

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of January 12, 2005

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 , in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School . Ms. Piñeyro, 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. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President
- Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee

Absent were:

- Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee

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

Guest:

- none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 11.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools introduced Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board. Dr. Bediako discussed the 2005-2006 tentative School Calendar.

Dr. Eversley then introduced Mr. Robert Harris. Mr. Harris introduced Ms. Sue Greca, Director of Second Languages. Ms. Greca gave a power point presentation (attached) and discussed the ESL and Dual Language Programs of the District. She also explained all the instructional services available to students who are English Language Learners.

The Superintendent then introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kuncham introduced our Energy Education Manager, Mr. Bill Walsh. Mr. Walsh gave a power point presentation (attached) that demonstrated the benefits and cost savings over the last twenty months. Over the period the School District has achieved cost avoidance of over \$300,000 and the District has also reaped an environmental benefit of 698,065 kilowatt-hours in electricity savings.

On a motion by Ms. McQuillan, the Board unanimously voted to remove from the agenda the topic regarding the FOIL Process Report under the Superintendent's report and place it on the agenda for the Board of Education meeting on February 2, 2005 , also under the Superintendent's Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.

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.

Items for Action

Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings of the committees on special education and preschool special education for the following dates:

November 5, 2004; November 19, 2004; November 23, 2004; November 29, 2004; December 1, 2004; December 3, 2004; December 6, 2004; December 7, 2004; December 8, 2004; December 10, 2004; December 12, 2004; December 14, 2004; December 16, 2004; December 20, 2004; December 21, 2004; December 22, 2004; January 5, 2005.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the January 26, 2005 Board of Education meeting.

Executive Session

At 10:15 p.m. , Ms. Coward moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for 3 matters of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.

At 11:30 p.m. , on a motion by Ms. Coward and seconded by Ms. McQuillan, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.

Adjournment

At 11:31 p.m. , with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. McQuillan, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting on January 26, 2005 at Columbus Avenue School .

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
Clerk of the Board