

August 25, 2010

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, in the gymnasium of the New Visions School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., she then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President
Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Carmen Piñeyro-Mendoza, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: None

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for
Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk
Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
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 10.

Superintendent's Report

- The Superintendent congratulated the August High School graduates. Thirty-six students graduated in August of which twenty-six were 2010 cohorts bringing the 2010 cohort graduation rate to 78%, the highest in several years.
- The Superintendent introduced our new Public Relations firm Syntax, representatives, Kathy Beatty, President-Educational Services and Danielle Lambert, Senior Account Executive. Dr. Kuncham welcomed them to Freeport Union Free School District.
- Dr. Kuncham announced the following:
 - New Teacher Orientation began on August 23 through August 26, 2010. Intergration of technology into the classroom and lesson planning are the focus of the New Teacher orientation.

- Freshman orientation at Freeport High School was well attended.
- Superintendent's Conference Days will be September 1 and 2. On the 1st, all staff will meet at the high school for invocation, followed by building meetings. On September 2nd, there will be all day staff development for teachers and teaching assistants focusing on NWEA.
- The Superintendent announced that New York State would be receiving 700 million dollars from the "Race to the Top" program, sponsored by the federal government to assist school districts. Dr. Kuncham was not able to pinpoint the exact amount that Freeport Public Schools would receive, however he felt the amount would be around \$500,00. The funds are to be used for specific reform programs to improve standards and test scores.

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

July 7, and August 4, 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 as listed in the following

Lisa Callahan, Speech Teacher, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, for child care.

Change of Status

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants a request for change of status as listed below:
Paula Marin, change of status from part-time to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013, with an anticipated tenure date of September 1, 2013. New Salary, \$20,586

Angela Roman-Zelaya, change of status from part-time to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013, with an anticipated tenure date of September 1, 2013. New Salary, \$18,306

Diane Anhouse, change of status from part-time to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013, with an anticipated tenure date of September 1, 2013. New Salary, \$20,758

Kaitlin Haggerty, change of status from part-time to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013, with an anticipated tenure date of September 1, 2013. New Salary, \$16,652

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 in the following Change of Status Report - Resignation.

Martine Brisson, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 11, 2010, for personal reasons.

Appointment of Staff – Instructional Probationary

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 attached 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.

Brooke McKenna, Physical Education Teacher, (New) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be on step 3-2F of the U1D Schedule at \$68,177. Assignment: Archer/Bayview.

Lori Golbert, Reading Teacher, (replacing M. Fariello) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012. Compensation will be on step 3-2F of the U1D Schedule at \$68,177. Assignment: Archer/New Visions.

Teaching Assistant Appointments

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 Teaching Assistants. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as Teaching Assistants in the public schools of New York.

Mariela Gutterman, Full-time Teaching Assistant, (new) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$17,849. Assignment: Archer.

Patricia Sperandio, Full-time Teaching Assistant, (new) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$17,849. Assignment: Archer.

Adrienne Weinstein, Part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing K. Haggerty, re-assigned) appointment effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$11,485. Assignment: Archer.

Elizabeth Testa, Part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. Dejkameh, re-assigned) appointment effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$11,485. Assignment: New Visions.

Tanya Fiorello, Full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. Mitchell, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$17,849. Assignment: Archer.

Danielle Loucas, Full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. Brisson, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$17,849. Assignment: Archer.

Permanent Substitute Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the permanent substitute teacher(s) as listed in the following Appointment of Staff report.

Lauren Chimeri, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Giblyn.

Dana Berner, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: New Visions.

Darlene Johnson, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Dodd.

Andrea DiMango, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Giblyn.

Kristen Rudy, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Columbus.

Kristen Lack, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Archer.

Junaid Hamin-Gilliam, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Dodd.

James Femia, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Dodd.

John Daskalakis, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Dodd.

Ellen Parker-Galluccio, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

Alexandra Bertoni, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

Danielle Sekesan, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

Jacqueline Anner, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

Randolph Mills, IV, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS

Jennifer Wills, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

Cory Shiffman, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

Rochelle Edelman, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Archer.

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.

Gerard Toughey, Physical Therapist, (replacing A. Caggia, resigned) effective September 1, 2010 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation for this appointment is \$55,000. Assignment: District-wide.

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:

June 14, 16, 17, 20, 2010; July 22, 26, 28, 2010; August 2, 3, 2010.

Disposal of Surplus Computer Equipment and Social Studies Textbooks

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the disposal of surplus computer equipment and obsolete Social Studies textbooks as per the attached lists. This equipment and textbooks are no longer of use to the students and has no financial value to Freeport Schools.

Other Items for Action

Education

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

Adoption of Professional Development Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the 2010-2012 Professional Development Plan Finance.

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

Education

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

Strategic Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the 2009-2015 Strategic Plan for the Freeport Public Schools.

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

Finance

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

Acceptance of Capital Project Bid

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free 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.

The vote was unanimous: The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza 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. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

Executive Session

At 9:18 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for matters of negotiations and one particular matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and passed unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

At 10 29 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 10:30 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and seconded by Ms. Mulé the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.,
District Clerk