

October 20, 2010

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, in the cafeteria of the Bayview Avenue School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:37 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 (arrived 7:38 p.m.)
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. Kenneth 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 135.

Superintendent's Report

- The Superintendent spoke about School Board Recognition week, October 25-29, 2010. Dr. Kuncham said this was our opportunity to say thank you to our hard working Board of Education. The Board provides leadership to the citizens of Freeport, the students of Freeport and the staff of Freeport Public Schools through strong financial stewardship. They also ensure a high quality curriculum for our students to make sure they have a bright successful future. The Superintendent shared the role of school board members as follows:
 - **VISION:** The school board engages the community in setting the course to guide local education, keeping student achievement as the primary focus.

- **STRUCTURE:** The school board employs a superintendent, adopts policies and plans, and ensures that human and financial resources are allocated to accomplish the vision.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY:** The board monitors student achievement, evaluates progress toward district goals, and reports progress to the community.
- **ADVOCACY:** The school board serves as the key advocate on behalf of students and public education and builds partnerships with others to support student learning.
- **TIME DONATED TO PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Freeport school board members are volunteer elected officials who donate their time to school board service. Each year, school board members donate thousands of hours in service to Freeport students. They attend board meetings and other meetings, travel to out-of-town conferences, and devote great deal of time studying educational issues and laws, listening to the concerns of parents and teachers. Our board members are highly visible members of our community, attending many sporting events, musical concerts, award ceremonies and a variety of other school functions.
- The Superintendent introduced Ms. Odette Wills, Principal of Bayview Avenue School. Ms. Wills also thanked the Board for their hard work. She then introduced the students of the 3rd Grade Dual Language class who sang “How Sweet It Is to Be Loved by You” in honor of the Board and the service they provide the children of Freeport.
- Dr. Kuncham then introduced the following individuals:
 - Ms. Sue Lyons, President of the PTA Council. Ms. Lyons thanked the Board and presented each Board member with a gift from the PTA to thank them for their service and dedication to our children.
 - Ms. Michelle Mars and Ms. Doreen Mannnanice, representatives from FEOSA, presented a gift and expressed their thanks to the Board.
 - Ms. Linda Weiner, representing the Teaching Assistants Union, thanked the Board for their hard work on behalf of the students and presented a gift to each Board member.

- Mr. James Martino, representing the Custodial Union, thanked the Board for all that they do for the District.
- Mr. Robert Micucci, President of the Freeport Administrators Union presented the Board with a gift as well as thanks for all the work the Board does for our students.
- Mr. Stu Napear, Freeport Teachers Association President, also spoke of the Boards hard work and dedication to the students of Freeport. He announced that the FTA would donate \$250 to Dollars for Scholars for scholarships in the name of the Board of Education.
- Dr. Bediako reported that although Ms. Gladys Vailes could not attend the meeting, the Freeport Food Service Unit wished to thank the Board and asked Dr. Bediako to present them with a gift of appreciation and a card.
- Dr. Kuncham then presented certificates of appreciation along with a gift from the District and the Cabinet to each Board member.
- The President of the Board, Ms. McQuillan thanked everyone for the kind words and gifts, she also thanked her Board for their hard work and dedication. The Board then thanked everyone for the accolades and thoughtful gifts.

Unsung Heroes Recognition

- Ms. Wills, Principal of Bayview Avenue School recognized Ms. Rita Carter as Bayview Avenue School's "Unsung Hero". Ms. Carter, a former teacher at Bayview Avenue School for 34 years, volunteers to tutor students at Bayview every week. She also volunteers at the Freeport Museum and a very active member of Dollars for Scholars. Ms. Rita Carter was surprised and thanked everyone as the honoree. She urged the Board, Administrators and public to support Dollars for Scholars since 100% of the money raised goes to supporting Freeport children.

High School Student Government Presentation

- Six students from Freeport High School each gave a brief update on the activities and up coming events at Freeport High School. The presenters were: Kayla Cruz, Brittany Spell, Kianna Berria-Anderson, Dwayne George, Kim Hernandez and Ruby Escalera-Nater.

At 8:32 p.m., there was a short break.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:56 p.m.

Dr. Kuncham continued his report by informing the Board and public of the continuing effort of the County Legislature to shift the tax burden increasingly on to the school districts. He urged residents to reach out to their Representatives in local government to express their opinions on this issue since it will have a direct impact on school taxes.

