

**March 12, 2014**

The special meeting for a public hearing for the proposed Veterans Exemptions of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, in the cafeteria of the Atkinson School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 7:51 pm)  
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee (arrived 8:05 pm)  
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. 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 38.

**Public Hearing 1**

Proposed Veterans Exemption – Real Property Tax Law §458a

The Board heard comments from members of the public on the Proposed Veterans Exemption – Real Property Tax Law §458a and addressed the comments.

At 7:49 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster the hearing was closed. The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

**Public Hearing 2**

Proposed Veterans Exemption – Real Property Tax Law §458a(6)(d)

The Board heard comments from members of the public on the Proposed Veterans Exemption – Real Property Tax Law §458a(6)(d) for cooperative corporations and addressed the comments.

At 7:59 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster the hearing was closed. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

**Public Hearing 3**

Proposed Veterans Exemption —§458a “Gold Star Parent”

The Board heard comments from members of the public on the Proposed Veterans Exemption –§458a to include a “Gold Star Parent” and they addressed the comments.

At 8:03 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the hearing was closed. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

#### **Public Hearing 4**

Proposed Veterans Exemption –Real Property Tax Law §458a Transfer of Exemption  
The Board heard comments from members of the public on the Proposed Veterans Exemption – Real Property Tax Law §458a Transfer of Exemption on a Pro-rated Basis and they addressed the comments.

At 8:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the hearing was closed.

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

#### **Adjournment**

At 8:30 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board adjourned the meeting.

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

#### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education is immediately following.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.  
District Clerk