

# Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of January 26, 2005



The regular action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, in the gymnasium of the Columbus Avenue School. Carmen Piñeyro, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Those present were:

- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President
- Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee (arrived 7:38 p.m.)
- Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee (arrived 7:38 p.m.)
- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee

Absent were:

- none

Also present were:

- Dr. Eric L. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board
- Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning (arrived 7:50 p.m.)
- 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 more than 125.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Eric Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Ms. Peggy Miller, Principal of Columbus Avenue School. Ms. Miller introduced the program, and explained that the children would be giving a presentation of songs, and examples of the way that music is used to teach history, social studies, literacy and citizenship. The program was presented by three choruses, from special education, pre-kindergarten and dual language classes. The littlest Freeport students

showed they are having fun and learning many things as well. The program was greatly enjoyed by all.

- Dr. Eversley then introduced Sabrina Geraci-Yee, a representative from the Freeport High School Student Congress. Ms. Geraci-Yee gave a report from Freeport High School.
- The Superintendent introduced Ms. Gladys Andrews, Principal of Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. Andrews presented two students who through their hard work and scholarship have been chosen to participate in the Institute for Creative Problem Solving. Cephas Knighton-Ward and Johnathan Ramsey were congratulated by Dr. Eversley, the Board and the public for their scholastic achievements.
- Dr. Eversley introduced Mr. Charles Puricelli, Coordinator for the Arts. Mr. Puricelli thanked Dr. Eversley and the Board for their continued support of the arts at Freeport Schools and then went on to congratulate the organizers of the New York State Music Association rehearsal for the Division II All County students, Monique Retzlaff, Vice-President Division II, Nassau Music Educators Association, and Adam Rubin, Chairman, Division II, Nassau Music Educators Association. Ms. Retzlaff and Mr. Rubin are Music Teachers at John W. Dodd Middle School. They thanked everyone for the help they had received and then introduced students from Dodd who have been chosen to participate in All County. Those students are:
  - Jerry Butler
  - Spencer Cammarano
  - Rachel Cruz
  - Alexis Dziedziech
  - Karin Escobar
  - Miranda Geraci-Yee
  - Iman Barnes
  - Daniel Fiore
  - Loweye Diedro
  - Henry Jenkins
- The Superintendent and the Board congratulated the students on their fine accomplishment.

### **Board Discussion**

The Board discussed the six polling sites that Freeport Public Schools use for the Budget Vote and Trustee election every year. On a motion by Mr. Raab the issue was referred to the Board of Education Community Outreach Committee for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and passed. The vote was:

Yeas: Coward, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Nay: none

Abstention: Ellerbe.

## **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. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

## **Board of Education Committee Reports**

The minutes of the Legislative Committee were distributed to the Board and discussed.

## **Items for Action**

### *Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda*

- On a motion by Mr. Raab and a second by Ms. Coward the following items, on a consent agenda, were approved unanimously. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, P i ñ eyro and Raab.

### *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:

December 1, 2004 ; December 15, 2004 ; December 21, 2004

### *Leave of Absence*

Be It Resolved that the Board hereby grants a request for leave for the following staff members as listed:

- Clare DeNinno, Clerk-Typist, effective October 21, 2004 through February 1, 2005, for health reasons.
- Raye Cerchia, part-time Switchboard Operator, effective November 30, 2004 through March 1, 2005, for health reasons.
- Susan Cunnane, Elementary Teacher, effective December 15, 2004 through June 30, 2005, for childcare.
- Catherine Beck, Music Teacher, effective January 10, 2005 through May 18, 2005, for health reasons.
- Monica Campos, Speech Teacher, extended January 10, 2005 through March 1, 2005, for health reasons.
- Christine Molnar, Elementary Teacher, effective January 18, 2005 through June 30, 2005, for health reasons.

### *Retirement of Staff*

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff member as listed:

- **William Cohen**, Art Teacher, effective June 30, 2005, after serving the children of Freeport for 34 years.

### ***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.

- Lauren Robinson, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 3, 2005.
- George Sanchez, Permanent Substitute, effective December 23, 2004.
- Alma Rocha, Elementary Teacher, effective January 17, 2005.
- Meredith Pine, Permanent Substitute, effective January 9, 2005.
- Ettore Cafarelli, Cleaner, effective January 2, 2005.
- Jennifer Dunn, Earth Science Teacher, effective February 10, 2005.

