

## September 7, 2010

The regular Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Debra Mulé, Vice-President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President  
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee  
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were:

Ms. Debra McQuillan, President  
Ms. Carmen Piñeyro-Mendoza, Trustee

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

- Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone to a new school year. He reported to the Board and public that there was a very large turnout of parents for the opening day of school and everything went very smoothly.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> were Superintendent Conference days and everything went very well. They were very fruitful days for training in NWEA for most of the teachers. Dr. Kuncham thanked Drs. Wafa Westervelt and Mary Bediako for their leadership in staff development activities.
- The Superintendent informed the Board and public that it was his pleasure to recommend the appointment of Dr. Kenneth Rodgers to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Business. Dr. Kuncham indicated that Dr.

Rodgers came to Freeport with a wealth of experience and would be a great asset to the District.

### **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 agenda was amended to add a resolution to approve an item of personnel.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

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:

June 24, 2010; August 12, 16, 17, 19 & 27, 2010

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

### **Appointment of Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby approves the attached staff appointments.

### **Appointment of Staff, Probationary- Instructional**

**William Behrens**, Science Teacher, (replacing S. Balara, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be on step 3-2A of the U1D Schedule at \$66,142. Assignment: Dodd.

**James McKinstry**, Special Education Teacher, (new) a probationary appointment effective September 7, 2010 through September 6, 2013. Compensation will be on step 1-2D of the U1D Schedule at \$64,840. Assignment: Dodd.

**Thomas Foley**, Technology Teacher, (replacing R. Korshin, retired) a probationary appointment effective September 7, 2010 through September 6, 2013. Compensation will be on step 4-1C of the U1C Schedule at \$64,353. Assignment: FHS.

### **Teaching Assistant Appointments**

**Danielle Loucas**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. Browen, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Archer.

**Robert DeBonis**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing T. Sicignano, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Jaclyn Kick**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing L. Rabson, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Jonathan Ascher**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (new) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Archer.

**Florence Feldman**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing K. Kornacki, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Archer.

**Scott Facey**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing C. Newman, retired) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Christine Myers**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. Cooper, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Stephen Smar**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing J. Miller, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Dodd.

**Kristen Osa**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing J. Zamora, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Giblyn.

**Joseph Strasser**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing C. Basile, retired) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Dodd.

**Mary Casalone**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing T. McKennett, resigned) effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be at \$11,485 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Archer.

**Cristine Viteritti**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing I. Eberhart, resigned) effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be at \$11,485 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Bayview.

**Jennifer Wiener**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing C. Tobia, resigned) effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be at \$11,485 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Columbus.

**Jetster Bates**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing J. Lebedev, resigned) effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be at \$11,485 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Bayview.

**Denise Stafutti**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing A. Roman-Zelaya, change) effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be at \$11,485 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Giblyn.

**Rosemarie Nicholson**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. McCann, resigned) effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be at \$11,485 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Archer.

**Gladys Tapia**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing P. Marin, change) effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be at \$11,485 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Giblyn.

**Karla Ramirez-Melara**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing C Enright, termination) effective September 1, 2010. Compensation will be at \$11,485 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Bayview.

## **Permanent Substitute Appointments**

**Jillian Onorato**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing self, position ended) effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Daniel Wittich**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing C. Daley, position ended) effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Columbus.

**Kristin Jones**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing self, position ended) effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Lisa Colonna**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing self, position ended) effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Eric Ligon**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing A. Bekker, position ended) effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Carmen Martinez**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing A. Tsimicalis, position ended) effective September 1, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

**Kathryn Hoffman**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing T. Tucker, position ended) effective September 7, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Bayview.

**Allison Marty**, Permanent Substitute, (special circumstances) effective September 7, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Dodd.

**Soraya Escobar**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing B. Bunonpane Marzo, position ended) effective September 7, 2010 through January 30, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Bayview.

**Matthew Cellan**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing L. Gelin, position ended) effective September 7, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Dodd.

**Genevieve Florkowski**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing J. Anner, position ended) effective September 7, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

### **Temporary**

**Karen Cole**, Science Teacher, (replacing A. Cagna, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 7, 2010 through August 31, 2011. Compensation will be on step 1-2D of the U1D Schedule at \$64,840. Assignment FHS.

**Patricia Curran**, Elementary Teacher, (replacing E. Ruge, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through January 30, 2011. Compensation will be on step 1-1B of the U1C Schedule at \$53,116. Assignment Bayview.

**Hallie Sherman**, Speech Teacher, (replacing L. Callahan, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 7, 2010 through August 31, 2011. Compensation will be on step 2-2A of the U1D Schedule at \$63,566. Assignment Atkinson.

**Dana Isaac**, Guidance Counselor, (replacing T. Nachamic, resigned) a temporary appointment effective September 7, 2010 through August 31, 2011. Compensation will be on step 3-3 of the E1D Schedule at \$73,781. Assignment: Archer.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

### **Administrative Appointment**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints Kenneth W. Rodgers, Ed. D. as Assistant Superintendent for Business, a probationary appointment effective October 4, 2010. Annual compensation will be \$165,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign individual benefits agreement on behalf of the School District and Kenneth W. Rodgers, Ed. D

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

### **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:

**Tracey Nachamie**, Guidance Counselor, effective August 31, 2010, to accept a probationary position in another district.

**Jessica Zamora**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 25, 2010, to accept a new position.

**Nichole Cooper**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 24, 2010, for personal reasons.

**Patricia Curran**, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2010, to accept a teaching position in the district.

**Jacqueline Anner**, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010, to accept a position in another district.

**Randolph Mills IV**, Permanent Substitute, effective September 1, 2010, to accept a position in another district.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

### **Finance**

#### **Settlement Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Workers' Compensation settlement between the Freeport Union Free School District and a certain employee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate the settlement on behalf of the district.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Adjournment**

At 8:00 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, Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on September 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at the Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.  
District Clerk