

June 4, 2014

The regular Planning/Action/Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, June 4, 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 7:30 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
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee
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. 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 68.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone and said that it was a special night to honor and recognized the retirees for the 2013-2014 School Year. He thanked them for their dedicated service to the students, the community and the Freeport School District. He said that collectively they had over 600 years of service to our Freeport children.

Recognition of Retirees

The Superintendent Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk, called upon each Principal to speak a few words about the employee's retiring from their building. The Superintendent and the Board President presented each retiree with a personalized plaque to thank them for their many years of service to the District,

The retirees were:

Victoria Bertrand
Florence Brown
Maureen Brown

Lucille Curley
Hortensia DeRiggs
Joyce Elias

Brenda Gardner
Mary Jane Gould
Roberta Ir

Andrea Kane
Linda Marino
Theresa Markel
Rochelle McKeen
Ellen Mitchell
Sandra Morvitz

Daniel Mulvey
Janet Rogers
Cheryl Ryan
Bert Silverstein
Mark Spanier
James Stalzer

Elena Accomando
Myrta Aviles
John Cappiello, Jr.
Mary Rodriguez
Michael Stone

At 8:39 pm a short break was called to congratulate the retirees. The meeting reconvened at 8:53 pm.

Dr. Kuncham introduced Mr. Gerard Poole, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Mr. Poole gave a power point presentation reviewing curriculum and recent grants worth over 2.5 million dollars contained in 6 grants.

The lunch program was discussed and the fact that prices have not been raised on over 20 years and the costs have risen dramatically. Prices will increase by 25¢ and free and reduced lunch will remain the same. A big thank you went out to Ms. Pat Cacace, Director of Cafeteria Services and her staff, for all the hard work that they do.

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.

Item for Action

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe 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:

March 31, 2014

April 4, 9, 23, 24, 28, 29, 2014

May 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 22, 23, 2014

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

Executive Session

At 9:52 p.m. Mr. Pomerico moved to adjourn to executive session for one specific matter of negotiations.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and passed unanimously.

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

At 10:48 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Miller the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

At 10:49 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Mr. Pomerico, 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 will be on June 18, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at New Visions School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
District Clerk