

September 30, 2014

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School. Michael Pomerico, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Those present were: Mr. Michael Pomerico, President
 Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Vice President
 Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
 Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Trustee
 Ms. Debra Mulé, 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. Louis S. Frontario, Assistant Superintendent 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 57.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the Board that tonight was an in-depth presentation on the 3rd through 8th grade Assessment Exams for the 2013-2014 school year and the proposed Action Plan.

The Superintendent first wanted to talk about some recent accomplishments.

- Congratulations to Board Member Debra Mulé upon her appointment to the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Legislative Committee.
- Congratulations to Board Vice President Mr. Anthony Miller upon his nomination as Area 11 Director for the New York State Caucus of Black School Board members.
- Congratulations also go to School Board Member Mr. Ron Ellerbe for his invitation to New York State Commissioner of Education John King's Round Table Discussions.

The Superintendent introduced Mr. Gerard Poole, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Mr. Poole gave a detailed power point presentation regarding the results of the 3-8th grade Common Core assessments given for the first time in 2013. (As attached)

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

Items for Action

On a motion by a Ms. Mulé and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, 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: August 27, 2014; September 10, 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:

Linda Gooden, Security Aide, effective September 1, 2014 through October 6, 2014, for health reasons.

Gregory Carter, Custodian, effective September 16, 2014 through November 30, 2014, for health reasons.

Sila Giorgio, Special Education Teacher, effective September 22, 2014 through November 2, 2014, for health reasons and FMLA.

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:

Anabel Lopez, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 12, 2014, to accept another position in the District.

Beverly Harper-Lewis, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 19, 2014, for personal reasons.

Donna Riso, Typist-Clerk-12 Month, effective September 19, 2014, for personal reasons.

Change of Status

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the following change of status as listed below:

Julie Quezada, part-time Teaching Assistant effective September 15, 2014,

change of status to full-time Teaching Assistant with anticipated tenure on September 15, 2017, annual salary \$19,870. Assignment: Giblyn.

Appointment of Staff - Probationary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report-Probationary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

Erika Ehrlich, full-time Teaching Assistant (replacing F. Brown, retired), a probationary appointment effective September 17, 2014 with an anticipated tenure date of September 17, 2017. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$19,713. Assignment: Archer.

Jaime Iacono, full-time Teaching Assistant (replacing A. Lopez, resigned), a probationary appointment effective September 17, 2014 with an anticipated tenure date of September 17, 2017. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$16,713. Assignment: Giblyn.

Nicole Lesniak, English Teacher, (replacing A. Kane, retired) a probationary appointment effective September 18, 2014 with an anticipated tenure date of September 18, 2017. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U5D Schedule at \$63,776. Assignment: FHS.

Matthew Wynn, full-time Teaching Assistant (replacing E. Cassella, transferred), a probationary appointment effective September 19, 2014 with an anticipated tenure date of September 19, 2017. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$19,713. Assignment: Atkinson.

John Bradshaw, full-time Teaching Assistant (replacing B. Harper-Lewis, resigned), a probationary appointment effective September 22, 2014 with an anticipated tenure date of September 22, 2017. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$19,713. Assignment: FHS.

Appointment of Instructional Staff - Temporary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the following Appointment of Staff Report - Temporary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

Ann Seeley, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 10, 2014. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,550. Assignment: Bayview.

Anabel Lopez, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 15, 2014 through June 26, 2015. Compensation for this will be at the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Giblyn.

Diane Munoz, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 15, 2014 through June 26, 2015. Compensation for this will be at the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Giblyn.

Elizabeth Testa, full-time Teaching Assistant, a temporary appointment effective September 30, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Compensation for this will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$19,713. Assignment: Bayview/New Visions.

Josefina Lora, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 29, 2014. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,550. Assignment: New Visions.

Other Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Mulé 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 agreements between the following consultants and the Freeport Union Free School District, as per the following 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	Schools	Services Provided	Total Cost	Funding Source
Joanne Lufrano	District-wide	Up to 33 days of CCLS math instructional practice/formative assessment development.	\$9900	STLE 3
Lauren Talty	District-wide	Assistant PEP Director to carry out and accomplish tasks needed to meet all objectives of grant for the duration of the school year.	\$31,050	Carol White PEP grant
Hofstra University Museum	New Visions Grade 3	In-school sessions with two museum educators exploring cultural artifacts, and creating objects for a school exhibit inspired by their visit to the Hofstra University Museum.	\$8,000	21 st Century Community Learning Centers
Long Island Traditions	New Visions & Bayview Grade 4	Teach students about cultural traditions of families in Freeport, immersing them in maritime culture.	\$5,000	21 st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

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

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

Approval of Student Travel – Nashville

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 Nashville, TN for a certain member of the Select Chorale who has been chosen based upon perfect NYSSMA scores, outstanding character, and school citizenship.

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 Administration Procedures.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, 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 to Rochester, NY

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 Rochester, NY for certain members of the Select Chorale who have been chosen, based upon NYSSMA auditions, to participate in the NYSSMA All-State Conference Festival.

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 Administration Procedures.

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

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following item was approved:

Approval of Student Travel to Tour SUNY and Other Colleges and Universities.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to SUNY campuses in Binghamton, NY, Buffalo, NY, Cortland, NY, and Purchase, NY. The tour will also visit Buffalo State College and the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY. The trip is planned for November 4 through November 6, 2014 for the purpose of providing an informational college tour for students.

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 Administration Procedures.

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

Executive Session

At 9:24 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe 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: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 10:30 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Lancaster 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 10:31 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board adjourned the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board