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. Piñeyro-Mendoza and a second by Ms. Mulé 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: September 22, 2010; October 6, 2010; October 15, 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:

Antoinette Vurro, 10 Month Typist Clerk, effective September 22, 2010 through September 27, 2010, for health reasons.

Shanequa Thompson, Art Teacher, effective October 12, 2010 through January 31, 2011, for childcare.

Maryclaire Dumas-Landisi, Reading Teacher, effective October 1, 2010 through October 22, 2010, for health reasons.

Clare DeNinno, Typist-Clerk, effective October 4, 2010 through October 18, 2010, for health reasons.

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.

Scott Facey, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 17, 2010, to accept another position in the District.

Andrea DiMango, Permanent Substitute, effective September 27, 2010 for personal reasons.

Lee Schreiber, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 15, 2010 to accept a position outside of the District.

Joanne Cappelluti, 12 Month Typist Clerk, effective September 29, 2010, for personal reasons.

Jenelle Smith, full-time teaching Assistant, effective October 8, 2010, for personal reasons.

Lisa Smith, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective October 5, 2010, for personal reasons.

Daniel Wittich, Permanent Substitute, effective October 8, 2010, to accept another position in the District.

Karen Valentine, Occupational Therapist Assistant, effective October 16, 2010, for personal reasons.

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.

Scott Facey, Permanent Substitute, (replacing R. Mills, IV, resigned) effective September 20, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

Anthony Wysocki, Permanent Substitute, (replacing J. Wills, resigned) effective September 27, 2010 through June 24, 2010. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: FHS.

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.

Leslie Agin, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing S. Facey, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 28, 2010 through September 27, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Atkinson.

Diane Eilam, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing L. Schreiber, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 27, 2010 through September 26, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Atkinson.

Erica Ein, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing A. McLean, retired) a probationary appointment effective October 4, 2010 through October 3, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: FHS.

Susan Mandeltort, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. B. Corwin, retired) a probationary appointment effective October 5, 2010 through October 4, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Atkinson.

Jessica Miller, full-time Teaching Assistant, (new) a probationary appointment effective October 4, 2010 through October 3, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Archer.

Jesse Pohlman, full-time Teaching Assistant, (new) a probationary appointment effective October 18, 2010 through October 17, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: FHS.

**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 individual listed in the following Appointment of Staff Report - Probationary, 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

Daniel Wittich, Elementary Teacher, (new), a probationary appointment effective October 12, 2010 through October 11, 2012. Compensation for this position will be on step 3-2A of the U1D Schedule at \$66,142. Assignment: Columbus.

**Appointment of Staff – Instructional
Temporary**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individual listed in the following 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

Vanessa Mannanice, Art Teacher, (replacing S. Thompson, LOA) a temporary appointment effective October 12, 2010 through January 30, 2011. Compensation for this position will be on step 1-2A of the U1D Schedule at \$60,988. Assignment: FHS.

Co-curricular 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 below for co-curricular clubs.

2010-2011 CO-CURRICULAR CLUB ADVISORS

ADVISOR	CLUB	SCHOOL	POINTS	STIPEND
Joyce Elias	Art Club	Archer	17	991
Donna Rusinek	Science Club	Archer	17	991
Linda Marino	Math Club	Archer	20	1,167
Noreen Puppo	Young Managers of Tomorrow	Archer	30	1,750
Karen Lettsome	Dance/Step Club	Archer	39	1,191
Valerie Smith				1,191

