

November 19, 2014

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, in the Cafetorium of the John W. Dodd Middle School. Michael Pomerico, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 87.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that the Parent University, held on November 17, 2014, was very successful. Many of the parents that participated reported that they received valuable information. The District is hoping to host another Parent University in the spring.

Dr. Kuncham touched on the many fiscal challenges that face the District, such as the Gap Elimination Adjustment and urged all parents to continue the advocacy.

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

Dr. Kuncham introduced Mrs. Johane Ligonde, Principal of John W. Dodd Middle School, who gave an overview of activities that are happening at Dodd Middle School. She recognized the newly elected Presidents and Vice Presidents for the 7th Grade and 8th Grade classes by presenting them with pins.

Mrs. Ligonde then introduced the Dodd Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. Adam Rubin. They performed to the enjoyment of all.

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. Miller 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: October 29, 2014; November 5, 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:

Carla Sasso, Elementary Teacher, effective October 17, 2014 through January 4, 2015, unpaid LOA for illness under FMLA.

Portland Lawson, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 3, 2014 through January 26, 2015, unpaid LOA for family illness under FMLA.

Cynthia Brudecki, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective October 28, 2014 through June 30, 2015, unpaid LOA for childcare under FMLA.

Maria D. Garcia, Cleaner, effective November 18, 2014 through December 15, 2014, unpaid LOA for a work related injury.

Jessica Crowley, English Teacher, effective November 7, 2014 through November 30, 2014, unpaid LOA for childcare.

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:

Dawn Credeur, part-time Teaching Assistant effective October 27, 2014, change of status to full-time Teaching Assistant with anticipated tenure on October 27, 2017, annual salary \$20,372. Assignment: Bayview.

Alicia Keper, part-time Teaching Assistant effective November 3, 2014, change of status to full-time Teaching Assistant with anticipated tenure on November 3, 2017, annual salary \$24,455. Assignment: New Visions.

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:

Maureen Candella-Kass, Teacher Aide, effective October 16, 2014, for personal reasons.

Wanna Smith, Food Service Worker, effective October 27, 2014, for personal reasons.

Harry Abma, 10 Month Cleaner, effective November 14, 2014, for personal reasons.

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.

Toni Menna, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 6, 2014 with an anticipated tenure date of November 6, 2017. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$19,713. Assignment: Archer.

Linda Southwick, Teacher Aide, effective November 7, 2014 with a probationary period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$15,236. Assignment: Dodd.

Appointment of Supervisory Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the following individuals as Supervisors for 2014-2015 School Year:

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Rebecca Correnti	\$2,597	Math/ELA
Anita Stevenson	\$2,597	Math/ELA
Denise Stafutti	\$750	Teaching Assistant
Freeport High School		
Potoula Konstantinoupouls	\$2,804	ESL/Science
Thelma Zambrano	\$775	Teaching Assistant
Lori Regan	\$2,804	Teen Parenting Program

Appointment of Additional Intramural Coaching Staff 2014-2015

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 below, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers or other staff in the public schools of New York.

Intramural Additional Coaching Staff 2014-2015

Name	Position	School	Stipend	Funding Source
Smith, Valarie	Intramural Instructor	Archer	\$625.00	Carol White PEP Grant
Lettsome, Karen	Intramural Instructor	Archer	\$625.00	Carol White PEP Grant

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:

September 10, 16, 29, 30, 2014; October 2, 6, 7, 8, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31, 2014; November 3, 5, 20, 2014.

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

Other Items for Action

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):

Teaching Assistant(s)			
Name	School	Tenure Area	Tenure Date
Margarita Izquierdo	Atkinson	Teaching Assistant	December 20, 2014

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 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	School	Services Provided	Total Cost	Funding Source
A-Net Consulting Services	FHS	Two days of Professional Development in Mathematics demonstrating techniques to engage ELL students, implementation of technology tools, and development and implementation of project-based learning.	3,000	Math & Science Partnership Grant
Cradle of Aviation	FHS	Professional Development in incorporating industry related STEM projects into math instruction.	10,000	July 1, 2014 -June 30, 2015 Math & Science Partnership Grant

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:

Acceptance of Short Term Disability Insurance Policy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby accepts the proposal for Short Term Disability Insurance with the NYBEST Agency.

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

Executive Session

At 8:15 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for one legal matter.

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

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

At 9:15 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 9:16 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