

May 25, 2005

The regular action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2005, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Ms. Piñeyro 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 (left 9:10 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

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was more than 40.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eric Eversley, Superintendent of Schools discussed the budget re-vote and the importance of having a school budget for the children of our community.

Dr. Eversley introduced Ms. Odette Wills, Principal of Bayview Avenue School. Ms. Wills introduced the 11th Annual Second Grade American Red Cross Read-A-Thon. The Board and the public enjoyed a presentation of highlights from a performance the second grade children gave at the American Red Cross Red & White Ball at the Garden City Hotel. The program was coordinated by Ms. Cheryl Isreal and Ms. Victoria Wallace Jones.

The Freeport High School Student Congress presented their report to the Board.

The Superintendent then introduced Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning. Mr. Harris introduced Mr.

Richard Restivo, Summer High School Principal. Mr. Restivo discussed the plans for the Summer High School program.

Mr. Harris then presented the 2004-2005 English Language Arts results for the 4th and 8th Grades.

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. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

Items for Action

Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda

1. On a motion by Ms. McQuillan and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following items, on a consent agenda, were approved unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the following meetings as written:

March 31, 2005; April 2, 2005; April 6, 2005; April 13, 2005; April 20, 2005

Leave of Absence

Be It Resolved that the Board hereby grants a request for leave for the following staff members as listed:

Michelle Howard-LaMarca, Science Teacher, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, childcare.

Lisa Barber, Special Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, for childcare.

Amy Ferris, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, for childcare.

Maryann Passeggiata, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, for childcare.

Christina Molnar, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, for childcare.

Regina Passananti, Special Education Teacher, June 6, 2005 through June 30, 2005 and September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, for childcare.

Monique Retzlaff, Music Teacher, effective September 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006, for childcare.

Kristen Nestico, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, for childcare.

Lisa Malone, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, for childcare.

Donna Snider, Elementary Teacher, effective May 17, 2005 through June 30, 2005 and September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 childcare.

Jeanne Sanders, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, for childcare.

Caroline Gualtiere, Elementary Teacher, effective June 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, for childcare.

Ann-Marie Henderson, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective May 25, 2005 through June 30, 2005, for health reasons.

Linda Gooden, Security Aide, effective February 17, 2005 through February 16, 2006, as defined by Workers Compensation Law Section 71, as a result of an occupational injury or disease

Retirement of Staff

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff member as listed:

Ruby Mae Anderson, Duplicating Machine Operator, effective July 1, 2005, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 34 years.

Leonides Maldonado, 12 Month Cleaner, effective June 30, 2005, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 25 years.

Marie Pandolfo, Senior Typist Clerk, effective July 1, 2005, after serving the Children of Freeport for more than 24 years.

Beth Elan, Dean of Students, effective June 30, 2005, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 4 years.

James Corleto, Science Teacher, effective July 12, 2005.

Resignation of Staff

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation from the following staff members as listed in the following Change of Status Report - Resignation.

Shelia Hawthorne, Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

Adrian Jones, Security Aide, effective April 29, 2005.

Maria DiBlasio, Elementary Teacher, Bilingual, effective June 30, 2005.

Anthony Russo, Social Studies Coordinator, effective May 4, 2005.

Kim Welch, Permanent Substitute, effective April 15, 2005.

Tracie Goldman, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2005.

Allison Bowers, Part-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2005.

Robin Hoffman, ESL Teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

Yashi Davis, Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

Terrence Hinson, Guidance Counselor, effective June 30, 2005.

Natalia Veksler, ESL Teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

Janice Ziglar, full-time Teaching Assistant, June 30, 2005.

Organtress Sawyer, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2005.

Lynnea Wesley-Dickson, Social Worker, effective June 13, 2005.

Althea Tabon, Elementary Teacher, effective July 27, 2005.

Matthew Schwartz, Social Studies Teacher, effective August 1, 2005.

Danitza Rodriguez, Food Service Worker, effective June 30, 2005.

