

**November 17, 2010**

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, in the cafetorium of the John W. Dodd Middle School. Debra McQuillan, 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 McQuillan, President  
Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President  
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee

Absent were: Ms. Carmen Piñeyro-Mendoza, Trustee  
Mr. Michael Pomerico, 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  
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 63.

**Superintendent's Report**

- The Superintendent welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then introduced Mr. John O'Mard, Principal of John W. Dodd Middle School. Mr. O'Mard introduced Mr. Adam Rubin of "Blues Walk" Mr. Rubin conducted the Dodd Jazz Combo in a musical presentation which everyone enjoyed.

**High School Student Government Presentation**

- Six students from Freeport High School each thanked the Board and Administration for their support and gave a brief update on the activities and upcoming events at Freeport High School. The presenters were: Kayla Cruz, Brittany Spell, Kianna Berria-Anderson, Victoria Mulé, Kim Hernandez and Ruby Escalera-Nater.

## Unsung Heroes Recognition

- Mr. John O'Mard, recognized Mr. Donald Robinson as the "Unsung Hero" for John W. Dodd Middle School. Mr. Robinson works for Freeport Pride and is a role model for our students, especially Dodd's at-risk students.

Dr. Kuncham then shared the following:

- The next FHS Football game, to determine the Nassau County Champions, would be Thursday, November 18, 2010
- The Boys' Soccer team won the Conference I Sportsmanship Award and German Banegas was named Conference I Coach of the Year.
- Our Girls' Varsity Soccer team won the Nassau County Sportsmanship Award from the Girls' Soccer Officials Association.
- New Visions' Project Challenge Grade 4 students, along with their teacher Dr. Marie Codispoti, visited the Cradle of Aviation Museum and spent some time with Astronauts Bill Shepherd and Mary Cleave.
- On Friday, December 17, 2010, New Visions will join with the Cradle of Aviation for a "Discovery Day" fit for the stars. Our students will travel to the Cradle of Aviation Museum for an interactive day of museum galleries, workstations, artifact explorations.
- Christine Meloni, the Librarian at Dodd, has published a book called *Teen Chick Lit: A Guide to Reading Interests*. Christine has also most recently published in the professional journals below:  
"A Night to Remember" VOYA, Voice of Youth Advocates  
"Chickalicious" School Library Journal
- Larry Levy will continue the \$15,000 scholarship incentive for 2010-2011. Mr. Levy provided this scholarship last year to our Freeport High School graduates.
- The Employee of the Month for November is Deborah LaCorte, a teacher at the Archer Street School. Ms. LaCorte was selected by Archer Street School employees because she best exemplifies the November theme of "Promoting Teamwork."
- The Dodd Middle School Select Chorale students, under the leadership of Sherill Spruill (Dodd Select Chorus Teacher), have been selected to perform at Radio City Music Hall in December.
- On Tuesday, November 9, 2010, the District held its first Student Mentoring kick off meeting. Special thanks to Dr. Bediako for coordinating this important initiative.
- 104 students were inducted into the Freeport High School Honor Society. This is the largest number of students to receive this honor in recent memory. Congratulations to our students!

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

## 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: October 20, 2010; November 3, 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:

**Cara Monell**, Elementary Teacher, effective November 1, 2010 through November 28, 2010, for childcare.

**Jessica Rathbun**, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 3, 2011 through June 30, 2011, for student teaching.

**Maryclaire Dumas**, Reading Teacher, extension of a leave of absence, from October 22, 2010 through November 29, 2010, for health reasons.

### 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:

**Robert Rytell**, from 10 Month Cleaner to 12 Month Cleaner (replacing A. Brickouse, retired), effective November 29, 2010, new salary, step 3, \$34,942. Assignment: FHS.

**Jose DeLeon**, from 10 Month Cleaner to 12 Month Cleaner (replacing F. Arias, terminated), effective November 29, 2010, new salary, \$32,411. Assignment: Dodd.

### **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.

**Tanya Fiorello**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective October 29, 2010, for personal reasons.

**Janine Gooden**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 5, 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.

