

May 4, 2005

The regular planning/action/budget meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, May 4, 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
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
Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were: none

Guest: none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 35.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning. Mr. Harris introduced Ms. Cathy Caldwell. Ms. Caldwell discussed the Math, Science and Technology projects (MSTP) and the District's involvement in the MST Project with Hofstra University. The MSTP is a grant funded project to train teachers in creating manipulatives for teaching Math and Science

Dr. Eversley and the Board re-visited the State Legislation that allowed the appointment of a student to the Board of Education. The consensus of the discussion was that the District would continue to receive reports from the Student Congress.

The Superintendent introduced Mr. Davis Opatow, Library Director. Mr. Opatow presented the Library Budget for 2005-2006.

The public was invited to ask any questions they had on the Library Budget, and Mr. Opatow addressed those questions.

The Superintendent then introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kuncham presented the 2005-2006 School Budget.

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board regarding the 2004-2005 School Budget and the Board responded.

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 7, 2005; March 14, 2005; March 21, 2005; March 22, 2005; March 23, 2005; March 30, 2005; April 1, 2005.

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

The Board reviewed the agenda for the May 25, 2005 Board of Education meeting.

Executive Session

At 9:50 p.m., Ms. McQuillan moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for a particular matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Raab and Piñeyro.

At 12:09 a.m., on a motion by Ms. McQuillan and seconded by Mr. Raab, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 12:10 a.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, 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 May 25, 2005 at Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

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