

Budget Workshop/Planning/Action Meeting (Wednesday, March 15, 2017)

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Members present

Ernest Kight, Ronald Ellerbe, Vilma Lancaster, Anthony J Miller, Michael Pomerico

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

1. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Procedural: 1.1 Determination of Quorum and Call to Order at 7:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

3. Board Announcements

Information: 3.1 Board Announcements

4. Superintendent's Report

Information: 4.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone to the March 15, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education. He remarked that the Staff had worked very hard to have a smooth opening after having a snow day the previous day. The Facilities Department has a new truck with a snow plow, which made a big difference in the clean up after the big storm.

The Superintendent went on to discuss the proposed 2017-2018 Budget. He said that at the last meeting the proposed Budget was presented page by page including all the great things for the coming year. New staffing to support the students, many Capital Projects and a major overhaul to the John W. Dodd Middle School façade and grounds was discussed.

The Superintendent remarked that this is a busy time of year and the following are a few of the many activities and accomplishments taking place in the next few days and weeks in our schools:

- The Board of Education will be meeting with Senator Brooks at the Administration Building on March 16, 2017.
- The winners of the New York State Reflections competition are now going on to the National level competition.
- Upcoming we have Exhibit Nights in our schools.
- The Freeport Educational Foundation will have their fundraising Gala on May 2, 2017, save the date!
- Congratulations to FHS Kickline, DECA and the Future Problem Solvers Teams from Atkinson, Dodd and FHS.
- SCOPE's 16th Annual School Districts Awards Dinner will be on Monday, March 20, 2017. Congratulations go out to Vilma Lancaster (School Board Service), Dr. Mary Bediako (Administrator Service), Sarah Molese (Teacher Service) and Margaret Meyveci (Community Service).
- The Founders Day Celebration will be on April 4th, 2017 at Freeport High School. Special congratulations go out to President Pomerico (Distinguished Service Award) and to Jerry Poole. It was my honor to nominate them. Other Founders' Day honorees are Christine Vargas (ESL Teacher), Janine Martoano (Teaching Assistant), Michael Huisman & Tanisha Mason (Elementary Teachers), Susan Warren (Art Teacher) & Kelly Nicholson (Special Ed Teachers), Lissette Demm (Elementary Bi-Lingual Teacher), Randy Thomas (Custodian), Russell Notti (Teaching Assistant), &

Rhonda Matalevich (Teaching Assistant), Luz Espinal (Cleaner) & Daryl Lewis (Parent), Lolita Bethea Aydelott (Physical Ed Teacher).

- This Saturday, March 18, 2017, Freeport will be hosting the Odyssey of the Mind Competition for the first time. Thank You to Ruth Breidenbach, Director of the Arts, for making this all happen.

5. Questions/Comments from the Public

Information: 5.1 Questions/Comments from the Public

6. Items for Action

Action: 6.1 Education

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:

December 8, 15, 20, 2016

January 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 2017

February 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 28, 2017

March 1, 2, 2017

Motion by Ernest Kight, second by Ronald Ellerbe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ernest Kight, Ronald Ellerbe, Vilma Lancaster, Anthony J Miller, Michael Pomerico

Action: 6.2 Education - Approval of Student Travel

Resolution to Approve Student Travel to Detroit, MI

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 Detroit, MI on May 11th through May 13, 2017, for the purpose of the 9th Grade Select Chorale's participation in the competition.

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.

Motion by Anthony J Miller, second by Vilma Lancaster.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ernest Kight, Ronald Ellerbe, Vilma Lancaster, Anthony J Miller, Michael Pomerico

Action: 6.3 Finance - Ratification of a Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between the Freeport Aides & Assistants Association and the Freeport Union Free School District dated March 1, 2017. This agreement is effective and covers the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign said agreement.

Motion by Vilma Lancaster, second by Ernest Kight.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ernest Kight, Ronald Ellerbe, Vilma Lancaster, Anthony J Miller, Michael Pomerico

7. Review of the Next Action Meeting Agenda

Information: 7.1 Review of the Next Action Meeting Agenda

8. Board Comments

Discussion, Information: 8.1 Board Comments

9. Superintendent Comments

Discussion, Information: 9.1 Superintendent Comments

10. Adjourn the Meeting

Action: 10.1 Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Motion by Ronald Ellerbe, second by Ernest Kight.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ernest Kight, Ronald Ellerbe, Vilma Lancaster, Anthony J Miller, Michael Pomerico

11. Next Meeting

Information: 11.1 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 29, 2017, at Bayview Avenue School.

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.