

**June 9, 2010**

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, June 9 2010, in the cafeteria of the 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  
Ms. Debra Mulé, Trustee  
Ms. Carmen Piñeyro-Mendoza, Trustee

Absent were: None

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

Also absent were: Ms. Nora Orlando, District Clerk

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 89.

At 7:36 p.m. Mr. Pomerico made a motion to appoint Dr. Mary Bediako District Clerk pro tem. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and passed. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone. He congratulated the 2009-2010 retirees on their retirement and for their many years of service to the children of Freeport.
- Dr. Kuncham spoke about Elinor Ward Smith an accomplished aviator and a Freeport resident. An early 20<sup>th</sup> century pioneer, in the world of aviation, Ms.

Smith set many records that still stand today. Dr. Kuncham presented Ms. Smith's family with a posthumous diploma during a ceremony at the Cradle of Aviation Museum on Sunday, June 6, 2010.

- The Superintendent then introduced Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Special Projects. Dr. Bediako also recognized the retirees and introduced the various Principals so that they could say a few words and together with the Board of Education President, Ms. McQuillan, they presented a plaque to each retiree. The 2009-2010 retirees are:

Anthony Basile	David Gorin
Carol Basile	Catherine Harbulak
Marion Bencivenga	Martin Harrison
Judy Birnbaum	Robert Korshin
Larry Block	Doris Maccarrone
Diane Blum-Brown	Alicia McLean
Catherine Butterfield	Patricia Murray
Jeanne Frein	Carla Newman
Theresa Gentils	John Pizzo
Nicholas Tzimopoulos	Agatha Caggia
Rolando Escobar	Maureen Willdigg
Luis Medina	

At 8:23 a short break was taken so that everyone could congratulate the retirees and have refreshments.

The meeting was called back to order by Ms. McQuillan at 8:40 pm.

### **Superintendent's Report Continued**

- Dr. Kuncham informed the Board of Education that our district is required to submit a five-year report to the Middle States Association as a follow-up to their 2004 Freeport High School visit. A Middle States Committee, which is comprised of students, parents, teachers and administrators, is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- On June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from New Visions School, along with 8 other Nassau County school districts, will be present at the Cradle of Aviation Museum for the downlink with the International Space Station (ISS). The students have been prepared to speak with Astronaut Tracy Caldwell-Dyson aboard the ISS.
- The Superintendent offered congratulations to Mario Salcedo, Guidance Counselor at John W. Dodd Middle School. Mr. Salcedo was recognized by the Exemplary Guidance Practices Committee of the Nassau Counselors Association for the *Classroom Job Program*, a most prestigious award.

- Freeport High School's own newspaper, Flashings won four awards for Excellence in High School Journalism from the Long Island Press Association for 2009-2010.

### **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.

### **Items for Action**

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe the following item was approved.

### **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:

March 11, 22, 2010; April 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2010; May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 25, 26, 2010.

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

### **Resolution to Accept the First Reading of the Code of Conduct**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts as a first reading, the Code of Conduct.

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

## **Finance**

### **Summer Student Workers Hourly Rate**

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a seconded by Mr. Pomerico the following item was approved.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby sets the hourly rate for summer student workers at \$8.25 effective June 10, 2010.

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

### **Broker for Excess Worker's Compensation Insurance**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints Marshall/Sterling Insurance as broker to obtain proposals for excess Worker's Compensation insurance at no cost to the school district.

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

### **Bid Award for Partial Ceiling Replacement of J. W. Dodd Middle School and Freeport High School**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby awards the contract for partial ceiling replacement at J. W. Dodd Middle School and Freeport High School to SMC Construction Corporation at a cost of \$241,800.

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

### **Nomination of Ronald Ellerbe for the New York State School Boards Association Everett R. Dwyer Distinguished Service Award for School Board Service**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby nominates Ronald Ellerbe of the Freeport Board of Education for the New York State

School Boards Association Everett R. Dwyer Distinguished Service Award for School Board Service.

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

### **Adjournment**

At 9:00 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: The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on June 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at the New Visions School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako,  
Clerk Pro Tem