

May 26, 2010

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee (7:45 p.m.)
Ms. Debra Mulé, Trustee
Ms. Carmen Piñeyro-Mendoza, Trustee

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Special Projects
Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Edward J. Price, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations
Ms. Nora Orlando, District Clerk

Also absent were: None

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was approximately 75.

Board Announcements

Board members attended many school events and thanked the community for passing of the school budget.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone and thanked the community and everyone for supporting the budget. It was a historic voter turnout with 4,993 votes - the most since 1978!

The Superintendent made the following announcements:

- He thanked Dr. Wafa Westervelt , Carolyn Thompson and Nancy Schempp for making it possible for Freeport High School to receive an ARRA ETTE Grant Award in the amount of \$124,999 for two foreign language teachers, two science teachers and one visual arts teacher to receive various support and equipment.
- He congratulated the Atkinson Orchestra students under the direction of Ms. Mahendra Guerriera for receiving *Gold with Distinction, at the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Performance.*
- The Superintendent congratulated the 6th Grade Select Chorale under the direction of Ms. Talonda Thomas for receiving *Gold with Distinction at NYSSMA.*
- Dr. Kuncham asked Estelle Weiss to introduce Ms. Luz Velasquez who was recognized

- for being Outstanding Adult Education Teacher by The New York State Continuing Community Educators (NYACCE). Ms. Velasquez thanked the community and Board of Education.
- The Superintendent introduced two Student Government representatives, Carissa Roca and Victoria Mulé to give the monthly High School Report. He wished Carissa good luck in her future endeavors as she graduates from Freeport High School.
- On May 6th, Ms. Paula Lein, Principal of Archer Street School, was the recipient of the “2010 Nassau BOCES Education Partner” Award. A short video was viewed by all.
- At this time Ms. Linda Carter was asked to recognize Mr. Frank Tucker as the “Unsung Hero” from the Atkinson School, who has done so many wonderful things for the community and children in the district for many years.

The Superintendent congratulated the following students:

- Jean-Carlos DeLeon for winning the Covanta Energy Poster Competition.
- Haydee Bonilla from Freeport High School for earning the *Leadership Award* from the Art Supervisors Association.
- Tyler Mason-Draffen of Freeport High School for earning the *Leadership Award* from NYSCAME.
- The Chamber Orchestra of Dodd Middle School earned Gold, at the NYSSMA Performance.

Ms. Carter introduced the 6th graders who performed an excerpt from “Romeo & Juliet.”

Questions from the Public

The public is given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any items for action on this agenda. Each speaker will be allowed to address the Board once, for a maximum of four minutes.

The Board of Education and/or the Administration may respond at the conclusion of the question and comment portion of the meeting, or they may respond, in writing, at a later date.

Items for Action

Acceptance of the Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe, the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was: McQuillan, Pomerico, Ellerbe, Mulé, and Piñeyro-Mendoza.

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:

April 20, 2010, May 5, 2010, and May 18, 2010

Personnel

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:

1. **Amy Goldberg**, Elementary Teacher, effective May 6, 2010 through June 30, 2010, for childcare.
2. **Barbara Perciballi**, 10 month Typist Clerk, extension of a leave through June 30, 2010, for family illness.
3. **Tiffany Leotaud-Shinkonde**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 14, 2010 through June 30, 2010, for personal reasons.
4. **Rachel Dengel**, Elementary Teacher, effective March 25, 2010 through June 30, 2010, for childcare.
5. **Alejandrina Miranda**, full-time teaching Assistant, effective April 6, 2010 through June 30, 2010, for health reasons.
6. **Andrea Parisi**, Reading Teacher, effective June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010, for childcare.

Personnel

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 members as listed below:

1. **Sara Rennett**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 3, 2010, for personal reasons.
2. **Diane Miller**, Elementary Teacher, effective August 31, 2010, for personal reasons.
3. **Amy Goldberg**, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2010, personal reasons.
4. **Linda Stuerzel**, Cook, effective August 31, 2010, to accept another position in the District.
5. **Michelle L. Coletta**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective May 21, 2010, to accept a teaching position in another District.
6. **Agatha Caggia**, Physical Therapist, effective May 7, 2010, for personal reasons.
7. **Melissa Sagarese**, part-time Teaching assistant, effective April 16, 2010, for personal reasons.
8. **Gavin Adams**, English Teacher, effective August 31, 2010, for personal reasons.
9. **Michele Fariello**, Reading Teacher, effective August 31, 2010, for personal reasons.
10. **Leticia Gelin**, Permanent Substitute, effective May 4, 2010, for personal reasons.
11. **Michael Mazzotta**, Special Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2010, for personal reasons.
12. **Kelly Ramos**, Library Media Specialist, effective June 25, 2010, for personal reasons.

Appointment of Non-Instructional Staff

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.

1. **Linda Stuerzel**, Cook Manager, (replacing T. Gentils, retired) a probationary appointment for 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval, effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be according to the Cafeteria Schedule at \$34,071.44. Assignment: FHS.
2. **Jose Deleon**, 10 Month Cleaner, (replacing F. Mayer, change of status) a probationary appointment effective May 3, 2010 for 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$18,593. Assignment: Dodd.

Education

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:

February 23, 2010; March 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 2010; April 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2010; May 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 2010

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and a seconded by Ms. Mulé, the following items were approved:

Other Items for Action Personnel

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:

Marion J. Bencivenga, English Teacher, effective June 30, 2010 after serving the children of Freeport for more than 32 years.

Doris Maccarrone, Business teacher, effective June 30, 2010 after serving the children of Freeport for more than 26 years.

