

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

**MINUTES – REORGANIZATION MEETING**

Monday, May 2, 2011

All Purpose Room of School No. 1 - 250 Hoym St.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, by Mrs. Cheryl Balletto, Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mrs. Cheryl Balletto led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Mrs. Cheryl Balletto read the following statement:

Public Announcement by the President of the Board of Education:

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, 255 Whiteman Street; published in the Board's designated newspapers: The Record, The Star Ledger, The Bergen News and The Suburbanite; filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Fort Lee; and mailed to all persons, if any, who have requested said notice.

4. **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO THREE ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

- ◆ Mrs. Cheryl Balletto conducted the oaths of office.

5. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. John Bang, Mr. Arthur W. Levine, Mr. Carmello Luppino, Jr., Mrs. Linda McCue, Mrs. Angela Napolitano, Mr. Yusang Park, Mr. Peter Suh, Mr. Joseph Surace and Ms. Helen Yoon

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Raymond J. Bandlow, Mr. Steven Engravalle, Mrs. Cheryl Balletto, Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., and Mr. Yaacov Brisman, Esq.

6. **NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND ELECTION THERETO AS CONDUCTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD. UPON ELECTION THE PRESIDENT SHALL THEN ASSUME THE CHAIR**

- ◆ Mr. Peter Suh nominated Mr. Arthur Levine for the office of President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
- ◆ Mr. John Bang nominated Mr. Yusang Park for the office of President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
- ◆ Mr. Carmelo Luppino nominated Ms. Linda McCue for the office of President.
- ◆ Mrs. Balletto took a roll call vote to close nominations of President. All board members voted yes to close the nominations for Board President.

- ◆ Mrs. Balletto took a roll call vote for Mr. Arthur Levine as Board President with the following outcome:

<b>Board President</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mr. John Bang	No
Mr. Arthur Levine	Yes
Mr. Carmello Luppino, Jr.	No
Mrs. Linda McCue	Yes
Mrs. Angela Napolitano	Yes
Mr. Yusang Park	No
Mr. Peter Suh	Yes
Mr. Joseph Surace	Yes
Ms. Helen Yoon	No

- ◆ As the newly-appointed President, Mr. Arthur Levine took over the chairmanship of the meeting.

7. **NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT AND ELECTION THERETO**

- ◆ Mrs. Angela Napolitano nominated Mrs. Linda McCue for the office of Vice President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
- ◆ Mr. John Bang nominated Mr. Yusang Park for the office of Vice President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
- ◆ Mrs. Balletto took a roll call vote for Linda McCue of Vice President.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Mr. John Bang	No
Mr. Arthur Levine	Yes
Mr. Carmello Luppino, Jr.	Yes
Mrs. Linda McCue	Yes
Mrs. Angela Napolitano	Yes
Mr. Yusang Park	No
Mr. Peter Suh	Yes
Mr. Joseph Surace	Yes
Ms. Helen Yoon	No

- ◆ Mrs. Linda McCue was appointed as Vice President.

8. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

- ◆ Mr. Peter Suh acknowledged Mrs. Michelle Stux-Ramirez and thanked her for all the hard work she did while on the board and will be missed.
- ◆ Mr. Joseph Surace wanted to discuss Resolutions #H, #I, #J and have them pulled off the reorganization agenda.
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park stated that the list of the courses and textbooks date back to 2001. Are there any plans to buy some textbooks and update the curriculum?
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that we do have books budgeted but do not know the outcome until tomorrow if they will be approved.

9. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING MATTERS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND ANY TOPIC OF CONCERN**

- ◆ Mrs. Paula Colbath asked if the item in Resolution E is intended to be used in the 2011-2012 school year and if it is mandatory. Is it for next year as a part of an annual adoption or are you preparing for the coming year. Also what is the consequence to wait till after the budget is passed? Can the board add to the list at a later time?
- ◆ Mr. Yusang Park stated that he would like assurance from the superintendent that we will keep funds for our textbooks.
- ◆ Mr. Arthur Levine stated that we can't give any guarantee until we know and if the mayor and council review it. If it doesn't pass we are not in control of it.
- ◆ Mrs. Nina Levinson asked when are the textbooks to be reviewed.
- ◆ Dr. Raymond Bandlow stated that it is reviewed on a regular basis, every five years and sometimes longer. Five years is standard but have financial constraints..
- ◆ Mrs. Nancy Stern asked if the board is pulling Resolutions H, I and J. She asked if an RFP was done on Resolution J and an attorney is hired by the board so the resolution is wrong.
- ◆ Mrs. Mildred Frederico asked if the board will be appointing the delegate for the New Jersey School Board. Will any board members be going to the bullying seminar?
- ◆ Mr. Arthur Levine stated that no one is attending.

10. **RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON**

- A. Designating Official Newspapers for notices and legal advertisements and establishing the dates of the Regular Public Meetings (Public Work Sessions, Private Work Sessions, and Regular Business Meetings) for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue, seconded by Mr. Carmelo Luppino to adopt Resolution "A". Ms. Helen Yoon abstained. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approving the schedule of Board meetings for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue, seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano to adopt Resolution "B". Ms. Helen Yoon abstained. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Naming depositories for Board funds and authorized signors. Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue, seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano to adopt Resolution "C". Ms. Helen Yoon abstained. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approving to adopt curricula and programs for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue, seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano to adopt Resolution "D". Ms. Helen Yoon abstained. On roll call, motion carried.
- E. Approving to adopt the curriculum textbooks for use during the 2011-2012 school year. Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue, seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano to adopt Resolution "E". Ms. Helen Yoon abstained. On roll call, motion carried.
- F. Approving the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Education and approving the Second Reading and Adoption of Special Education Policies. Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue, seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano to adopt Resolution "F". Ms. Helen Yoon abstained. On roll call, motion carried.
- G. Adopt New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics. Motion by Mrs. Linda McCue, seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano to adopt Resolution "G". Ms. Helen Yoon abstained. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- H. Approving the appointment of the auditor for the 2011-2012 school year. PULLED

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- I. Approving the appointment of SSP Architectural Group as Architect of Record. PULLED
  - J. Approving the appointment of Board Attorney. PULLED
  - K. Approval of Petty Cash Funds. Motion by Mr. Carmelo Luppino, seconded by Mr. Peter Suh to adopt Resolution "K". Ms. Helen Yoon abstained. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
11. At 7:29 PM, Mr. Joseph Surace offered, seconded by Mrs. Angela Napolitano, to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting and enter into a special public business meeting. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
12. Roll call and Resolutions are attached hereto.

Submitted by,

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Mrs. Cheryl Balletto  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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Attachments