

**April 24, 2014**

A regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, in the Gymnasium of the Archer Street School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent were: Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee

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 138.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kishore Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief summary of the budget process and the good things we are accomplishing here in Freeport Schools. He informed everyone that the Board will adopt the budget tonight and it is an educationally and fiscally responsible budget. It is within the tax cap and maintains all programs services and staff.

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

The Superintendent introduced Mrs. Paula Lein, Principal of Archer Street School. Mrs. Lein welcomed everyone to Archer Street School and then introduced the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. The children presented a program in honor of Earth Day in which they adopted a storm drain and became "Citizen Scientists". It was a brilliant program for the children to participate in. This program is available in all our Elementary schools and it's part of a funding through The Strengthening Teacher Leader Effectiveness Grant 1. Archer Street School partnered with Adelphi University and Operation SPLASH. At the end of the video and musical presentation, the children presented a check for \$700 to the President of SPLASH, Mr. Rob Weltner, which they had gathered to donate to the organization through fundraising.

### **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 Ms. Lancaster the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, 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:.

March 26, 2014, April 9, 2014.

### **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:

**Eddie Chavez**, Groundskeeper, effective March 17, 2014 through May 4, 2014, for health reasons, FMLA.

**Jennifer Ford**, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 24, 2014 through April 7, 2014, for health reasons.

**Andrew Hunter**, Security Aide, effective April 8, 2014 through May 20, 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:

**J. Lisa Denis**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 24, 2014, for personal reasons.

### **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 30, 2014; February 4, 7, 11, 12, 13, 24, 26, 28, 2014; March 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2014; April 3, 4, 2014.

### **Other Items for Action**

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Ms. Lancaster 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:

**Sandra Morvitz**, Speech Teacher, effective, close of business June 30, 2014, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 16 years.

**Florence Brown**, effective, close of business June 30, 2014, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 35 years.

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

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

<b>Teaching Assistant(s)</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TENURE AREA</b>	<b>TENURE DATE</b>
Elizabeth Franklyn	Atkinson	Teaching Assistant	May 6, 2014

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

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

**Acceptance of Stipulation of Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the Stipulation of agreement for full year 6<sup>th</sup> period assignment between the Freeport Teachers Association and the Freeport Union Free School District. The Board hereby directs the Superintendent to effectuate payment to the individual teachers affected in the amount agreed upon, retroactive to February 1, 2014.

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

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

**Approval of Student Travel -DECA International Career Conference.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Atlanta GA for DECA students to participate in a competition and to expand

opportunities for career awareness, leadership development, and cultivation of social intelligence.

**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 Administrative Procedures.

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

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

**Overnight Field Trip/International Travel**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Madrid, Granada, Seville, and Morocco from April 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**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 Administrative Procedure for overnight, off-Long Island, field trips.

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

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster 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 agreement between the following consultant(s) and the Freeport Union Free School District, as per the attached list 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
Deborah Brave	Freeport High School. Life Skills Travel Program for Special Education Students to learn how to ride on public transit, navigate signs, prepare for permit test, etc...	9-12 \$2,856.	21 <sup>st</sup> century Grant

Steven Vacarro	Program for students to develop vocational network/job readiness skills and job placement opportunity. (Part time and summer positions)	9-12	\$1,402.	21 <sup>st</sup> century Grant
Informed Decision Services, INC.	Project Evaluation as required for the Strengthening teacher Leader Effectiveness grant. 4/1/14-6/30/15	K-12	\$26,080	Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Grant 3
Pat Belfi	Mentor Facilitator for Teacher Mentor Program	K-12	\$7,500	Teacher Mentor Grant
Freeport Teacher Center Richard Johnson	Strengthening Teacher Leader Effectiveness Grant Professional Development in Technology Integration	K-12	\$1289	Strengthening Teacher Leader Effectiveness Grant (STLE3)
Cradle of Aviation Museum	Year 1-Museum In A Box- Outreach brings hands-on minds-on project based activities to schools.  Year 2-Webinars and Professional Development	7-10	\$18,000  \$8,000	Strengthening Teacher Leader Effectiveness Grant (STLE3)
Robert Dellamore	Healthy food cooking demonstrations. Four grade level assemblies and four parent workshops.		\$4,000	Carol White PEP grant

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

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

**Budget Transfers – April, 2014 General Fund**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the attached Budget Transfer within the General Fund for April, 2014.

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

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

**Adoption of the 2014-2015 Proposed Expenditure Budget**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the proposed Expenditure Budget for the 2014-2015 School Year in the amount of **\$162,358,708** is hereby adopted.

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



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

### **Acceptance of Scholarships**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude two scholarships to be known as the “Richard and Doris Baumann Memorial Scholarship”. These scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female student who demonstrate financial need, has overcome educational hardship and will be going on to higher education in September. The students will each receive \$1,000. This generous scholarship is from Baumann Bus Company which has been serving children throughout Long Island for more than 50 years.

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

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

### **Acceptance of a Scholarship**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude a scholarship to be known as the “In Honor of Julia N. Abreu Ramos Scholarship”. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$250 and will be presented to a college bound young woman, based on academic achievement and community service. This scholarship is made possible by the family of Julia N. Abreu Ramos.

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

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

### **Authorization to Sign an Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute an agreement with Hofstra University for the 2014 Freeport High School Commencement to be held at the David S. Mack Sports Complex at Hofstra University on Friday, June 27, 2014.

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

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

### **Appointment of Sound Actuarial Consulting**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints Sound Actuarial Consulting, LLC, to conduct an actuarial study for Worker’s Compensation Liability for the district as of June

30, 2014. This study is necessary to remain in compliance with GASB10 requirements and will be conducted for the proposed fee of \$6,500.

The vote was unanimous,

### **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.

At 8:42 p.m. Mr. Pomerico moved to adjourn to executive session for one matter of negotiations.

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

The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 10:02 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; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico .

### **Adjournment**

At 10:03 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, Mulé and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako  
Clerk of the Board