

October 15, 2008

The regular planning meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. She then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President (left at 9:30 p.m.)
Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: none

Also present were: Dr. Eric L. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for
Personnel & Clerk of the Board
Dr. Raymond McCloat, Interim Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were: none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 25.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eric L. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Mr. Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, who stated that this was his 13th audit at Freeport School District. Mr. Kuncham then introduced Alan Yu, partner of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, the external auditors who created the 2008 Financial Statement for the District. Mr. Yu stated that the District has received a "Clean Opinion" which is the highest report that can be received. He also stated that the District is in good financial health.

Mr. Kuncham then introduced the New York Association for Pupil Transportation. There were many representatives from this organization to recognize Jamesyka Jadotte, a 3rd grade student from Giblyn. Miss Jadotte was part of a competition in conjunction with School bus safety week of October 20-25th. Her entry, "Stop 4 the Bus and our Kids," will be printed as a bumper sticker and distributed throughout the State.

Dr. Bediako introduced Steve Perry, who as Freeport School District's webmaster, performed a PowerPoint presentation on the prospects of a "Paperless Board Meeting."

Questions from the Public

The public was then 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

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:

July 10, 2008, July 23, 2008, July 29, 2008, August 7, 2008, August 21, 2008, September 4, 2008, September 8, 2008, September 15, 2008, September 16, 2008, September 17, 2008, September 19, 2008, September 25, 2008, October 6, 2008.

Removal from the Table

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Mulé the following motion was removed from the table and passed unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby removes from the table a Resolution to Amend the By-Laws.

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

Resolutions and Amendments to By-Laws

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Mulé the following item was approved. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Pomerico.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby concurs with the New York State School Boards Association and Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association on the Resolutions and By-Law Amendments to be adopted at the Business Meeting during the 2008 New York State School Boards Convention.

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

Resolution to Accept the Final Copy of Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Piñeyro the following motion was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the Final Copy of Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008.

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

Executive Session

At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Pomerico moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for a student matter, collective negotiations and four matters of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mule and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro and Pomerico.

Ms. McQuillan left at 9:30 p.m.

At 10:33 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Piñeyro, the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Pomerico.

Other Action

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby upholds the decision of the Superintendent in the matter of a student suspension (N.O.).

The vote was: Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 10:35 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro and Pomerico.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting at 7:30 p.m. on October 29, 2008 at Bayview Avenue School.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Santora
Clerk of the Board