

March 16, 2005

The regular planning/action/budget meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. Piñeyro, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:38 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

Absent were: Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee

Also present were: Dr. Eric L. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning
Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were: Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board

Guest: Robert Kerr from New York Municipal Advisors Corp.

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 20.

On a motion by Ms. McQuillan and a second by Mr. Raab it was moved to appoint Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations as Clerk Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously and the vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, briefly discussed the advanced refunding of bonds. The Superintendent then introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kuncham discussed the advanced refunding of bonds and called upon Mr. Robert Kerr from New York Municipal Advisors Corp. to assist Mr. Kuncham in the discussion regarding the advance refunding of Bonds and the cost savings to the District. The Superintendent then gave a brief introduction to Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning. Mr. Harris gave a short overview of the School Report Card for the 2003-2004 school year.

Board Discussion

The Board of Education discussed the format of the minutes.

At 9:05 p.m. a short break was taken.

Carmen J. Piñeyro, Board of Education President, called the meeting back to order at 9:15 p.m.

The Board then discussed the recommendations from the Finance/Budget Advisory Committee.

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. McQuillan 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:

January 5, 2005; January 10, 2005; January 11, 2005; January 18, 2005; January 26, 2005;
January 31, 2005; February 2, 2005; February 3, 2005; February 7, 2005; February 8, 2005;
February 9, 2005; February 10, 2005; February 11, 2005; February 14, 2005; February 15, 2005;
February 16, 2005; February 17, 2005; February 18, 2005.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and carried. The vote was:

Yeas: Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.

Nays: Raab.

Abstention: none

The Board reviewed the agenda for the March 22, 2005 Board of Education meeting.

Board Comments

Executive Session

At 10:25 p.m., Mr. Raab moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for two student appeals, collective negotiations and one matter of litigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Raab and Piñeyro.

At 11: 55 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded by Ms. McQuillan, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:56 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: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting on March 22, 2005 at Freeport High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Singleton
Clerk Pro Tem