

January 21, 2015

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School. Michael Pomerico, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were: Mr. Michael Pomerico, President
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Trustee

Absent were: Ms. Debra Mulé, Trustee

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 9.

At 7:33 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session for one matter of Personnel by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Miller. The vote passed unanimously, the vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller and Pomerico.

At 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the Board reconvened the meeting. The vote passed unanimously, and the vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Miller a resolution regarding a Stipulation of Settlement was added to the agenda. The vote passed unanimously, the vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller and Pomerico.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the following remarks:

- Our Cheerleaders placed 3rd in the State Competition and will be going to the National competition. Congratulations to them.
- Congratulations also to all Nassau County Music Educators especially Mr. Michael LaSorsa, Freeport High School Music Teacher and Vice President, Division IV, of the Nassau Music Educators Association and the Freeport Music Department for their leadership role in Nassau County.

Dr. Kuncham indicated he was the Keynote speaker at this event which allowed him to address more than 2,000 family members in Nassau County.

- The Freeport High School Robotics Team has won the VCAT Robotics Tournament at Vaughn College on January 18, 2015, and was invited to both the State and National Championships. The State Championship will be held on March 7, 2015 at East Rockaway High School and the National Tournament is in April in Iowa. On February 7, 2015 the High School will be hosting the Vex Robotics Competition which will include 19 schools and organizations from Long Island. Congratulations to our students and team advisor, Mr. Kevin Harrison.
- Freeport High School hosted this year's DECA Competition for Nassau County. As usual our students did very well. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to Anita Stevenson (Teacher at Leo F. Giblyn School). She was nominated by her co-workers as Employee of the Month at Giblyn. The theme was "Promotes Creativity and Exploration in the Learning Process through STEM Education".

Dr. Kuncham talked about the various presentations at Board meetings since September, i.e.;

- Overview of the Strategic Plan for 2010-2015
- High School Assessment Data and Changes in Graduation Requirements
- Programs, Services and Update on Regulations for English Language Learners
- Programs, Services and Update on Regulations for Special Education Students.

Tonight we are going to present Grant Funded Programs. He noted how critical and valuable grants are for the District in providing before-school and after-school enrichment programs to the students of Freeport. The District has aggressively pursued grants and currently they total to approximately 11 million. He then introduced Mr. Gerard Poole, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction to provide the specifics of the grants. Mr. Poole gave a power point presentation on Grant Funded Programs.

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

Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Miller the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller 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:

December 17, 2014; January 7, 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:

Ana Bernal, Cleaner, effective December 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015, unpaid LOA for illness under FMLA.

Michele Mars, Senior Clerk Typist, effective January 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015, unpaid LOA for health reasons.

Christina Schwarz, Elementary Teacher, effective February 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015, unpaid LOA for childcare.

Carla Sasso, Elementary Teacher, effective January 4, 2015 through June 30, 2015, unpaid LOA for health reasons.

Gina Rocker, Elementary Teacher, effective January 4, 2015 through February 1, 2015, unpaid LOA for health reasons.

Maria Garcia, Cleaner, effective January 4, 2015 through February 1, 2015, unpaid LOA for health reasons.

Carol Nelson, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 4, 2015 through January 11, 2015, unpaid LOA for illness under FMLA.

Sharon Ferriso, Special Education Teacher, effective March 2, 2015 through March 8, 2015, unpaid LOA for FMLA and childcare.

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:

Katherine Quelix, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective December 19, 2014, for personal reasons.

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.

Thomas Braunstein, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective January 23, 2015 through June 26, 2015, compensation will be at the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

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.

Mukesh Nanhoo, Cleaner (10 month), (Henry Abma, resigned)), a probationary appointment effective January 14, 2015 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation for this position shall be according to the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$19,734, assignment: New Visions.

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		
Amy Asher	\$729	Teaching Assistant

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 Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the following dates:

November 18, 26, 2014; December 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 2014; January 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 2015.

Other Items for Action

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

Retirement of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff member as listed:

Dawn Schlich, Math Teacher on Special Assignment, effective, close of business March 1, 2015, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 28 years.

Edward Donohoe, Principal Clerk, effective, close of business January 30, 2015, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 11 years.

Patricia Bennett, Food Service Worker, effective, close of business June 30, 2015, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 30 years.

Sila Nunez, Food Service Helper, effective close of business April 20, 2015, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 12 years.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, having received and reviewed a Settlement Agreement and General Release concerning a member of the instructional staff, hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Board of Education to execute a Settlement Agreement and General Release on behalf of the Board.