ADVISOR	CLUB	SCHOOL	POINTS	STIPEND
Christie DeCesare	Art Club	Bayview	17	991
Michael Huisman	Science Club	Bayview	17	991
Laurie Kolodny	Bayview Boosters Club	Bayview	17	991
Mary Kelly	Mini-Math Club	Giblyn	17	991
Pat Vollkommer	Yearbook Club	Giblyn	30	875
Sue Wandzilak				875
Ruth Breidenbach	Chorus	New Visions	17	991
German Banegas	AM Sports Club	New Visions	9	523
Nancy Hanrahan	Running Club	Atkinson	13	757
Nina Sasso	Tumbling Club	Atkinson	13	757
Lori Fochetta	Peer Mediation	Atkinson	17	991
Matthew Yatsyla	Aiki Club	Atkinson	17	991
EmilyHertzberg	Art Club	Atkinson	18	1,051
John Rothhaupt	Atkinson Newspaper	Atkinson	21	612.50
Christina Schwarz				612.50
Nina Sasso	Step/Drill Team	Atkinson	22	641
Kerri Sparacia				641
Mary-Kate Gunther	Dance Troupe	Atkinson	7	398
MaryLou Giunta	Mathletes - Grade 5	Atkinson	30	1,750
Donna Librizzi	Mathletes - Grade 6	Atkinson	30	1,750
Kerri Sparacia	Drama Club	Atkinson	36	1,049
Karen Wecksler				1,049
Christina Schwarz	Odyssey of the Mind – Team #1	Atkinson	42	2,460
Carrrie Frederick-Muchnick	Odyssey of the Mind – Team #2	Atkinson	42	2,460
Mary-Kate Gunther	Future Problem Solving– Team #1	Atkinson	42	2,460
Nancy Hanrahan	Future Problem Solving– Team #2	Atkinson	42	2,460
Arlene Easter	A-Mart	Atkinson	42	2,460
Nicholas Alberti	Dodd Yearbook	Dodd	63	3,673
Marissa Paschette	Co-Student Council	Dodd	63	1,836.50
Diane Saunders				1,836.50
Carol Byrne	Mathletes	Dodd	42	2,460
TBA	Future Problem Solving –Team #1	Dodd	42	2,460
John Daskalakis	Odyssey of the Mind – Team #1	Dodd	42	2,460
Nancy Berg	Student Fund Treasurer	Dodd	30	1,750
Elaine Schreibman	Dodd Literary Magazine	Dodd	30	1,750
Adam Rubin	Jazz Ensemble	Dodd	30	1,750
Sherill Spruill	Select Chorale	Dodd	30	1,750
Candice Mordhorst	Select Orchestra	Dodd	30	1,750

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ADVISOR	CLUB	SCHOOL	POINTS	STIPEND
Denise Lloyd	Dodd Respect	Dodd	25	1,413
Vashti Burke	Ladies Club of Dodd	Dodd	23	1,296
Maureen Bonanno	Computer Arts Club	Dodd	17	991
TBA	Technology Club	Dodd	17	991
Thomas Doyle	Science Club	Dodd	17	991
Desiree Zamot	Foreign Language Club	Dodd	17	991
Nancy Williams	Photography Club	Dodd	17	991
Michele Haimes	A.M. Announcement Club	Dodd	17	495.50
Felice Niland				495.50
Kristen Wrigley	Environmental Club	Dodd	17	495.50
Kim Kavazanjan				495.50
Nick Alberti	Art Club	Dodd	17	991
Michele Haimes	National Honor Society	Dodd	17	991
Nancy Berg	Peer Mediation	Dodd	17	991
Mario Salcedo	Tae Kwon Do Club	Dodd	17	991
Linda Salzer	Service Corps/Future Corps	Dodd	17	991
Rosalie Woska	Double Dutch Club	Dodd	17	991
TBA	Chain Reaction Club	Dodd	17	991
Junaid Gilliam	GENTS Club	Dodd	10	581
Melissa O'Hara	Flashings	FHS	84	4,897
Jocelyn Rodriguez-McShan	Yearbook	FHS	84	4,897
Michael LaSorsa	Marching Band Director	FHS	78	4,548
Adam Rubin	Marching Band Asst. Dir.	FHS	36	2,098
Jennifer Volta	Vintage	FHS	65	1,894.50
Mark Spanier				1,894.50
Joshua Levitt	Student Congress	FHS	63	3,673
Richard Sells	Senior Class Advisor	FHS	63	3,673
Vanessa Schack	Assistant Senior Class Advisor	FHS	42	2,460
Claretha Richardson	Junior Class Advisor	FHS	42	2,460
Lorrie Greene	Assistant Junior Class Advisor	FHS	30	1,750
Ana Rosa	Sophomore Class Advisor	FHS		1,750
John Duggan	Freshman Class Advisor	FHS	30	875
Christo Dressler				875
Richard Genzone	WFHS Communications	FHS	42	2,460
Joseph D'Agostino	Mathletes	FHS	42	2,460
Speros Vartelatos	Mathletes Asst. Advisor	FHS	17	991
Angela Wheat	Future Problem Solving -Team #1	FHS	42	2,460
Lauren Calvo	Future Problem Solving - Team #2	FHS	42	2,460
Robert Yarmola	Masque & Wig Director	FHS	42	2,460
Nicholas Cuccio	Masque & Wig Set Designer	FHS	19	1,107
Nela Hawthorne	DECA	FHS	42	2,460

