

October 6, 2010

The regular Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:39 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
Dr. Ken Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for Business
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 13.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Mr. Alan Yu, a partner from Cullen & Danowski, LLP Certified Public Accountants, to present the 2009-2010 External Audit findings to the public. In Mr. Yu's opinion, Freeport Union Free School District has a clean audit opinion, which is considered the best opinion. There were no internal control weaknesses and Freeport was in full compliance with the rules and regulations of New York State. The district finances are managed very well and the Board of Education is being financially responsible. The district is in a healthy financial condition.

The President of the Board, Ms Debra McQuillan thanked Mr. Yu for his firm's work and stated that the Board and Administration strive to maintain fiscal responsibility for the District and its children.

- The Superintendent then welcomed Dr. Ken Rodgers to the District and his first Board meeting.
- Dr. Kuncham thanked everyone for a wonderful turnout for "Peace Night" at Freeport High School. He spoke about the "butterfly effect" in which a butterfly flapping it's wings on one side of the world can have an effect on another side of the world.
- The Superintendent informed the Board and public that at our next meeting we would be celebrating School Board Recognition week. He invited everyone to join us for the occasion on October 20, 2010 at Bayview Avenue School
- Dr. Kuncham sent out congratulations to several people in the Freeport Family.
 - Dr. Kuncham congratulated Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction on the publication of her book, "Data Talk". He encouraged everyone to read her book.
 - Principal of the Leo F. Giblyn School, Ms. Amanda Villalba has been honored by Nassau County.
 - Caroline G. Atkinson's Assistant Principal, Ms. Connie Velez will be recognized on October 26, 2010 at the Freeport Recreation Center in honor of Hispanic Heritage month.
 - Head Varsity Football Coach, Mr. Russ Cullen is being inducted into the C. W. Post Hall of Fame.
 - Congratulations also for Columbus Avenue employee, Ms. Tina Nelson. She is this month's selected employee for the "Celebration of Success Program" and the theme was "Demonstrating Exemplary Effort".
- The attached presentations were made at the meeting as follows:
 - Race-To-The-Top (RTTT) by Dr. Kuncham.
 - Common Core State Standards (CCSS) by Dr. Westervelt.
 - Annual Professional Personnel Review (APPR) by Dr. Bediako.

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 Ms. Mulé and a seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza 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:

August 13, 2010, September 13, 14, 16, 23, 2010.

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

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

Budget Transfers – General Fund Fiscal Year 2009-2010

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the attached General Fund transfers for End of Year 2009-2010.

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

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

Acceptance of the Final Copy of the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the final copy of the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010.

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

Executive Session

At 9:32 p.m. Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza moved to adjourn to executive session for one particular matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and passed

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

At 9:58 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Mr. Pomerico the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 10:00 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, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on October 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at Bayview Avenue School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.
District Clerk