

May 19, 2005

A special action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Thursday, May 19, 2005 in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson, 58 West Seaman Avenue, Freeport, New York. Ms. Piñeyro, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. and she led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Carmen Piñeyro, President
Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee
Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee
 Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Absent was: Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President

Also present: Dr. Eric 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
Absent were: none

There were 12 members of the public present at the opening of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Eric Eversley, expressed his disappointment for the failed 2005-2006 budget vote and the effects that a contingency budget would have on District programs. Dr. Eversley also discussed all the progress that the District is making in terms of student achievement. The Board of Education discussed the date of a re-vote on the budget with the Superintendent.

1. Questions from the Public

At this time, the public is given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any topic. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board once, for a maximum of six minutes.

Items for Action

Establishment of the Annual Meeting, the Budget Hearing and The Budget Re-Vote

On a motion by Ms. Coward the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby establishes the Annual Meeting, the Budget Hearing and the Annual Budget Re-Vote 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 second Tuesday in June, (June 14, 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 June 1, 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 Re-Vote for the Annual School Budget to be held on June 14, 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 two times and on the dates as listed for each newspaper. *The Freeport Baldwin Leader* shall be May 25, 2005 June 1, 2005 and, or an alternate date within the required notification period. *The Long Island Graphic* shall be May 26, 2005 and June 1, 2005, or an alternate date within the required notification period, and the Clerk of the Board of Education shall have notices of the June 1, 2005 Budget Hearing published in the Official Papers of the District. Said publications shall be at least two 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 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 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 June 9, 2005, for the Re-Vote for the Annual School Budget to be held on June 14, 2005. In addition the Board of Registration will be open June 7, 2005 and June 9, 2005 from 6:00 o'clock p.m. until 9:00 o'clock p.m. for residents to register to vote for the Re-Vote for the Annual School Budget to be held on June 14, 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 June 14, 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 absentee ballots will be provided for the Re-Vote for the Annual School Budget, in accordance with Education Law of the State of New York, §2018-a.

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

Resolution to Adopt the 2005-2006 Proposed Expenditure Budget

Mr. Raab made the following motion:

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 motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and passed unanimously. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 9:42 p.m., with no other business, Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be Wednesday, May 25 2005, 7:30 p.m. at the Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
Clerk Pro Tem