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ADVISOR	CLUB	SCHOOL	POINTS	STIPEND
Ana Rosa	Odyssey of the Mind – Team #1	FHS	42	2,460
Jaime Dupas	Odyssey of the Mind – Team #2	FHS	42	2,460
Lolita Beathea	Key Club	FHS	42	2,460
Lolita Beathea	Renaissance Club	FHS	42	1,230
Claretha Richardson				1,230
Ellen Schultis	National Honor Society	FHS	35	2,040
Michele Aliani	Peer Leadership Advisor	FHS	31	1,808
Angela Wheat	Peer Leadership (3 Assistant Advisors)	FHS	72	1,565.33
Danielle Byrnes				1,565.33
Richard Sells				1,565.33
Vashti Burke	FHS She-Devils Colorguard & She-Devils Heat Kickline	FHS	34	1,986
Timothy Meshan	NJROTC Drill Team	FHS	31	1,808
Cynthia Certain	Latin Dance Salsa Team	FHS	31	1,808
Angela Wheat	Peer Tutoring	FHS	30	1,750
Silvia Fernandez	Human Relations/ Spanish Heritage Assembly	FHS	50	1,457.50
Gleni Pena				1,457.50
Lorrie Greene	Human Rights Day & Black History Assembly	FHS	50	1,457.50
Yasmin Chambers				1,457.50
Jeffrey Glass	Gay Straight Alliance	FHS	27	1,577
Wendy Lindner	Interactors/Rotary Club	FHS	28	1,633
Michael LaSorsa	Jazz Ensemble	FHS	26	1,516
Bruce Bennett	Mock Trial	FHS	21	1,225
Kerry McCarthy	"It's Academic"	FHS	21	1,225
Sally Doyle	Freeport Sports Leadership Club	FHS	21	1,225
Michael LaSorsa	Brass Ensemble	FHS	21	1,225
Caitlin Donovan	Ninth Grade Select	FHS	21	1,225
Christopher Mancuso	Chess Club	FHS	21	1,225
Daniel Moran	Science Club	FHS	21	1225
Yolette Latortue	African American Bowl	FHS	21	1225
Sarah Molese	HOSA	FHS	20	1,167
Linda Hedrickson	Devils Pride	FHS	17	495.50
John Duggan				495.50
Neda Movallali	French Club	FHS	17	991
Maria Rivera	Italian Club	FHS	17	991
Patty Kostantinopoulos	ESL Club	FHS	17	991
Linda Hendrickson	Horticulture/ Beautification Club	FHS	17	991
Shanequa Thompson	Art Club	FHS	17	495.50
Vanessa Mannanice				495.50
Richard Johnson	Computer Repair Club	FHS	17	991
Cynthia Certain	SADD	FHS	17	991

ADVISOR	CLUB	SCHOOL	POINTS	STIPEND
Felice Niland	AIDS Awareness Group	FHS	17	991
Alicia Brenneis	Peer Mediation	FHS	17	991
Daniel Moran	Science Olympiad	FHS	17	495.50
Karen Cole				495.50
Alicia Brenneis	Challenge Leaders	FHS	17	991
Cathy Rode	Fashion Club	FHS	15	874
Michael Young	Digital Arts Club	FHS	13	757

Appointment of Winter Coaching Staff

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 below as coaches.