David Gorin, Music Teacher, effective June 30, 2010, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 17 years.

Carla F. Newman, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective July 20, 2010, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 25 years.

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the following items were approved:

Finance

Change Order EXCEL Emergency Lighting Upgrade at Giblyn School, Bayview Avenue School and Freeport High School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the following change orders for the EXCEL Emergency Lighting upgrades at Giblyn School, Bayview Avenue School, and Freeport High School by Power Up Electrical Contract Corporation:

Change Order	Amount
X-101 HS	(\$2,992)
X-102 HS	\$2,374.83
X-103 HS	\$617.17
X-101 Bayview	(\$2,057)
X-102 Bayview	\$129
X-103 Bayview	\$1,928
X-101 Giblyn	(\$3,179)
X-102 Giblyn	\$1,809.54
X-103 Giblyn	\$520.08
X-104 Giblyn	\$2,658.92

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the following items were approved:

Finance

Donation from Modell's

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union School District hereby accepts the generous donation of \$4,616.73 from Modell's for the Freeport High School Extra-Curricular Fund Account.

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza, the following items were approved:

Finance

Donation from Oriental Trading

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the generous donation of gift cards in the amount of \$1,200 from Oriental Trading.

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and a seconded by Ms. Mulé, the following items were approved:

Finance

Donation of Equipment from Dr. Sunhil Butani (Action Sports and Physical Therapy)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the generous donation of the following equipment from Dr. Sunhil Butani of Action Sports and Physical Therapy.

Biodex Multi Joint Strength Training System - Dodd

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the following items were approved:

Finance

Acceptance of Paint and Painting Supplies Bid

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport School District hereby awards the following bid as listed in the attached Bid Award Report and as recommended in the attached bid recommendation, accepting the lowest responsible bid as per bid specifications, and reserving the right to increase or decrease quantities of each item as needed. (see attached) and:

BE IT RESLOVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport School District in accordance with Section 103 of General Municipal Law accept the bid on behalf of the Nassau County Directors of Facilities Purchasing Consortium which include the following participating school districts: Bellmore Union Free School District; Carle Place Union Free School District; East Meadow Union Free School District; East Rockaway Union Free School District; Floral Park Bellrose Elementary School District; Freeport Union Free School District; Garden City School District; Great Neck Union Free School District; Hempstead School District; Herricks Union Free School District; Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District; Hicksville Union Free School District; Jericho Union Free School District; Lawrence Union Free School District;

Levittown School District; Malverne Union Free School District; Manhasset Union Free School District; Massapequa Union Free School District; Merrick Union Free School District; Mineola Union Free School District; North Bellmore Union Free School District; North Merrick Union Free School District; North Shore Central School District; Oceanside Union Free School District; Plainview-Old Bethpage School District; Port Washington Union Free School District; New Hyde Park-Garden City Park Union Free School District; Rockville Centre Union Free School District; Seaford Union Free School District; Syosset Central School District; Valley Stream Union Free School District 30; Valley Stream Central High School District; Wantagh Union Free School District; Westbury Union Free School District; and West Hempstead Union School District (collectively referred to as the “Cooperative”).

Bid for the term of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the following items were approved:

Finance

Change Orders – EXCEL-Bond Flat Roof Project at Freeport High School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the following credit change orders with Sea Breeze GC, Inc. for the Flat Roof Project at Freeport High School.

X101 (\$86,000)

X102 (\$20,000)

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza, the following items were approved:

Education

Resolution to Approve Student Travel to Norfolk, VA

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 Norfolk, VA from May 23rd through May 26th, 2010 for the purpose of learning the different classes of military ships and their respective roles in US military strategy. Students will travel to Norfolk by bus and will be housed overnight on the USS Iwo Jima on the return trip to New York as the ship participates in the annual Fleet Week observance.

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, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and a seconded by Ms. Mulé, the following items were approved:

Education

Acceptance of a Scholarship from Bernard and Gladys Kalblan – Music & Art

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude, a generous donation of \$1,000 to be called the “Bernard and Gladys Kalban Music & Art Scholarship.” A scholarship will be offered to all graduating students who demonstrate seriousness of purpose and talents of attending college with a goal of a degree in music or the arts. This scholarship is made possible by Philip Kalban, Jeffrey Kalban, Sidney Kalban and Lois Kalban Howes.

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the following items were approved:

Education

Acceptance of a Scholarship - The Superintendent’s Scholarship Awards - (International Eagle Award, International Association of School Business Officials)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude a scholarship to be known as “The Superintendent’s Scholarship Awards - (International Eagle Award, International ASBO) in the amount of **\$5,000**, on behalf of Superintendent Dr. Kishore Kuncham, which was received along with the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International Eagle Award. The criteria and the recipients will be determined by Superintendent Dr. Kishore Kuncham.

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the following items were approved:

Education

Acceptance of a Scholarship from the Congregation B’Nai Israel

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude, a generous donation of \$200 to be called the “Congregation B’Nai Israel Scholarship” to help with college expenses. A scholarship will be offered to a senior entering a two-year college in Fall 2010, entering the field of health care. This scholarship was made possible by the Congregation B’Nai Israel.

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the following items were approved:

Education

Adoption of the 2010-2011 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the attached meeting calendar for the 2010/2011 year.

The vote was unanimous; Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m., Mr. Pomerico moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for 1 specific matter of real estate, 1 matter of collective bargaining, 1 matter of personnel and 1 student issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

At 10:17 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Mulé and seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza, the Board returned to public session. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 10:18 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education will be on June 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at the Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
Clerk Pro Tem