

December 6, 2006

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. She then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Vice President
Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, Trustee
Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee
Ms. Debra Mulé, 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
Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum,
School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning
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 33.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eric L. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools was happy to inform the Board of Education that Sunday, December 10, 2006, the JROTC from Freeport High School, will present the colors at the New York Jets Football Game.

Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board, gave an overview of the hiring process. She explained that the District has two types of employees: classified employees (custodians, secretaries, cleaners, food service workers and security personnel) who are subject to Civil Service regulations and certified employees, such as administrators and teachers. Dr. Bediako noted that the process is designed "to hire the best possible employees for the District."

Dr. Eric L. Eversley introduced Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum,

Board Discussion

On a motion by Mr. Raab the following discussions were tabled:

Policy #5631 - Naming of School District's Facilities

Policy #7313 - Suspension of Students

The motion was seconded by Ms. Mulé , and the vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Raab.

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 six minutes on any topic. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

CSE/CPSE Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro the following motion was unanimously approved:

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 28, 2006; October 5, 2006; October 6, 2006; October 11, 2006; October 12, 2006; October 19, 2006; October 23, 2006; October 26, 2006; October 27, 2006; October 30, 2006; October 31, 2006; November 1, 2006; November 2, 2006; November 6, 2006; November 8, 2006; November 9, 2006; November 15, 2006.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab, and the vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Raab.

Appointment of Finance/Budget Advisory Committee Members

On a motion by Ms. Mulé the following motion was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the following individuals be appointed to the 2007-2008 Finance/Budget Advisory Committee: Alan Jay, Home Owner Category, Morgan Miller (11th grade) Student Category, Malcolm Adams (11th grade) Student Category.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab, and the vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Raab.

per bid specifications, and reserving the right to increase or decrease quantities of each item as needed. (as attached)

The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro, and the vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Raab.

Bid Awards – Capital Projects- Atkinson, Bayview and FHS

Electrical

On a motion by Mr. Raab the following motion was unanimously approved

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby awards the following bids as listed in the attached Bid Award Report and as recommended in the attached bid recommendation, accepting the lowest responsible bid as per bid specifications, and reserving the right to increase or decrease quantities of each item as needed. (as attached)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, and the vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Raab.

Executive Session

At 10:08 p.m. Ms. Mulé moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for Board Development and one particular matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 10:50 pm., on a motion by Ms. Mulé and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 10:51 pm., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded by Ms. Mulé the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting on December 20, 2006 at New Visions School.