Winter Coaching Staff 2010-2011

Coaches Names	Position	Step	Salary
DeBonis, Robert	Boys' Varsity Basketball	3rd	\$ 9,293
Mohrman, Harry	Boys' J.V. Basketball	3rd	\$ 6,163
Bates, Jetster	Boys' 8th Grade Basketball	1st	\$ 3,669
Timmes, William	Boys' 7th Grade Basketball	3rd	\$ 4,145
Jones, Meredith	Girls' Varsity Basketball	3rd	\$ 9,293
Lloyd, Lakisha	Girls' J.V. Basketball	3rd	\$ 6,163
Bates, Jetster	Girls' 8th Grade Basketball	1st	\$ 3,669
McKinstry, James	Girls' 7th Grade Basketball	1st	\$ 3,669
Doyle, Sallyann	Boys' Varsity Bowling	3rd	\$ 4,144
Shultis, Eileen	Girls' Varsity Bowling	3rd	\$ 4,144
Kolodny, Laurie	Girls' Varsity Cheerleading	3rd	\$ 3,814
Gayle, Cheryl	Girls' Varsity Cheerleading Asst.	1st	\$ 3,038
Martinez, Carmen	Girls' J.V. Cheerleading	3rd	\$ 3,022
Sasso, Nina	Modified Cheerleading 8th	3rd	\$ 2,475
Fleishman, Elizabeth	Modified Cheerleading 7th	2nd	\$ 2,368
Moore, Donald	Boys' Varsity Rifle	3rd	\$ 4,832
Variello, Barry	Boys' Varsity Swimming	3rd	\$ 6,600
Murphy, Carole	Boys' Varsity Swimming Asst.	3rd	\$ 4,564
Johnson, Darlene	Modified Volleyball	3rd	\$ 3,275
TBA	Modified Volleyball	3rd	\$ 3,132
Gilreath, Charles	Boys' Varsity Winter Track	3rd	\$ 5,541
Williams, Tia	Girls' Varsity Winter Track	3rd	\$ 5,541
Facey, Scott	Girls' Varsity Winter Track Asst.	2nd	\$ 4,237
Chetti, Joseph	Boys' Varsity Head Wrestling	3rd	\$ 7,834
Cellan, Russell	Boys' Varsity Wrestling Asst.	3rd	\$ 5,490
Medina, Isreal	Boys' J.V. Wrestling	2nd	\$ 5,490

Gordon, David	Boys' Modified Head Wrestling	3rd	\$ 5,151
Jones, James	Boys' Modified Wrestling Asst.	3rd	\$ 5,151
Filaski, Michael	Boys' Modified Wrestling Asst.	3rd	\$ 5,151
Elmore, Toby	Winter Weight Training	3rd	\$ 2,064
Zito, George	Athletic Trainer	2nd	\$ 6,663

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:

September 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 2010; October 1, 7, 2010.

Other Items for Action

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

Retirement of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letters of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff members as listed:

Lois Picinich, Math Teacher, effective December 23, 2010 after serving the children of Freeport for more than 36 years.

Wright Moore, Custodian, effective July 8, 2010, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 29 years.

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

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

Granting of Tenure

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants tenure status to the following individual:

Amy Ascher, Teaching Assistant, effective November 13, 2010.

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

Finance

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

Acceptance of a Gift

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the generous donation of one Armstrong Piccolo in excellent condition from **Janet Fulli**, an alumna of Freeport High School. This gift is valued at \$400 and will be a wonderful addition to the music program at Freeport High School.

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

Acceptance of a Gift

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and a second by Ms. Mulé the following item was approved

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the generous donation of 30 (thirty) telescopes from the National Optical Astronomical Observatory (NOAO). This donation is valued at \$750.00. The telescopes will be used by the students at Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School, John W. Dodd Middle School and Freeport High School.

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

Acceptance of Two Scholarships

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza the following item was approved;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts two scholarships to be known as the “**June Stride Memorial Scholarship.**” This scholarship shall be made up of two scholarships with the following criteria:

1. Scholarship will be awarded to a special needs student who has demonstrated the ideals of voluntary or selfless service to the school and/or community. To be applied towards college or trade school.
2. Scholarship to be awarded to a Freeport student seeking to become a special education and/or general education teacher. The student shall have demonstrated the ideals of voluntary service to school and/or community.

These scholarships have been made possible through individual donations and will help offset costs for college or trade school.

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

Finance

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

Approval of Capital Project Credit Change Order – EXCEL Bond – J. W. Dodd Middle School and Leo F. Giblyn School

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District recognizes that in performing additions, alterations and renovations to its existing facilities certain changes may occur after the award of contracts, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District similarly recognizes the need for timely approval of changes in the work to facilitate the progress and completion of projects in accordance with established schedules;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Change Order as attached.

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

Education

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

Approval of Student Travel

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 Albany, NY, Binghamton, NY, Buffalo, NY and Syracuse, NY from November 1 through November 3, 2010 for the purpose of providing a college tour for students that will visit SUNY Albany, SUNY Binghamton, University of Buffalo, Buffalo State University and Syracuse University.

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: 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. There were no comments or questions from the public.

Adjournment

At 9:43 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Pomerico the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico

Respectfully submitted,

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