

May 7, 2014

The Budget Public Hearing Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Anthony J. Miller, Trustee (arrived 8:01 pm)
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: none

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
and 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

Absent were: none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was approximately 7.

Budget Hearing

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then reminded everyone that the budget was adopted by the Board of Education on April 24, 2014 as per law. At the hearing the district and the public will be hearing the details of the budget.

Dr. Kuncham introduced Mr. Kenneth Bellafiore, Director of the Freeport Memorial Library to present the proposed Library Budget for 2014-2015.

Proposed Library Budget 2014-2015

Mr. Kenneth Bellafiore, Director of the Freeport Memorial Library, discussed the Proposed 2014/2015 Library Budget (as attached) and gave an update on various exciting projects happening at the Library and completed, along with a slides show to highlight all the activities and events.

Questions from the Public

The public was given the opportunity to address Mr. Bellafiore about the Proposed 2013/2014 Library Budget.

School Budget 2014-2015

The Superintendent gave a very short overview of the 2013-2014 budget. He reminded the public that Freeport spends \$4,000 less than the Nassau County average per pupil and collects \$8,000 less than the Nassau County average in taxes per student.

Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director of Business gave a Power Point Presentation reviewing the proposed 2013-2014 Budget as attached.

Dr. Kuncham said that everyone must continue the advocacy that made the difference this year. We have preserved the programs for our children and they deserve the best we can give them.

Questions from the Public

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education and Administration regarding the 2014/2015 Proposed School Budget.

Dr. Kuncham asked the public to please come out and vote, don't hesitate to call with any questions. This is a fiscally responsible budget. He added that registration to vote was on-going through May 13, 2014, and absentee ballots were available until May 19, 2014 for this election.

Adjournment

At 8:14 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election meeting at 9:30 p.m. on May 20, 2014 at the Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Bediako
District Clerk