### **Appointment of Staff Report**

#### ***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 in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Teacher Assistant Category, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

- Deborah Bergen, Library Media Specialist, (C. Campbell, retired) a probationary appointment effective February 1, 2005 through June 9, 2007. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U6D Schedule at \$53,126. Assignment: Archer.
- Meredith Pine, Physical Education Teacher, (replacing E. Van Nostrand, resigned) a probationary appointment effective January 10, 2005 through January 9, 2008. Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U6C Schedule at \$44,980. Assignment: FHS.

#### ***Teaching Assistants***

- Rosaline Anderson, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing T. Goldman, LOA) a temporary appointment effective January 3, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$6,899. Assignment: Archer.
- Patricia Thrapp, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. DiBlasio, resigned) this appointment shall be effective January 10, 2005. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$6,899. Assignment: Bayview.

- Theresa Duran, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing L. Randazzo, change) this appointment shall be effective December 15, 2004. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$6,899. Assignment: Columbus.
- Christina McKeen, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing O. Fernandez, resigned) a probationary appointment effective January 6, 2005 through January 5, 2008. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,073. Assignment: Giblyn.

### ***Temporary Instructional 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 in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Temporary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

- Elizabeth McGarry, Permanent Substitute, (replacing G. Sanchez, resigned) a temporary appointment effective January 10, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: FHS.

### ***Civil Service Category Appointments***

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals as listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Civil Service, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulation.

- Ettore Cafarelli, Custodian, (replacing T. Herzel, resigned) a probationary appointment effective January 3, 2005 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$32,386. Assignment: FHS

### ***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:

December 2, 2004; December 20, 2004; December 22, 2004; January 6, 2005; January 10, 2005; January 11, 2005; January 12, 2005; January 13, 2005.

### ***Acceptance of Gifts***

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a gift of two sets of Fischer speakers, a Technics turntable and a Teac cassette deck, with a value of \$500. This gift is has been donated by Mr. Mark Spanier, a staff member of our High School English Department.

### ***Granting of Tenure***

On a motion by Ms. McQuillan the following motion was adopted:

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants tenure status to the following individuals:

- Lloyd Burkett, Technology, effective, February 10, 2005;
- Laurie Trujillo, Reading, effective February 24, 2005;
- Nicholas Angelo, Elementary Guidance, effective February 25, 2005;
- Sherry Maciag, Elementary Guidance, effective February 25, 2005;
- Betsy Colagiacomo, Reading, effective March 10, 2005.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and passed unanimously. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

### ***Budget Transfer***

Ms. Coward made the following motion:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District approves the budget transfers as listed in the attached Budget Transfer T 2004-2005-2

Ms. McQuillan seconded the motion and the motion was passed. The vote was: Yeas: Coward, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab. Nays: none Abstentions: Ellerbe.

Adoption of the School Calendar 2005-2006

Mr. Raab made the following motion:

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the attached School Calendar for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and passed. The vote was:

Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab

### ***Adjournment***

At 9:50 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded by Ms. Coward, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako  
Clerk of the Board

Freeport Public Schools  
2005-2006 School Calendar

September	1-2	Teachers Report – Staff Development Days
	5	Labor Day – school closed
	6	First Day of School for Students
October	4-5	Rosh Hashanah – school closed
	10	Columbus Day – school closed
	13	Yom Kippur – school closed
November	8	Staff Development/Parent/Teacher Conference Day - <i>No school for students</i>
	11	Veterans Day – <i>school closed</i>
	24-25	Thanksgiving Recess
December	26-30	Holiday Recess
January	2	New Year’s Day – <i>school closed</i>
	16	Martin Luther King Day – <i>school closed</i>
February	20-24	Winter Recess
April	13-21	Spring Recess
May	26-29	Memorial Day Recess
June	23	Last Day of School for Students

**High School Graduation will be on Sunday, June 25.**

If no snow days used, school will be closed April 20, 21 and May 26.

If 1 snow day is used school will be open May 26.

If 2 snow days are used, school will be open April 21 and May 26.

If 3 snow days are used, school will be open April 20, 21 and May 26.