

December 17, 2014

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, in the Cafeteria of the Bayview Avenue School. Michael Pomerico, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Those present were: Mr. Michael Pomerico, President
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Trustee (arrived 7:38 p.m.)
Ms. Debra Mulé, Trustee (arrived 7:35 p.m.)

Absent were: none

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Louis S. Frontario, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were: Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk
Mr. Gerard Poole, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 49.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Mulé, Mr. Michael Singleton was appointed Clerk Pro Tem due to the absence of Dr. Mary R. Bediako.

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

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the following comments;

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

Dr. Kuncham introduced Ms. Odette Wills, Principal of Bayview Avenue School. Ms. Wills pointed out that 4 of the 5 Board of Education Members were either Bayview Avenue graduates or had been Bayview Avenue parents and she was always happy to showcase the amazing work and talent of Bayview Students. She went on to say how proud she was to present Hanna Isles, a 1st grade student who has won the Regional, State and National "Reflections" Poster contest. Hanna has received the Outstanding Award in Visual Arts. Ms. Wills then introduced a short video of Bayview Avenue "sharing initiatives" and an excerpt from the student production, "North Pole Musical" titled "Hoofing It". The Board and public enjoyed it immensely.

Unsung Hero

Ms. Wills was delighted to recognize Mr. Mark Stuperich as Bayview's Unsung Hero. He is a professional Firefighter, former Chief and volunteer of the Freeport Fire Department. He has been instrumental in the annual "Hooked on Firefighters" event and hosts Parent Workshops on Fire Safety and Fire Prevention every year. The Board President and Superintendent presented him with a pin and Ms. Wills presented Mr. Stuperich with a plaque to thank him for his service to the children and families of Bayview Avenue School.

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The Board reviewed the Audit Committee meeting minutes and accepted them.

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: November 19, 2014; December 3, 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:

Gina Rocker, Elementary Teacher, effective November 17, 2014 through January 4, 2015, unpaid LOA for illness under FMLA.

Sila Giorgio, Special Education Teacher, effective November 30, 2014 through January 4, 2015, unpaid LOA for illness under FMLA.

Carol Nelson, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 17, 2014 through January 4, 2015, unpaid LOA for illness under FMLA.

Jessica Crowley, English Teacher, effective December 1, 2014 through December 7, 2014, unpaid LOA for childcare.

Appointment of Staff-Non-Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals as listed, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

John Sumner, Maintainer, a probationary appointment effective December 1, 2014 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Custodial Schedule at \$49,538. Assignment: Districtwide.

Appointment of Extra Curricular 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:

**21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS AFTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIES**

New Visions		
Laura Lund	\$909	Teaching Assistant
Lisa Newton	\$733	Teaching Assistant
Kimberly Knoernschild	\$2,597	ELA/Math
Raquel Tanner	\$750	Security

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: October 1, 16, 27, 2014; November 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 2014; December 2, 3, 4, 5, 2014

Other Items for Action

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

Approval of Consultant(s)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the agreements between the following consultant(s) 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 agreement(s) on its behalf.

Consultant	Schools	Services Provided	Total Cost	Funding Source
Sharon Wolf	New Visions	Two After-School workshops and one day of Professional Development to help identify ways to increase students' listening comprehension through applied skills.	\$1,400	General Fund

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 to Orlando, Florida

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 the city of Orlando, Florida, scheduled for February 5th through February 9th, 2015 for the purpose of the Freeport HS Cheerleading Team's participation in the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships.

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 for Overnight, Off-Long Island, field trips.

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 Waldorf, Germany

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 the cities of Berlin, Munich, and Waldorf, Germany and Paris, France scheduled for April 1st through April 9th 2015 for the purpose of learning about the local culture, visiting historical sites, and attending local schools as part of Freeport's sister city exchange program.

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 for Overnight, Off-Long Island, field trips.

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

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

Acceptance of the Internal Auditors Annual Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the 2013-2014 Internal Audit Risk Assessment Report as reviewed and accepted by the Board of Education Audit Committee on December 3, 2014.

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

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

Approval of the Affordable Care Act Consulting Firm

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Seneca Consulting Group to oversee the implementation of the Affordable Care Act for the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and directs the Superintendent to sign the contract on behalf of the Board.

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

Executive Session

At 8:37 p.m. Mr. Miller moved to adjourn to executive session for three matters of personnel and one matter of negotiations.

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

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

At 9:35 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.

Additional Action

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

Ratification of a Stipulation of Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, having reviewed a certain Stipulation of Settlement and General Release concerning a member of the instructional staff in executive session, hereby approves such Stipulation of Settlement and General Release and authorizes and directs the Superintendent to execute such Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith accepts the irrevocable resignation of the instructional staff member named in said

Stipulation of Settlement and General Release effective close of business June 30, 2015.

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

Adjournment

At 9:37 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,

Michael Singleton
Clerk Pro Tem