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

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

Establishment of the Annual Meeting, the Budget Hearing and the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HEREBY ESTABLISHES THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE BUDGET HEARING AND THE ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION AS PRESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS Section, 2022-a, requires that in a union free school district in a county with a population of one million or more, holding the election of board of education or board of trustees members, the vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures, or on propositions involving the expenditure of money, or authorizing the levy of taxes, provides that such election shall be held on the third Tuesday in May, (May 19, 2015).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District shall hold a budget hearing on May 6, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall, and is hereby directed to, have notices of the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 19, 2015, published in the Official Papers of the District. These papers shall be *The Freeport Baldwin Leader* and *The Tribune*, two newspapers having general circulation within the District. Said publications shall be at least four times and on the dates as listed for each newspaper. *The Freeport Baldwin Leader* shall be April 2, April 9, April 23, and May 1, 2015, or an alternate date within the required notification period. *The Tribune* shall be April 2, April 9, April 23, and May 1, 2015, or an alternate date within the required notification period, and the Clerk of the Board of Education shall have notices of the May 6, 2015 Budget Hearing published in the Official Papers of the District. Said publications shall be at least four times and on the dates as listed for each newspaper. For the *Freeport Baldwin Leader* it shall be on the dates as listed for the notice of the annual budget vote and election or an alternate date within the required notification period. For *The Tribune* it shall be on the dates as listed for the notice of the annual budget vote and election or an alternate date within the required notification period.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Registration shall be open in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York every school day in the Administration Building, 235 North Ocean Avenue, between the hours of 8:30

o'clock a.m. and 3:30 o'clock p.m. (local time) until May 12, 2015, for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 19, 2015. In addition the Board of Registration will be open May 5, 2015 and May 7, 2015 from 6:00 o'clock p.m. until 9:00 o'clock p.m. for residents to register to vote for the Annual Budget and Trustee election to be held on May 19, 2015.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education determines that voting machines are to be used for the purpose of recording the vote at said meeting of the District to be held on May 19, 2015, between the hours of 6 o'clock a.m. and 9 o'clock p.m. (local time), pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, and the Clerk of the District is hereby directed to procure such machines as may be necessary for use at said meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, that nominations for the Office of School Trustee shall be filed with the School District Clerk, Administration Building, on or before 5 o'clock p.m. (local time) April 20, 2015, and shall contain at least twenty-nine (29) signatures of qualified voters.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a lottery shall take place on April 20, 2015, at 5 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of determining candidate placement on the ballot.

BE IT RESOLVED, that all questions and propositions for the conduct of the meetings and elections, other than those for the Office of School Trustee, which the qualified voters of the District desire to be placed on the voting machines, shall be filed with the School District Clerk, Administration Building, on or before 5 o'clock p.m. (local time), April 20, 2015 upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least seventy-two (72) qualified voters of the School District. The Board of Education reserves the right to edit or amend any proposition without changing the intent thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that petitions for propositions which are required by law to be included in the notice of the annual meeting must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on or before March 20, 2015 upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least seventy-two (72) qualified voters of the School District. The Board of Education reserves the right to edit or amend any proposition without changing the intent thereof.

BE IT RESOLVED, that absentee ballots will be provided for the election of Board members and Budget Vote, in accordance with Education Law of the State of New York, §2018-a.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Ms. Lancaster 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 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
Innovative Designs for Education	Dodd, FHS	Four days of professional development workshops to learn and practice multiple student-led discussion protocols in a model differentiated workshop environment.	6,700	General Fund
Challenge Day	FHS	Two Day program provided for FHS students, staff and parents. Challenge Day guides participants through a carefully designed exploration of the way people separate from each other and models tools for creating connection and building community.	9,800	21 st Century Grant

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

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

Approval of Student Travel to Providence, RI

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 Providence, RI for two members of the Select Chorale who have been invited to the National Association for Music Education All Eastern Conference and Concert 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 and Pomerico.

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

Approval of Student Travel to Italy and Greece

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 Rome, Capri, Sorrento, and Pompeii Italy and Delphi and Athens Greece.

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 Procedure for overnight, off-Long Island, field trips.

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

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

RESOLUTION –BUDGET TRANSFER-GENERAL FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District here by approves a Budget Transfer within the General Fund for January, 2015.

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

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.

Executive Session

At 8:54 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for one specific matter of personnel, one matter of negotiations and one student matter.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and passed unanimously.

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

At 10:05 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 and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 10:06 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 and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board