

**December 8, 2010**

The regular Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:38 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

Absent were:                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. Ken Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Also absent were:        Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 63.

**Superintendent's Report**

- The Superintendent recognized the Freeport High School Varsity Football Team, "Long Island Champions," for winning the Nassau County Championship, the Long Island Championship and the Rutgers Cup.
  
- The Superintendent went on to thank the Coaches:

Russ Cellan, Head Coach  
Kirt Smith, Assistant Coach  
Toby Elmore, Assistant Coach  
Jimmy Jones, Assistant Coach

Trainers/Volunteers

Matt Cellan, Volunteer Assistant Coach  
George Zito (Trainer)  
Keith Brown – Volunteer, keeps players in best physical condition

Jerry Mackey – Alumni/Volunteer, provides team with great inspiration, motivation

The Team will also be recognized by Nassau County Legislators Kevan Abrahams and David Denenberg at a Legislative Session on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Legislators' Building, Franklin Avenue, Mineola.

- Dr. Kuncham also recognized Dave Opatow on his retirement and for his many, many year of services and support for the children of Freeport Schools. The Superintendent and the Board President presented him with a plaque and Ms. Anne Marie Hudley Simmons presented him with a beautiful framed painting.

A short break was taken at 8:04 p. m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:24 p. m.

- The Superintendent announced the following:
  - **NYS Scholar Athlete Teams:** Girls' Tennis and Golf
  - **The Varsity Cheerleaders** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Empire Regional's, held at Hofstra University on Saturday, December 6, 2010. By placing 3<sup>rd</sup>, the team earned a bid to National's, which will be held in Orlando, Fl. from February 10-14, 2011.
  - **The Varsity Wrestling** team finished 1<sup>st</sup> at the Hank Paris Invitational on December 6, 2010 at Bethpage H.S.
  - **Boys' Soccer** earned a point against Massapequa for the first time in over 15 years. They also won the Conference I Sportsmanship Award and Coach Banegas earned Conference Coach of the Year.
  - **Girls Soccer** beat out 56 other schools to win the Nassau County Sportsmanship Award.
  - **Robert Morales** and **Erica Groover** have been selected as our **2010 Outstanding Physical Education** Student Award recipients. Each year, two seniors from every Nassau County school are selected by their High School physical education staff on the basis of scholastic leadership, physical performance, physical fitness levels, services and leadership abilities.
  - Congratulations to our Employee of the Month of December, **Cindy Misrock**, Social Worker since September of 1990 at Bayview Avenue School. Ms. Misrock, now the Lead Social Worker at Bayview, was selected by the Bayview Avenue staff for the theme of **Implementing a New Idea**.
  - **Dodd Middle School Select Chorale** were magnificent in their performance on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Radio City Music Hall. Not only did they do a superb job at the Hall, but they also did an impromptu song underneath the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree which resulted in thunderous applause by those visiting

the tree. Congratulations to the Select Chorale, Sherill Sherill and the entire Arts Department!

- Two Juniors, **Jason Millan and Emerick Martin**, will be giving a presentation to three Physics Professors of New York University on their work on identification and calculation of the orbit of an asteroid. Dr. Pereira will be traveling with them to NYU on January 5, 2011. Also Dr. Pereira has been invited to the NSTA Conference in San Francisco, on March 19, 2011, to discuss the students' work.

### **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 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:

October 7, 19, 20, 27, 2010

November 4, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 24, 2010

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

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

### **Ratification of a Memorandum of Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between the Freeport School Administrators Association and the Freeport Union Free School District dated November 30, 2010. This agreement is effective and covers the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign said agreement.

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

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

**Acceptance of a Scholarship from Mr. Larry Levy with IKE Capital, L.L.C.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude, a generous donation from Mr. Larry Levy of \$15,000 which will be contributed in both stocks and cash for a scholarship to be called the “IKE Capital Academic Incentive” Scholarship to be offered to all students in the 11/12 homeroom who will graduate in 2011. A scholarship will be granted to all students who graduate from 11/12 homeroom and present evidence that they have matriculated to a 2 or 4 year college or trade school of their choice.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of the Education is authorized to approve a business brokerage account with TD Ameritrade for the purpose of receiving a gift in the form of stocks. Upon receipt of depositing the stocks in the brokerage account, the Assistant Superintendent for Business is authorized to approve the liquidation of the stocks and to transfer those funds to a trust and agency account at an approved District depository bank.

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

**Executive Session**

At 9:04 p.m. Ms. Mulé moved to adjourn to executive session for four particular matters of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and passed unanimously. The vote was: McQuillan, Ellerbe, Mulé and Piñeyro-Mendoza.

At 9:25 p. m, on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and a second by Ms. Mulé the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: McQuillan, Ellerbe, Mulé and Piñeyro-Mendoza.

**Adjournment**

At 9:26 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 unanimous, McQuillan, Ellerbe, Mulé and Piñeyro-Mendoza.

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on December 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at New Visions School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.  
District Clerk