

**April 9, 2014**

The regular Planning/Action/Budget Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate 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  
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee  
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee  
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President

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 30.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting and made some announcements:

- Congratulations to the PTA for their leadership and a wonderful Founders Day event. Special congratulations to Joan Classi, Superintendent Secretary, and Jonathan Bloom, Athletic Director, as recipients of the PTA Honorary Life Membership Award.
- Congratulations to Diane Saunders who has been recognized by John W. Dodd Middle School under the Celebrating Success program.
- Linda Sturzel, Freeport High School Cafeteria, won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the New York School Nutrition Association South Area Annual School Nutrition Challenge in the Dessert category.
- Timothy Thom, Physical Education Teacher at Leo F. Giblyn School has been selected to receive the Health & Physical Education Professional Service Award chosen by the Department of Health, Physical Education and Movement Science in the College of Education, Information and Technology at L.I.U. Post.
- The FHS Musical, "In The Heights" was a Broadway level production which was enjoyed by all that attended.

The following 20 Year Employees were recognized with certificates and pins presented by Ms. Mulé, Dr. Kuncham and Dr. Bediako:

Yasmin Chambers  
Amy Cochol  
Ousmane Diouf  
Marilyn First  
Geraldine Muscara

Catherine Player  
Janet Rogers  
Deborah Tiedemann  
Kathryn Wagner

### **2014-15 Proposed Budget:**

The Superintendent gave a very brief overview and update on the proposed budget now that New York State has adopted its budget on time with some restoration of aid that had previously been withheld. The news is good news for Freeport and we have been able to close our budget gap with no reduction in programs and staffing for our children. Continued good relationships with our local legislators bring more aid to Long Island and Freeport.

The Superintendent reiterated the need for everyone to continue to contact their government officials and advocate for the schools and children for next year. We all need to be vigilant and continue to work for the elimination of the Tax Cap, elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment and a Tax Freeze.

### **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. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

### **Items for Action**

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

### **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:

January 10, 2014; February 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 24, 25, 26, 28, 2014; March 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 27, 2014.

The vote was unanimous, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Pomerico moved to adjourn to executive session for one matter of negotiations and one specific matter of personnel.

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

The vote was; Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 10:09 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Pomerico the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

The vote was; Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Adjournment**

At 10:10 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, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on April 24, 2014, 7:30 p.m., at the Archer Street School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D. District Clerk