

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of March 9, 2005

The regular budget workshop meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. Piñeyro, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:42 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
- Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee
- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee (arrived 7:50 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
- Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were:

- none

Guest:

- Members of the Finance/Budget Advisory Committee (Attached)

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 15.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eric Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, informed the Board and public that the School District's Bond Rating was upgraded from A to A+ by Standard and Poor. This is excellent news for our District.

Mr. Ellerbe made a motion to commend Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools and his staff for a job well done by moving the District's Bond Rating from A to A+. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab and unanimously passed

. The vote was:

- Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Mr. Kuncham gave an overview of the proposed 2005-2006 School Budget.

Board Committee Reports

The Budget/Finance Committee presented their recommendations to the Board as attached.

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.

Adjournment

At 9:45 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Coward, the Board adjourned the meeting.

The vote was unanimous:

- Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting on March 16, 2005 at Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

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