

April 6, 2005 (amended)

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. Piñeyro, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 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
Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee (arrived 7:55 p.m.)
Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee (arrived 8:40 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

Guests: Susan Castro and Parents
Executive Officers of the Lions Club of Freeport

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 50.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eric Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, introduced the President of the Lions Club Ms. Camilla Weir. Ms. Weir spoke about the world wide poster competition and how proud the entire community was of the winner of the competition, our own student, from John W. Dodd Middle School, Susan Castro. Miss Castro was presented with a \$600 check from the Lions Club for her winning poster.

The Superintendent then introduced Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning. Mr. Harris spoke to the Board about the 55-64 Passing Option for Local Diplomas.

Dr. Eversley introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kuncham gave a brief overview of the 2005-2006 Budget.

Board Discussion

The Board of Education discussed auditors, internal and external. They also discussed issuing a Request for Proposals for Internal and External Auditors.

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:

March 3, 2005; March 8, 2005; March 9, 2005; March 10, 2005; March 22, 2005.

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

Approval of Capital Improvements and Type II Actions

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District desires to embark upon certain capital improvement projects at various facilities in the School District, to wit:

- Partial Roof Replacement, Masonry and Structural Repairs at the Bayview Elementary School;
- Partial Roof Replacement, Masonry and Structural Repairs at the Atkinson Elementary School;
- Partial Roof Replacement, Masonry and Structural Repairs at the Giblyn Elementary School;
- Partial Roof Replacement, Masonry and Structural Repairs at the High School;
- Upgrade of the Fire Alarm System at the High School;
- Districtwide Partial Replacement of Water Meters; and
- HVAC Repairs at New Vision School.

WHEREAS, said capital improvement projects at the various facilities are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and
WHEREAS, maintenance or repairs involving no substantial changes in existing structures or

facilities are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (1)); and

WHEREAS, routine activities such as renovations to, or expansions of existing public school facilities by less than 10,000 square feet are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (8)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the capital improvement projects for:

- Partial Roof Replacement, Masonry and Structural Repairs at the Bayview Elementary School;
- Partial Roof Replacement, Masonry and Structural Repairs at the Atkinson Elementary School;
- Partial Roof Replacement, Masonry and Structural Repairs at the Giblyn Elementary School;
- Partial Roof Replacement, Masonry and Structural Repairs at the High School;
- Upgrade of the Fire Alarm System at the High School;
- Districtwide Partial Replacement of Water Meters;
- HVAC Repairs at New Vision School.

are classified as Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR pursuant to Section 617.5 (c) (1) and 617.5 (c) (8) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the above-described projects from the New York State Education Department.

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

Resolution to Participate in a Cooperative Bid

On a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded by Ms. McQuillan the following motion was adopted:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Education Services, adopting this resolution to bid jointly in Art Supplies, Audio Visual Supplies and Equipment, Bakery Goods, Cafeteria Food Supplies, Custodial Supplies, Fine Paper Supplies, General School Supplies, Laser & Ink Jet Toners, Lumber Supplies, Microcomputer Hardware, Microcomputer Software, Office and Classroom Furniture, Office Supplies and Interactive White Boards,

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Freeport Union Free School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Westchester County, New York, adopting the joint bidding of:

1. Art Supplies
2. Audio/Visual Supplies & Equipment
3. Cafeteria Food Supplies
4. Custodial Supplies
5. Fine Paper Supplies
6. General School Supplies
7. Laser & Ink Jet Toners
8. Lumber Supplies
9. Microcomputer Hardware
10. Microcomputer Software
11. Office & Classroom Furniture
12. Office Supplies
13. White Boards, Interactive

and be it further RESOLVED that Resolution shall remain in effect until receipt by the BOCES of written withdrawal from the Resolution by the school district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that the Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities with other school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative

Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said commodities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News, Central Westchester edition, in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2005-2006 PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET

On a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded by Ms. McQuillan the following motion was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the proposed Expenditure Budget for the 2005-2006 School Year in the amount of \$120,936,024 is hereby adopted.

The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the April 20, 2005 Board of Education meeting.

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: Coward, 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: Coward, 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: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting on April 20, 2005 at Freeport High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Singleton
Clerk Pro Tem