Board of Education of the Borough of Little Ferry, Bergen County, NJ

President Craig Rogers called the Workshop/Action Meeting of the Little Ferry Board of Education to order on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. and led the Board in the Salute to the Flag.

OPENING STATEMENT

Board Secretary Agostino Rottino read the following Opening Statement affirming that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law requirements had been met:
The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof placed in the Memorial School, Washington School and the Municipal Building with notices sent to THE RECORD of the news media.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE THREE 3YEAR TERM BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS OPEN - PETITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 25 AT 4 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anne DeLuca, Deanna Wallace, Eileen Garlasco, Jody Pasqua, James Cirillo, Jill Ann Pasechnick, A.J. Joshi, John Tronlone, and Craig Rogers

Also Present: Mr. Frank Scarafile, Superintendent
Mr. Agostino Rottino, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator
Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka, & Goldberg P.C. – Ms. Marla Taus in attendance

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Carmen Holster to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens
- Letter from Debbie Leopold regarding Basketball Field Trip to Rutgers
- Letter from Dr. Aaron Graham, Bergen County Superintendent, regarding School-level Objectives, QAAR, and Statement of Assurance

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Scarafile discussed the following:

- Personnel Committee Meeting 2/7/08 following Board Meeting
- Adding Part time custodial positions to work on "as needed" basis
- Buildings & Grounds Committee has authorized SSP Architects to do special survey
- Board Meeting scheduled for February 21 has been changed to February 28
- Technology Committee has to schedule a meeting to firm up tech plans
- Curriculum Committee & Policy Committee need to schedule meetings before February 27
- Budget Hearing changed from March 26 to March 20 – earlier so public referendum discussions not mixed with budget
- Reminder that Board Member candidate petitions are due on Monday, February 25 by 4 pm

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

February 7, 2008 Workshop/Action Meeting
President Rogers discussed the following:

- March 4 – town meeting for referendum

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds

- Projects- Roof/HVAC
- Truck
- Copy Machines
- Architects – Spatial Efficiency study
- Wet Lands
- Food Service

Finance Committee

- 2008-09 Budget

Ridgefield Park

- Ms. DeLuca, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Scarafile attended a meeting regarding test scores of Little Ferry students attending Ridgefield Park High School

OPEN CITIZENS HEARING

Motion by James Cirillo
Seconded by Jill Ann Pasechnick
BE IT RESOLVED, that the meeting is now open to the Citizens' Hearing of the Regular Public Session at 8:11 p.m.

Nothing was brought before the Board

CLOSE CITIZENS HEARING

Motion by James Cirillo
Seconded by Jill Ann Pasechnick
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Citizens' Hearing of the Regular Public Meeting is hereby closed at 8:11 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Block Vote: R:251 to R:255 – R:250 PULLED

Motion by James Cirillo
Seconded by Jill Ann Pasechnick

Roll Call: 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain except R:255 6 Yes 0 No 3 Abstain PULLED
R:250 02/07/08 APPROVE FINAL AGREEMENT WITH SSP

ARCHITECTURAL GROUP

Motion by Trustee
Seconded by Trustee
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby approves the final agreement with SSP Architectural group. The new verbiage reviewed by attorney calls for changes in the following three areas:

Term of Architect of Record - 01/01/08-6/30/09
HVAC Upgrade Project – 9%
Roof Upgrade Project – 8%

R:251 02/07/08 APPROVE PROPOSAL WITH PENNONI ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE LETTER OF INTERPRETATION APPLICATION

Motion by Trustee
Seconded by Trustee
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby approves the proposal for professional services with Pennoni Associates to prepare a Letter of Interpretation Application as requested by the NJDEP to establish the location of the wetland line. The fees are as follows:

Letter of Interpretation Services - $4,500.00
Transition Area Waiver for Redevelopment- $1,500.00

R:252 02/07/08 APPROVE CONTRACT WITH STEWART INDUSTRIES

Motion by Trustee
Seconded by Trustee
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby approves a new contract with Stewart Industries for new Xerox copiers, terminating the existing contract with Stewart Industries. The new contract cost is $4,397.16 per lease and a savings of .003 per copy.

R:253 02/07/08 APPROVE FIELD TRIPS – 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Trustee
Seconded by Trustee
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with School Policy, the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby approves the following Field Trip(s) for the 2007-2008 school year:

Rutgers University-Athletic Center- Boys' & Girls' Basketball Teams - March 1, 2008
(RU women's basketball game)

ArtsPower – Lodi, NJ - Grade 6 Classes - March 6, 2008

R:254 02/07/08 APPROVE UNPAID FAMILY LEAVE – LORI DONNELLY – SPEECH-LANGUAGE SPECIALIST

Motion by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby grants Lori Donnelly, tenured Speech-Language Specialist, a 12-week Unpaid Family Leave effective March 27, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

R:255 02/07/08 APPROVE PART-TIME SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS – 2007-2008

Motion by Trustee
Seconded by Trustee
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Little Ferry Board of Education approves the following individuals be placed on the Part-Time Substitute Custodian List for the 2007-2008 school year, to be called in on an "as needed" basis. Rate of pay is $9.50 per hour – without benefits.

Matthew DeLuca
Craig Rogers
Eric Wallace
Matthew Wallace

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by
Seconded by
BE IT RESOLVED, that with no further business to come before the Little Ferry Board of Education, the meeting is adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Agostino Rottino
Interim Board Secretary//Business Administrator