

October 16, 2013

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, in the Cafeteria of the Bayview Avenue School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: none

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for
Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk
Mr. Gerard Poole, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. James Robinson Executive Director for Business
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of
Operations

Also absent were: none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 127.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that it was a very special evening. New York State has declared October 28th to November 1st as "School Board Recognition Week." He went on to say that tonight we will be recognizing the extraordinary service of the Freeport Union Free School Board and honoring them for upholding the educational values for our students.

The Superintendent introduced Ms. Odette Wills, Principal of Bayview Avenue School. Ms. Wills also thanked the Board for their hard work. She then introduced the students of the 2nd Grade Dual Language class. The children sang "We Go Together." The song was greatly enjoyed by all.

Dr. Kuncham then introduced the following individuals:

Ms. Paula Lein, President of the Freeport Administrators Union informed the Board that a donation in their names had been made to Saint Jude's Hospital in each of their names. She also thanked the Board for all they do for our students.

Ms. Susan Caravousanos, Freeport Teachers Association 1st Vice President, also spoke of the Boards hard work and dedication to the students of Freeport. She presented certificates and announced that the

FTA had made a donation in the name of the Board of Education to the Freeport Memorial Library.

Ms. Linda Weiner, representing the Teaching Assistants Association, thanked the Board for their hard work on behalf of the students and presented a gift bag to each Board member.

Ms. Maria Coletta, representatives from FEOSA, expressed their thanks to the Board and informed them that a donation to the American Cancer Society was made in the Boards name.

Ms. Sonia Dixon, President of the PTA Council. Ms. Dixon thanked the Board and presented each Board member with a gift certificate from the PTA to thank them for their service and dedication to our children.

The Mayor of Freeport and the Village Trustees thanked the School Board and recognized them for their contribution to the Village and the children of Freeport with certificates.

Dr. Kuncham also presented the Board with gift bags from the Cabinet and the District in recognition of the many hours of service and hard work.

The Superintendent also informed the Board that the Cafeteria and Security Unions have sent a fruit arrangement with their thanks for all the Board of Education does for the Freeport Students.

In other good news, Freeport is the recipient of the Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant for more than \$700,000 from the U. S. Department of Education in conjunction with Adelphi University. This grant will be given out over 3 years. Special thanks to Jonathan Bloom for facilitating this.

A short break was called at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting was called back in to session at 8:20 p.m.

In other news the Superintendent announced the following:

- Congratulations to Brooke Baker, a Senior, she has won a \$10,000 Scholarship and an iPad from Nordstrom's. Brook's sister graduated two years ago and is attending Yale University.
- Dr. Roberto Joseph, an Associate Professor at Hofstra University, has partnered with Freeport for a \$1.2 million dollar grant to help fund after school programs at Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School and John W. Dodd Middle School.
- The District has applied for a Community School grant which was one of the competitive grants from New York State. Thank you to Mr. Gerard Poole and other Administrators for making this happen.
- Freeport is also pursuing funding to expand our pre-K program. The District is very aggressive in applying for grants and available funding.
- Congratulations to Kathy Burns, employee of the month for Columbus Avenue School, the theme was Implementing New Ideas.

Questions from the Public

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board for four minutes on the Agenda only. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Acceptance of the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the following meetings as written: September 26, 2013, October 2, 2013.

Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants a request for leave of absence as listed below:

Catherine Willis, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 27, 2013 through October 8, 2013, for health and FMLA.

Kelly Holtz, Special Education Teacher, effective September 18, 2013 through December 8, 2013, for health and child care.

Pedro Burgess, Cleaner, effective April 8, 2013 extended through October 18, 2013, for health reasons.

Jaclyn Leahy, Speech Teacher, effective April 22, 2013 extended through December 1, 2013, for health reasons.

Sonia Rose, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective October 3, 2013 through October 9, 2013, for health.

Resignation of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation from the following staff member(s) as listed below:

Shawan Bradshaw, Security Aide, effective September 23, 2013, for personal reasons.

Appointment of Instructional Staff - Probationary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Probationary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

Eva Commander, full-time Teacher Aide, a probationary appointment effective September 23, 2013, probation will be for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$16,791. Assignment: Dodd.

