

December 18, 2013

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, in the Gymnasium of the New Visions School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President (arrived 7:35 p.m.)
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee

Absent were: Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico

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 57.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared several items.

- Atlantic Express/Courtesy Bus was not able to reorganize under Chapter 11 and the Court has auctioned off all assets.
- Bauman Bus Company has purchased the Freeport School routes, the Oceanside depot and approximately 400 of the busses.
- The staff of Atlantic Express that served the Freeport Schools will continue to serve the Freeport Schools under the new company and the students and families will not be impacted.
- The Board of Education held a special meeting on Monday, December 16, 2013 during which the Board authorized the Superintendent to consent, or withhold consent of contract assignment to a new transportation company.
- All information is on the Freeport Schools website.

The Winter Festival of the Arts was held in each of our buildings over the last two weeks and the children have been extraordinary. Congratulations to Ms. Anne Marie Hudley Simmons, and all the teachers, for the amazing music and art exhibits that the children have presented.

The Student Government, under the direction of Mr. Josh Levitt, presented their report on the activities at Freeport High School. The student presenters were;

Oliver Collado, Karolynn Ellis, Lee Stetson, Kaylinn Ellis and Yamira Escobar.

The Superintendent introduced Mrs. Renee Crump-Dedmon, Principal of New Visions School. Mrs. Crump-Dedmon welcomed everyone and said she was proud to introduce the New Visions Honor Choir, under the direction of Ms. Ruth Breidenbach, Music Teacher. The children presented a retelling of the "Polar Express" with singing, dancing and narration. The performance was enjoyed by all.

At 8:00 p.m. a short break was taken.

The meeting was called back in session at 8:05 p.m.

The Superintendent then continued his remarks as follows:

- The annual inspection for the NJROTC will take place at 11:00 a.m. on December 19, 2013.
- The date of the Freeport High School Spring Musical has been changed to April 4, 2014 and April 5, 2014.
- David Portillo, a Freeport High School student, has been selected as one of the top artist runner-ups in the Nassau BOCES annual Holiday Card Design Challenge.
- Kerriam Harvey and Jonathan Valerio have been selected as 2013 Outstanding Physical Education Students.
- Shawnee Barrett, Freeport High School student, has been given the Most Valuable Offensive Player Award at the Long Island Football All-Star game.

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. Miller and a second by Ms. Lancaster the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

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: November 20, 2013; December 4, 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:

Andrew Hunter, Security Aide, effective November 1, 2013 through January 26, 2014 for health reasons.

Tia Williams, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 19, 2013 through January 8, 2014, for health reasons.

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:

Shawn Holder, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective December 6, 2013, for personal reasons.

Rong Miao, Assistant Business Administrator, effective December 20, 2013, for personal reasons.

Change of Status

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the following change of status as listed below:

Blanca Adames, Foreign Language Teacher, change of status from 3/5 to a full-time, position (due to enrollment) effective December 9, 2013, assignment: FHS.

Appointment of Staff-Non-Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals as listed, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Darnell Vanable, Cleaner, (replacing J. Boyd, retired) a probationary appointment effective December 2, 2013 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation for this position shall be on Step 1 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$33,891. Assignment: FHS.

Steven Whritenour, Cleaner, (replacing T. Smallwood, resigned) a probationary appointment effective December 2, 2013 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation for this position shall be on Step 1 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$33,891. Assignment: FHS.

Robert Acosta Rosa, Cleaner, (replacing R. Lima, retired) a probationary appointment effective December 2, 2013 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation for this position shall be on Step 1 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$33,891. Assignment: Archer.

Appointment of 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 attached 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.

Filomena Pascarella, Permanent Substitute, effective December 2, 2013 through June 27, 2014. Compensation will be at the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Bayview.

Matthew Wynn, Permanent Substitute, effective December 12, 2013 through June 27, 2014. Compensation will be at the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

Co-curricular Appointments

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 below, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers or other staff in the public schools of New York for the 2013-2014 School Year.

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMIES

Archer Street School		
Name	Stipend	Subject
Meghan Fritz	\$549.20	Teaching Assistant

Appointment of Winter Coaching Staff 2013-2014

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 below, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers or other staff in the public schools of New York.

Coach Name	Position	Salary
Yearwood, Felicia	Girls Varsity Winter Track Head	\$ 5,997
McFarlin, Marques	Varsity Winter Track Asst.	\$ 4,092

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: October 2, 10, 29, 31, 2013; November 1, 4, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 26, 27, 2013; December 4, 5, 2013.

Other Items for Action

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

Approval of Consultant

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the agreements between the following consultant(s) 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
“Journeys Into American Indian Territory” Robert Vetter	Giblyn: Two program leaders will provide instruction in Native American activities and storytelling to grade 4 students.	1,375.00	21 st Century Grant

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER-GENERAL FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District here by approves a Budget Transfer within the General Fund for December, 2013.

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

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

Acceptance of the Internal Auditor Risk Assessment Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District here by accepts the 2012-2013 Internal Audit Risk Assessment Report as reviewed and accepted by the Board of Education Audit Committee on December 4, 2013.

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

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 8:45 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, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

At 9:42 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Ms. Lancaster the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

Further Action

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

Termination of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby terminates the services of Security Aide, Jorge Gonzalez, effective December 19, 2013.

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

Adjournment

At 9:45 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, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board