

February 11, 2014

A regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, in the Gymnasium of the Leo F. Giblyn School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee (arrived 7:40 p.m.)
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico

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. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of
Operations
Mr. James Robinson Executive Director for Business

Also absent were: none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 115.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the public that he would be presenting an overview of the 2014-2015 proposed budget.

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, Larissa Gutierrez, Kaylinn Ellis and Yamira Escobar.

The Superintendent then shared some wonderful things that happened in Freeport Schools:

- The Girls Bowling Team finished the season as Conference 5 Champions, Kaylinn Ellis and Yalitzia Rodriguez were the Long Island Doubles Champions (Class C Division).
- Senior, Jonathan Ruiz broke the Freeport High Schools Boys' Swimming record in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:11:56.
- The Freeport High School Cheerleaders placed 4th at the Long Island Championship. The team also earned the Sportsmanship Award for the 9th year in a row. The team will be competing at the Nationals in Florida.

Superintendent Kuncham then introduced Mrs. Amanda Muldowney, Principal of Leo F. Giblyn School. Mrs. Muldowney introduced the 2nd Grade students. The children presented a song dedicated to Nelson Mandela and the theme of the song was “What Makes Freeport Beautiful”. The presentation was enjoyed by all.

A short break was taken at 7:55 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:00 p.m.

A Long Range Planning Study was presented to the Board and public by Ms. Joan Towney from Western Suffolk BOCES. She stressed the fact that while most are experiencing enrollment decreases; Freeport’s enrollment has been increasing, and is projected to increase through the year 2023. Ms. Towney presented a power point Long Range Study. (as attached)

Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director for Business, gave a power point presentation to give everyone a historical perspective and an overview of District needs. (as attached)

Mr. Gerard Poole, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, spoke about the Common Core requirements and how the decrease in State Aid affects all the mandated programs.

Dr. Kuncham said there will be a 3rd proposition on the ballot to use \$1.2 million for Capital Projects at no additional cost to taxpayers.

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. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe 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: February 4, 2014

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:

December 16, 19, 2013; January 8, 14, 16, 23, 24, 30, 2014.

Other Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Lancaster 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):

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

<i>Teacher(s)</i>			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Brooke McKenna	Archer/Bayview	Physical Education	March 13, 2014
<i>Teaching Assistants</i>			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Taisha Jackson	FHS	Teaching Assistant	March 27, 2014

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:

Appointment of Administrative Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints **Beth Rella** to the position of Assistant Business Administrator (replacing Rong Miao, resigned), as a probationary employee effective February 24, 2014 through February 23, 2017. The tenure area in which **Beth Rella** shall serve is “Assistant Business Administrator”, a district wide tenure area. Compensation will be \$97,000.

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

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

Setting of Guidelines and Fee Structure for Community Use of the Turf Field

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the following guidelines and fee structures for the use of the Turf Field at Freeport High School:

One hundred dollars (\$100) per hour (minimum of 3 hours) for In-District, community based not-for-profit organizations; Two hundred dollars (\$200) per hour (minimum of 3 hours) for outside not-for-profit groups; outside “for profit” organizations will be handled on a case by case basis; No activities will be permitted after dark; and no Winter use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these rates will apply for use of the turf field only. All other fees for building use, custodial, security, etc., would be additional and based on need.

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:

Acceptance of Scholarship

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with great gratitude, a scholarship to be known as the “Unsung Hero Award”. This scholarship will be in the amount of \$250 and will be awarded to a graduating senior.

The recipient of this scholarship will have experienced struggles personal and/or academic throughout their schooling, have shown improvement in academics in spite of their struggles and exhibited a growth in character to succeed against the odds.

This scholarship is made possible by Sonia Dixon and family.

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 9:55 p.m. Mr. Miller moved to adjourn to executive session for one matter of negotiations and one matter of personnel.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and passed unanimously.

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

At 11:29 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, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 11:30 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