

February 4, 2015

The regular Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 4, 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 7:35 p.m. He then led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent were: Ms. Vilma Lancaster, 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 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 123.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools welcomed everyone to the very special meeting. He made the following comments:

- William McElroy, retired Principal of Freeport High School and father of Coleen Gallo, retired Assistant Principal from Freeport High School had passed away. Mr. McElroy served in many positions in the District for over 34 years and spent 17 years as FHS Principal. Dr. Kuncham asked for a moment of silence.
- Thank you to the Administrators, Parents, Teachers and students who experienced the challenging weather this past week with an early dismissal, closed school and two delayed openings!
- The Board of Education Budget and Legislative Committee met to discuss the 2015-2016 budget. Please come to our February 11, 2015 School Board meeting for an overview of the budget. The Governor has not released the State Aid- Runs. This is the first time in recent years that this has happened. He urged everyone to continue the advocacy for the State Aid-Runs and elimination of the GEA.

- Congratulations to the following students who are the winners in the New York State Association for Bilingual Education (NYSABE) Art Contest:
 - Arnold Perdomo, First Place, Grade 10
 - Ana Salazar Alvarado, Second Place, Grade 9
 - Misael Gutiérrez Mejía, Third Place, Grade 9

Dr. Kuncham, at this time, welcomed all the families and 20 year staff members who were going to be recognized at tonight's Board meeting. He remarked that this recognition marked a significant milestone in their services to the Freeport children. He also remarked that the successes and accomplishments of the Freeport students were a direct result of their hard work, commitment and dedication.

The following 23 individuals were recognized for their 20 years of service to Freeport Schools:

Blanca Alvarado
Lisa Bonacci
Carol Byrne
Gisselle Campbell-Ham
Sarah Collins-Molese
Tracy Filipowski
Mary Garguilo
Sandra Giron
Karen Haynes
Donna Henshaw
Richard Johnson
Deborah Keane

Kishore Kuncham
Karen Lettsome
Gabrielle Mangot
Kathleen Notheis
Sandra Paulik
Emma Perdomo
Lina Rivera-Santana
Mario Salcedo
Margaret Sameroff
Anita Stevenson
Cynthia Vanager-McManus
Patricia Wesselhoft

The Board President, Mr. Pomerico called for a short break. (9:15 pm-9:30pm)

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.

Executive Session

At 9:35 p.m. Ms. Mulé moved to adjourn to executive session for two specific matters of personnel and one specific matter of negotiations.

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

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

At 10:36 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Mulé the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

At 10:37 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Mulé, the Board adjourned the meeting.

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

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on February 11, 2015, 7:30 p.m., at Leo F. Giblyn School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
District Clerk