### **Termination of Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby terminates the employment of the individual as listed below:

**Francisco Arias**, Custodian, effective November 17, 2010, according to Section 71 of Civil Service Law.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District regrettably terminates the employment of the individual as listed below:

**Rose Hylton**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 4, 2010, deceased.

### **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.

**Justin Gabrus**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing A. DiMango, resigned) effective October 25, 2010 through June 24, 2011. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Giblyn.

### **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.

**Rose Pinello**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (new) a probationary appointment effective October 25, 2010 through October 24, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Archer.

**Candice Sellitto**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing J. Smith, resigned) a probationary appointment effective October 25, 2010 through October 24, 2013. Compensation will be \$17,849 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Robin Waller**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing S. Urrea, resigned) effective October 25, 2010. Compensation for this appointment will be according to the FTAA contract at \$11,485. Assignment: Dodd.

**Andrea Rogers-Sammis**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing T. Fiorello, resigned) a probationary appointment effective November 15, 2010 through November 14, 2013. Compensation will be \$16,840 as per the FTAA Contract. Assignment: Archer.

**Nicole Cianculli**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (new) effective November 15, 2010. Compensation for this appointment will be according to the FTAA contract at \$11,485. Assignment: Giblyn.

**Meghan Mauch**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (new) effective November 15, 2010. Compensation for this appointment will be according to the FTAA contract at \$11,485. Assignment: New Visions.

#### **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.

**Amy Smisek**, 10 Month Clerk Typist, (replacing B. Nehring, retired) a probationary appointment for 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval, effective October 25, 2010. Compensation will be \$29,185 according to the Clerical Salary Schedule. Assignment: Dodd.

#### **Appointments for Extended School Day/Saturday Enrichment Academy 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 (as attached) for the following programs:

- Extended School Day Violence Prevention Program
- Arts/Music Program

- Title I Saturday Enrichment Academies
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Programs
- McKinney Vento Homeless Education Program
- Elementary Counseling Program
- Title I Grant (Parent Involvement)

### **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 22, 2010; October 4, 6, 7, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2010; November 1, 4, 5, 2010.

### **Other Items for Action**

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

#### **Education**

##### **Appointment of the Library Board Trustee**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Board of Library Trustees of the Freeport Memorial Library, and Mr. Dave Opatow, Library Director, hereby re-appoints:

**Mr. Denton L. Watson** to the Library Board for a five (5) year term to begin November 25, 2010 through November 25, 2015.

The vote was unanimous: The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan and Mulé.

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

##### **Amendment to Agreements**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves an amendment agreement between the Board of Education and Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves an amendment agreement between the Board of Education and Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements on its behalf.

The vote was unanimous: The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan and Mulé.

## **Finance**

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

### **Resolution for the Approval of Capital Project Roof Exhaust Replacement Credit Change Order – EXCEL Bond – Columbus Avenue, Archer Street, Bayview Avenue and Giblyn Schools**

**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 and Mulé.

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

### **Resolution for the Approval of Capital Project Change Order – EXCEL Bond Masonry Repair – Freeport High 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 and Mulé.

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

### **Budget Transfer - General Fund**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the attached General Fund transfers October, fiscal year 2010/2011.

The vote was unanimous: The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan and Mulé.

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

#### **Budget Transfer - Capital Fund**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the attached Capital Fund transfers for 2010/2011.

The vote was unanimous: The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan and Mulé.

#### **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.

#### **Executive Session**

At 8:28 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for one matter negotiations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mulé and passed unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan and Mulé.

At 9:25 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 and Mulé.

#### **Adjournment**

At 9:26 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Mulé, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan and Mulé.

