

February 16, 2005

The regular action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, in the gymnasium of the Leo F. Giblyn School.

Carmen Piñeyro, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

The children of Giblyn School led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President

Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President

Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee

Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee

Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee (arrived 7:55 p.m.)

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
(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 100.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eric Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Mr. Harris Chandler, Principal of Leo F. Giblyn School. Mr. Chandler introduced a group of Giblyn children, who, under the direction of Mr. David Gorin, Music Teacher, and with the assistance of Ms. Mary Johnson, Project Challenge Teacher, presented a Valentine's Day themed program of songs and poetry. It was enjoyed by all.

Dr. Eversley announced to the Board and the Public that Archer Street School had its "Act of Kindness Day" and had raised \$2,600 for the Save the Children's Fund, to be used for tsunami victims in Southeast Asia. It was further noted that Archer Street School also made School Of The Month honors.

The Superintendent then introduced Freeport High School Congress member and Honor Society President, Ester Lopez. Ms. Lopez gave her report of High School activities to the Board.

The Board of Education then recognized and celebrated the achievements of 33 members of the Freeport Staff, who have served the children of Freeport for 20 years. Those Staff members are:

June Anson

Mary Ann Helfrich

Catherine Armario

Andrea Kane

Anthony Basile
Martha Bernstein
Felice Birdsall
Maureen Brown
Agatha Caggia
Subrata Chaudhuri
Lori Cohen
Doris Dawley
Annette Durand
Carol Fischer-Rosenthal
Betsy Funch
Lorraine Greeley
Loretta Halpin
Mary Ann Hanlon

Alice Kelly
Kenneth Kennedy
Yvonne Ladson
Noreen Larson
Dorothy Leonard
Doris Maccarrone
Alice Mitchell
Diane Notti
Bert Silverstein
Kathleen Smith
Ruth Smith
Margaret Taboada
Randolph Thomas, Jr.
Luz Velasquez
Patricia Yatsyla

Dr. Eversley then swore in the new Honor Society inductees, Dineen Dismore, Blanca Perez and Karla Ramirez.

A short break was taken.

The Superintendent then introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kuncham discussed the Program Component of the 2005-2006 proposed School Budget.

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. (attached)

The minutes of the Budget Committee were distributed to the Board and discussed. (attached)

Items for Action

Acceptance of the Minutes

Mr. Raab requested the Acceptance of the Minutes be removed from the consent agenda and be voted on as a separate item.

Mr. Ellerbe made the following motion:

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:

January 12, 2005; January 26, 2005

The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and passed. The vote was:
Yea; Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.
Nay; 0
Abstention; Raab.

Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda

1. On a motion by Ms. Coward and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following items, on a consent agenda, were approved unanimously. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Leave of Absence

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

Tammy O'Brien, Health Teacher, extension of a leave, from February 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, for childcare.

Sara Jinks, Account Clerk, effective January 18, 2005 through June 20, 2005, for health reasons.

Clare Deninno, Clerk Typist, extension of a leave, from February 1, 2005 through February 21, 2005, for health reasons.

Karen Rosenstock, Art Teacher, effective February 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, for health reasons.

Vito DiSpigno, Security Guard, effective February 11, 2005 through March 29, 2005, for health reasons.

Change of Status

RESOLVED that the Board of Education for the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants a request for a change of status as listed in the following Change of Status Report:

Jeanne McNulty, change of status from part-time Teaching Assistant to full-time Teaching Assistant, probationary appointment effective January 27, 2005 through January 26, 2008.

Rosaline Anderson, change of status from part-time Teaching Assistant (leave replacement) to regular part-time appointment (replacing J. McNulty, change in status).

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:

Claudia Marcus, English Teacher, effective July 1, 2005, after serving the children of Freeport for twenty years.

Termination of Staff

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby terminates the services of the following employee as listed in the following termination report.

Gregory Hampton, Custodian, effective February 8, 2005, according to Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

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.

Kerry Nelson, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 21, 2005.

Mark Davidoff, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 21, 2005.

Jessica Medina, Permanent Substitute, effective January 31, 2005.

Nanci DeSousa, Permanent Substitute, effective January 30, 2005.

Appointment of Staff Report

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 Appointment of Staff Report - Probationary, 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.

Instructional Appointments

Jessica Medina, Foreign Language Teacher, (replacing G. Campbell-Ham, resigned) a probationary appointment effective February 1, 2005 through January 31, 2008. Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U6C Schedule at \$44,980. Assignment: Dodd.

Yasmin Castillo-Hoffman, Elementary Teacher (bilingual), (replacing A. Rocha, resigned) a probationary appointment effective February 7, 2005 through February 6, 2008. Compensation will be on step 1-2F of the U6D Schedule at \$54,787. Assignment: Columbus.

Administrative Seasonal Appointment

Allan Brimer, Elementary Summer School Principal, a temporary appointment effective February 2, 2005 through August 31, 2005. Compensation for this position will be on the Summer School Schedule at \$6,823. Assignment: Districtwide.

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 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.

Alexis Romanelli, full-time Teaching Assistant, (new) a probationary appointment effective February 1, 2005 through January 31, 2008. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,073. Assignment: Archer.

Stephanie Poppiti, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing R. Anderson/T. Goldman, LOA), a temporary appointment effective January 31, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$6,899. Assignment: Archer.

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.

Charles Gilreath, Permanent Substitute, (replacing M. Pine, resigned) a temporary appointment effective January 26, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

Cara Tarantino, Permanent Substitute, (replacing G. Villanueva, resigned) a temporary appointment effective January 27, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: New Visions.