Marianne Kelly-VanVoorhees, full-time Teaching Assistant, a probationary appointment effective October 8, 2013, probation will be for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$19,226. Assignment: Bayview.

Angelita Rivas, Account Clerk, a probationary appointment effective October 28, 2013, probation will be for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Clerical Contract at \$39,226. Assignment: Administration.

Appointment of Instructional Staff - Temporary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the following Appointment of Staff Report - Temporary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

Marisa Filardo, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective October 1, 2013 through June 27, 2014. Compensation for this will be at the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

Blanca Adames, 3/5 Foreign Language Teacher, (replacing M. Rivera, LOA) effective October 7, 2013 through August 31, 2014. Compensation for this will be \$49,479 (pro-rated) on step 8 of the U4D Schedule. Assignment: FHS.

Kristen Boshko, Elementary Teacher, return from excessing, a temporary appointment effective October 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. Compensation for this will be \$68,651 on step 3 of the U4D Schedule. Assignment: Columbus.

Julie Quezada, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing G. Tapia, resigned) a temporary appointment effective October 15, 2013. Compensation for this position will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,272. Assignment: Dodd.

CSE/CPSE Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education for the following dates: August 13, 29, 2013; September 10, 11, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 2013; October 3, 2013.

Other Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following item was approved:

Retirement of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff member as listed:

John Cappiello, Messenger, effective February 1, 2014, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 17 years.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a second by Mr. Miller the following item was approved:

Granting of Tenure

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants tenure status to the following individual(s):

Teaching Assistants			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Andrea Rogers-Sammis	Archer	Teaching Assistant	November 15, 2013

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following item was approved:

Approval of Consultants

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the agreements between the following consultants and the Freeport Union Free School District, as per the following for; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute said agreements on its behalf.

Consultant	Scope of Work		Cost	Funding Source
Patricia J. Belfi	Atkinson	Twenty days of targeted instructional support to support staff in delivering Common Core aligned ELA instruction.	\$6,000	Title IIa

Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence	Dodd	Three days of onsite coaching/training on evidence-based tools designed to enhance the emotional intelligence of school leaders, teachers staff, and students. (RULER APPROACH)	\$3,000	Title IIa
CCAN at The Safe Center	District Wide	Train all staff on the reporting of child abuse and neglect in accordance with NYS law	\$400.00	Title IIa
Destination Imagination	New Visions K-4	Student participation in a competitive STEM program.	\$1200	21st Century Grant
Hofstra University Museum	New Visions Grade 3	Student participation across the school year in the: Art Travelers through Time: Literacy and History through Art at the Hofstra Museum program.	\$8000	21st Century Grant
Premier Gymnasium	FHS Cheerleading Program	Use of facilities at Premier Gym and instruction in specialized cheerleading skills	\$2070	21st Century Grant

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following item was approved:

Approval of Student Travel to Rochester NY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Rochester, NY for certain members of the Select Chorale who have been chosen through NYSSMA auditions to participate in the NYSSMA All-State Conference Festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said authorization, is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High School's compliance with all insurance, health, safety and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administration Procedures.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster the following item was approved:

Approval Student Travel to Tour SUNY Colleges and Universities

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Binghamton, Brockport, Buffalo, Cortland, Geneseo, and Syracuse New York from November 4 through November 6, 2013 for the purpose of providing a college tour for students who will visit and tour SUNY Colleges and Universities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said authorization, is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High School's compliance with all insurance, health, safety and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administration Procedures.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a second by Mr. Miller the following item was approved:

Approval of an Agreement with FIOS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the School District to enter into a contract with Verizon FIOS Corporate Services Group, Inc. for the broadcast of mutually agreed to School events upon the terms and conditions of the attached agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following item was approved:

Appointment of the Audit Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the five members of the Board of Education as members of the District Audit Committee as required by Education Law §2116-c for the 2013-2014 School Year.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Questions from the Public

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board for four minutes on any topic.

Executive Session

At 8:46 p.m. Mr. Miller moved to adjourn to executive session for one specific matter of personnel.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and passed unanimously.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 9:46 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Miller the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 9:47 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Lancaster, the Board adjourned the meeting. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board