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg were absent.</td> </tr> </table>	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1B & #2B	Seconded by Ms. Helen Yoon On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg were absent.
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<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>		
#1B&G	APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS	
#2B&G	APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM KINSEY ASSOCIATES FOR PLAY AREA AND LANDSCAPING PLANTING DESIGN AT SCHOOL NO. 2	
	Motion by Mrs. Esther Han Silver To Approve #1B&G & #2B&G	Seconded by Mr. Peter Suh On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg were absent.

<u>Curriculum Committee</u>		
#1CUR	APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIPS AT A COST TO THE DISTRICT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,360	
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1CUR	Seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Holly Morell and Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name. Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg were absent.

<u>Finance</u>		
#1F	APPROVAL – CURRENT BILLS LIST TOTALING \$918,391.85	
#2F	APPROVAL OF MR. DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT AS ADDITIONAL SIGNATORY EFFECTIVE MAY 5, 2014 TO REORGANIZATION MEETING OF 2015	
#3F	APPROVAL OF 2014 PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS DINNER	
	Motion by Mr. Peter Suh To Approve #1F - #3F	Seconded by Ms. Helen Yoon On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Joseph Surace abstained from one name on Resolution #1F. Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg were absent.

<u>Health-Welfare and Safety</u>		
#1HWS	PAYMENT OF HOME AND BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION SERVICES	
	Motion by Mrs. Candace Romba To Approve #1HWS	Seconded by Mrs. Esther Han Silver On roll call, Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Jeff Weinberg were absent.

Personnel			
#1P	APPROVAL - STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES TOTALING \$27.00		
#2P	APPROVAL OF DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT AS CUSTODIAN OF DISTRICT RECORDS, PACA AND QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT FROM MAY 5, 2014 TO THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF 2015		
#3P	ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT OF DENISE MASSIN AS KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT SCHOOL NO. 3		
#4P	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF STAFF MEMBERS TO BE AWARDED TENURE DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR		
#5P	APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR K-12 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPERVISOR PULLED		
#6P	ADJUSTMENTS FOR LONGEVITY PAYMENTS FOR 2012-2013 AND 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEARS		
#7P	EXTENDED MATERNITY LEAVE FOR JOANNE BAKAS AS ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT SCHOOL NO. 3		
#8P	ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT OF KATHY SONNER AS MATHEMATICS TEACHER AT FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL		
#9P	PLACEMENT OF STUDENT TEACHERS AND PRACTICUM CANDIDATES DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR		
#10P	APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES FOR 2013-2014		
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Policy			
#1POL	SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICIES AND REGULATIONS: P7510 AND R7510 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES; P5111 AND R5111 ELIGIBILITY OF RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT PUPILS		
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10. **OLD BUSINESS** – None
11. **NEW BUSINESS** – None
12. At approximately 8:50 PM, Mr. Peter Suh, offered, seconded by Mrs. Holly Morell, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT
INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

DLR/mp
Att. 5-8-14