Respectfully submitted,

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



<b>Extended School Day Violence Prevention Afterschool Program Grant</b>	
<b>Archer Street School</b>	
Mary Caccioppoli	\$2,634
Amy Garibotto	\$2,634
Karen Lettsome	\$1,317
Linda Marino	\$5,268
Valerie Smith	\$1,317
Noreen Puppo	\$2,634
Marianne Seitz	\$2,634
<b>Bayview School</b>	
Ingrid Benedetto	\$2,533
Martha Bermeo	\$2,533
Belinda Calidonio	\$2,533
Lori Cook	\$2,533
Patricia Curran	\$2,533
Kathryn Hoffman	\$2,533
Celine Levine	\$2,533
Tanisha Mason	\$2,533
Kati Miano	\$2,533
Dolores Miller	\$2,533
Michelle Murphy	\$2,533
Lisa Ann Zabala	\$2,533
<b>New Visions School</b>	
Lisette Demm	\$2,533
Gabriella Farruggio	\$2,533
P. Fallon	\$2,533
Laura Lund	\$6,333
Mary LaMotta	\$2,533
Emilee Rosenbaum	\$2,533
Matthew Tetenbaum	\$6,333
Laurie Trujillo	\$6,333
<b>Giblyn School</b>	
Lorraine Brown	\$2,533
Lauren Chimeri	\$2,533
Mayra Espina	\$2,533
Amy Lederer	\$2,533
Beth Rugolo	\$2,533
Renee Zaldivar	\$2,533

**EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT**

**ARTS/MUSIC PROGRAM**

<b>Bayview</b>	
Jeannie Rodriguez	\$810

<b>Archer</b>	
Justin Friedman	\$810
<b>New Visions</b>	
Ruth Breindenbach	\$810
<b>Atkinson</b>	
Tolanda Thomas	\$810
<b>Dodd</b>	
Sherill Spruill	\$810

**TITLE I SATURDAY ACADEMY PROGRAM**

<b>Archer School</b>	
Mary Ahearn	\$2,431
Karen Lettsome	\$2,431
Melissa Ranaldo	\$2,431
Valarie Smith	\$2,431
Martha Bernstein TA	\$941
<b>Giblyn School</b>	
Beth Rugolo	\$2,431
<b>Bayview School</b>	
Wendy Valasky	\$2,431
Colleen Vazquez	\$2,431
Khalie Wood	\$2,431
Lisa Ann Zabala	\$2,431
<b>New Visions School</b>	
Laurie Trujillo	\$2,431
Gabriella Farruggio	\$2,431

**21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS  
ELA AND MATH SATURDAY ACADEMY**

<b>ATKINSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL</b>	
Cathy Caldwell	\$2,432
Jennifer Ferrarrelli	\$2,432
Luz Fernandez	\$2,432
Mary Lou Giunta	\$2,432
Lance Griffin	\$2,432
Dolores McMillan	\$2,432
Jillian Onorato	\$2,432
Stacey Reilly TA \$12.51/hrly	\$600
Raquel Steffa	\$2,432
William Wall	\$2,432
<b>DODD MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	
Maureen Bonanno	\$2,432

Eric Corsini	\$2,432
Nancy Berg	\$2,432
Matt Fleigel	\$2,432
James McKinstry	\$2,432
Allison Marty	\$2,432
Diane Saunders	\$2,432
Elaine Schreibman	\$2,432
Judith Sumers	\$2,432
Christian Wrigley	\$2,432

## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMIES

<b>ATKINSON SCHOOL ELA and SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
Andrea Brown TA \$15.75/hrly	\$2,646
Sean Caldwell	\$2,836
Lisa Colonna	\$4,254
Robert DeBonis	\$4,254
Rosemary Farrell TA \$27.45/hrly	\$4,611
Bryan Fiore	\$2,836
Mahendra Guerrier	\$1,418
Mary Kate Gunther	\$2,836
Emily Hertzberg	\$1,418
Wendy Jackson	\$2,836
Kristen Jones	\$5,672
Mary Ann Keane	\$5,672
Jaclyn Kick	Sub when needed
Russell Notti	\$7,091
Jillian Onorato	\$8,509
Bertha Romano TA \$12.95/hrly	\$2,176
John Rothhaupt	\$8,509
Christina Schwarz sub	Sub when needed
Barbara Shelley	\$2,836
Dolores Smith TA/\$31.60/hrly	\$5,308
Timothy Thom	\$2,836
Christine Trotta	Sub when needed
Antoinette Vurro secretary	\$4,000
Bill Wall	\$5,672
Karen Wecksler	\$2,836
Matt Yatsyla	\$1,418
Laura Zegers	\$1,418
Alcita Zellner TA \$13.16/hrly	\$2,211
<b>DODD MIDDLE SCHOOL RECREATIONAL</b>	