Nanci DeSousa, Elementary Teacher, (replacing C. Molnar, LOA) a temporary appointment effective January 31, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be on step 2-1B of the U6C Schedule at \$48,218. Appointment: Giblyn.

Kristin Creamer, Health Teacher, (replacing T. O'Brien, resigned) a temporary appointment effective February 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U6C Schedule at \$44,980. Assignment: Bayview.

Orazio Taddeo, Permanent Substitute, (replacing J. Medina, resigned) a temporary appointment effective February 4, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

Stephen Berg, Permanent Substitute, (replacing N. DeSousa, resigned) a temporary appointment effective February 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Giblyn.

Carmela Gandolfo, Art Teacher, (replacing K. Rosenstock, LOA) a temporary appointment effective February 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U6C Schedule at \$44,980. Appointment: Atkinson.

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.

Daniel Rodriguez, 12 Month Cleaner, (replacing E. Cafarelli, resigned) a probationary appointment effective January 20, 2005 for 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Cleaner Salary Schedule on step 1 at \$27,957. Appointment: FHS.

Thomas Postawa, Custodian, (replacing T. Robinson, resigned) a probationary appointment effective February 7, 2005 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be on step 1 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$32,386. Appointment: Giblyn.

CSE/CPSE Minutes

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 accepts the minutes of the meetings of the committees on special education and preschool special education for the following dates:

January 5, 2005; January 20, 2005; January 21, 2005; January 25, 2005; January 26, 2005; January 27, 2005; January 28, 2005; February 2, 2005

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

Establishment of the Annual Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Raab the following motion was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby establishes the Annual Meeting, the Budget Hearing and the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election as prescribed in the FOLLOWING resolution.

WHEREAS Chapter 644 of the Laws of the State of New York, amends the Education Law by adding a new section, 2022-a, *Vote on Monetary Matters*, which requires that a union free school district in a county with a population of one million or more, holding the election of board of education or board of trustees members, the vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures, or on propositions involving the expenditure of money, or authorizing the levy of taxes, provides that such election shall be held on the third Tuesday in May (May 17, 2005).

AND WHEREAS this act took effect January 1, 1996, and applies to the annual meeting, annual election for board of education or board of trustee members and annual budget vote or referendum held on or after such effective date.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District shall hold a budget hearing on May 4, 2005 at 7:30 PM.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall, and is hereby directed to, have notices of the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 17, 2005, published in the Official Papers of the District. These papers shall be *The Freeport Baldwin Leader* and *The Long Island Graphic*, two newspapers having general circulation within the District. Said publications shall be at least four times and on the dates as listed for each newspaper. *The Freeport Baldwin Leader* shall be March 24, April 7, April 21, and April 28, 2005, or an alternate date within the required notification period. *The Long Island Graphic* shall be March 23, April 6, April 20, and April 27, 2005, or an alternate date within the required notification period, and the Clerk of the Board of Education shall have notices of the May 4, 2005 Budget Hearing published in the Official Papers of the District. Said publications shall be at least four times and on the dates as listed for each newspaper. *The Freeport Baldwin Leader* shall be on the dates as listed for the notice of the annual budget vote and election or an alternate date within the required notification period. *The Long Island Graphic* shall be on the dates as listed for the notice of the annual budget vote and election or an alternate date within the required notification period.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Registration shall be open in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York every school day in the Administration Building, 235 North Ocean Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 o'clock a.m. and 3:30 o'clock p.m. (local time) until May 10, 2005, for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 17, 2005. In addition the Board of Registration will be open May 3rd, 2005 and May 5th, 2005 from 6:00 o'clock p.m. until 9:00 o'clock p.m. for residents to register to vote for the Annual Budget and Trustee election to be held on May 17th, 2005.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Education determines that voting machines are to be used for the purpose of recording the vote at said meeting of the District to be held on May 17, 2005, between the hours of 6 o'clock a.m. and 9 o'clock p.m. (local time), pursuant to

the provisions of the Education Law, and the Clerk of the District is hereby directed to procure such machines as may be necessary for use at said meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that nominations for the Office of School Trustee shall be filed with the School District Clerk, Administration Building, on or before 5 o'clock p.m. (local time) April 18, 2005, and shall contain at least Sixty (60) signatures of qualified voters.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a lottery shall take place on April 19, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of determining candidate placement on the ballot.

BE IT RESOLVED that all questions and propositions for the conduct of the meetings and elections, other than those for the Office of School Trustee, which the qualified voters of the District desire to be placed on the voting machines, shall be filed with the School District Clerk, Administration Building, on or before 5 o'clock p.m. (local time), April 18, 2005 upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least One Hundred Fifty (150) qualified voters of the School District. The Board of Education reserves the right to edit or amend any proposition without changing the intent thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that petitions for propositions which are required by law to be included in the notice of the annual meeting must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on or before March 18, 2005 upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least One Hundred Fifty (150) qualified voters of the School District. The Board of Education reserves the right to edit or amend any proposition without changing the intent thereof.

BE IT RESOLVED that absentee ballots will be provided for the election of Board members and Budget Vote, in accordance with Education Law of the State of New York, §2018-a. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and passed unanimously. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Executive Session

At 11:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Raab and a second by Ms. McQuillan, the Board adjourned to executive session for 4 matters of personnel and one legal matter. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 1:00 a.m. Mr. Raab made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously passed. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 1:01 a.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. McQuillan 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