Amy Bendel	\$3,799
Nancy Berg	\$3,799
Maureen Bonnano	\$3,799
Eric Corsini	\$3,799
Deborah Dubrofski	\$3,799
Rob Eberhardt	\$3,799
Matt Fleigel	\$3,799
Matthew Filaski	\$3,799
Michele Haimes	\$3,799
Junain Haman-Gilliam	\$3,799
Joan Holland secretary	\$3,901
Pam Lawrence	\$3,799
Denise Lloyd	\$3,799
Dulce Rosario	\$3,799
Mario Salcedo	\$3,799
Diane Saunders	\$3,799
Brian Schor	\$3,799
Rosalie Woska	\$3,799
Desiree Zamot	\$3,799
Crystal Pierce TA \$13.44/hrly	\$2,016
Caren Stander TA \$12.81/hrly	\$1,922

## FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT AND RECREATIONAL ACADEMY

Michelle Bailey TA	\$1,736
Lolita Beathea	\$2,836
Florence Bell	\$2,836
Michael Benedetto	\$5,672
Deborah Brave	\$7,091
Wanda Braxton,	\$4,998
Alicia Brenneis	\$2,836
Zoraya Bussey	\$5,672
Melanie Caldwell	\$5,672
Reginald Carolina TA	\$1,302
Cynthia Certain	\$5,672
Yasmin Chambers	\$2,836
Dennis Connell	\$5,672
Pauline Craig	\$2,836
Elizabeth D'Aiello	\$2,836
Arthur Debin	\$2,836
Angela Dickens	\$11,345
Sally Ann Doyle	\$5,672
Annie Fleming	\$2,836
Kim Freeman	\$2,836
Louis Inzerilli	\$2,836

Maria Galatoulas	\$5,672
Richard Genzone	\$5,672
Carol Gilliam	\$5,672
Yves Guerrier	\$5,672
Kevin S. Harrison	\$2,836
Louis Inzerilli	\$2,836
Nasir Khan	\$5,672
Robert Lordi	\$5,672
Rose Luna	\$5,672
Arlene Martinez	\$5,672
Maribel Maia	\$2,836
Jackie Matos	\$2,836
Sarah Molese	\$2,836
Lisa Porter	\$5,672
Julissa Ramos	\$5,672
Claretha Richardson	\$5,672
Francesco Romano	\$2,836
Melissa Rosen	\$5,672
Michael Servello	\$5,672
Mary Jean Tucker	\$2,836

### MCKINNEY VENTO (HOMELESS EDUCATION) PROGRAM

<b>Archer School</b>	
Mary Ahearn	\$5,698
<b>Giblyn School</b>	
Carmen Tarantino	\$5,698
Lisa Chimeri TA \$23.09/hrly	\$2,598
<b>Bayview School</b>	
Sherry Macaig	\$5,698
Bert Silverstein TA \$21.32	\$2,387
<b>New Visions School</b>	
Diana Octave	\$5,698
Kathleen Gunyan TA \$16.23/hrly	\$1,825
<b>Freeport High School</b>	
Emma Perdomo	\$5,698

### ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE COUNSELING PROGRAM

<b>Archer</b>	
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Elizabeth Shirian	\$5,267.00
<b>Atkinson</b>	
Lindsay Volpe	\$5,267.00
<b>New Visions</b>	
David Strauss	\$5,267.00

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

<b>Archer School (Puente)</b>	
Myrna Zelke-Garcia	\$1,078
Sylvia Moreirra	\$1,078
Melissa Pfeifer	\$1,078
Nellie Petraglia	\$1,078
Christina Vargas	\$1,078
<b>Atkinson (MSTP)</b>	
Cathy Caldwell	\$1,010
Sean Caldwell	\$1,010
Alison Cervini	\$1,010
Andrea Debekker	\$1,010
Jennifer Ferarrelli	\$1,010
Brenda Gardner	\$1,010
Wendy Jackson	\$1,010
Donna Librizzi	\$1,010
Deloures McMillan	\$1,010
Cormack Molloy	\$1,010
Matthew Yatsyla	\$1,010
Pat Pohmer	\$674
Barbara Shelley	\$674