Termination of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby terminates the service of the following employee:

Ruffino Antonetty, effective May 9, 2005, for abandonment of position

Extension of Probation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby extends the probationary period ending date by one year to August 31, 2006, for the following individual, in accordance with the provisions of a letter dated April 6, 2005.

Viveca Peek, Science Teacher, probationary period extended to August 31, 2006.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby extends the probationary period ending date by one year to August 31, 2006, for the following individual, in accordance with the provisions of a letter dated April 6, 2005.

Joseph Mille, Special Education Teacher, probationary period extended to August 31, 2006.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby extends the probationary period ending date by one year to September 30, 2006, for the following individual, in accordance with the provisions of a letter dated April 8, 2005.

Boris Crespo, Science Teacher, probationary period extended to September 30, 2006.

Appointment of Staff Report

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the Appointment of Staff Report - Probationary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

Scott Brathwaite, Permanent Substitute, (replacing K. Welch, resigned) a temporary appointment effective May 9, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: FHS.

Civil Service Category Appointments

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals as listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Civil Service, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulation.

Maria Garcia, 10 Month Cleaner, (replacing C. Jones, retired) a probationary appointment effective May 2, 2005 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be on step 1 according to the Cleaner Schedule at \$16,038. Assignment: Dodd.

Ladislao Martinez, 12 Month Cleaner, (replacing G. Skirotis, resigned) a probationary appointment effective May 2, 2005 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be on step 1 according to the Cleaner Schedule at \$27,957. Assignment: Atkinson.

CSE/CPSE Minutes

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings of the committees on special education and preschool special education for the following dates:

March 16, 2005; March 30, 2005; March 31, 2005; April 4, 2005; April 6, 2005; April 7, 2005; April 8, 2005; April 11, 2005; April 12, 2005; April 13, 2005; May 2, 2005; May 4, 2005; May 10, 2005; May 17, 2005

Acceptance of Gifts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a gift of \$500 to be used for the Select Choral. This generous gift has been donated by Mrs. Belle Sylvester for the many years of pleasure she and her husband have enjoyed listening to them.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, the following donations to be used for the Annual Science and Engineering Fair:

Cannon USA, Inc. – Digital Research Camera worth \$2000

Paul Conte Cadillac - \$100

Costco Wholesale – Gift Card for \$100

Ecological Laboratories, Inc. - \$150

Freeport Motor Inn and Boatel - \$150

Greenfield Industries, Inc. - \$100

Hassel Auto Group - \$100

Hofstra University - \$200

Hunter Pointe Marina - \$700

New York Institute of Technology - \$300

Nicolino Construction Company, Inc. - \$100

Polytechnic University - \$500

The Image Maker International – 36 T-Shirts worth \$1,808
 Wagner Ink, Inc. - \$100

The Board is grateful and happy for the participation and generous donations of the companies that help enrich our children’s lives.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a gift of \$32,000 from a former Freeport Red Devil and grateful 1996 graduate of Freeport High School. Mr. Morlon Greenwood wishes to donate this generous amount for the purchase of new weight room equipment to benefit the students at Freeport High School. Mr. Greenwood wishes to give back to the District in gratitude for the teachers and coaches who helped him become a successful adult.

Granting of Tenure

Mr. Ellerbe made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants tenure status to the following individuals:

<i>Administrative Position(s)</i>			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Marie Schroeder	FHS	Assistant Principal	September 12, 2005
<i>Teaching Positions</i>			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Douglas Durdaller	Dodd	English	September 1, 2005
Melissa Chumpitaz	Dodd	Math	September 1, 2005
Eric Haruthunian	Dodd	Math	September 1, 2005
Kareen Jarrett-Lewis	FHS	Science	September 1, 2005
William Mulfinger	Dodd	Foreign Language	September 1, 2005
Stephanie Barile	Dodd	Special Education	September 1, 2005
Ruth Breidenbach	NV	Music	September 1, 2005
Mimi Bino	NV	Library-Media	September 1, 2005
Blanca Tapia	FHS	Guidance	September 1, 2005
Ellen Parker	FHS	Business	September 1, 2005
George Zito	FHS	Health & Physical Ed.	September 1, 2005
Michael Lizardi	Atkinson	Library-Media	September 1, 2005
Miriam Lieber	Dodd	Reading	September 1, 2005
Jennifer Case	Atkinson	Special Education	September 1, 2005
Megan Cosgrove	NV	Reading	September 1, 2005
Robert Mulle	FHS	Special Education	September 1, 2005
Luz Fernandez	Atkinson	Elementary	September 1, 2005
Sandra Buscaglia	NV	Elementary	September 1, 2005

Janet Silverman	Columbus	Special Education	September 1, 2005
Susan Gonzalez	NV	Elementary	September 1, 2005
Artemis Parais	Giblyn	Elementary	September 1, 2005
Michael DeGennaro	NV	Elementary	September 1, 2005
Carmen Tarantino	Giblyn	Social Worker	September 1, 2005
Lisa Eisenberg	Giblyn	Library-Media	September 1, 2005
Lisa DeVito	Atkinson	Elementary	September 1, 2005
Daria Jackson	Atkinson	Special Education	September 1, 2005
Michelle Iannuzzo	Columbus	Special Education	September 1, 2005
Michelle Daleo	Bayview	Elementary	September 1, 2005
Louis Inzerilli	Dodd	Technology	September 1, 2005
Ellen Mitchell	FHS	Science	September 1, 2005
Gleni Pena	FHS	Foreign Language	September 1, 2005
Angela Dickens	FHS	Math	September 4, 2005
Mirna Zielke-Garcia	Archer	Elementary	September 6, 2005
Kim Freeman	FHS	Guidance	September 16, 2005
Maria Vazquez-Wright	Bayview	School Psychologist	October 7, 2005
<i>Teaching Assistant Positions</i>			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Geraldine Muscara	Columbus	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2005
Mary Ellen Nove	Archer	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2005
John Lauricella	Archer	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2005
Aracelis Crespo	Archer	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2005
Anthony Green	Dodd	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2005
Mary Lou Anglim	Bayview	Teaching Assistant	September 18, 2005
Keith Grant	Atkinson	Teaching Assistant	September 23, 2005
Sonia Rose	Atkinson	Teaching Assistant	September 30, 2005
Shalonda Floyd	New Visions	Teaching Assistant	October 30, 2005

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

Resolution to Set the Date of the Annual Reorganization Meeting

Mr. Raab made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby designates Wednesday, July 13, 2005 as the meeting date for the Annual Reorganization Meeting as is allowed and set forth by School Law §1707(2). This meeting will take place in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School at 7:30 p. m

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

Adoption of the Meeting Calendar for the Board of Education

Ms. McQuillan made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the following meeting calendar for the 2005-2006 year. (as attached)

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

Executive Session

At 10:22 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Raab and a second by Ms. McQuillan, the Board adjourned to executive session for two matters of Personnel. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 11:10 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously passed. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:12 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. McQuillan and seconded by Ms. McQuillan, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board

July	13	Annual Reorganization/Planning Meeting
August	10	Tax Levy/Planning/Action Meeting
	24	Action Meeting at Atkinson School
September	7	Planning/Action Meeting
	21	Action Meeting at Atkinson School
October	11	Planning/Action Meeting (<i>please note this is a Tuesday</i>)

	19	Action Meeting at Bayview Avenue School
November	2	Planning/Action Meeting
	16	Action Meeting at Dodd Middle School
December	7	Planning/Action Meeting
	21	Action Meeting at New Visions
January	11	Planning/Action Meeting
	25	Action Meeting at Columbus Avenue School
February	1	Planning/Action/Budget Meeting
	15	Action Meeting at Giblyn School
March	1	Budget Workshop at Atkinson
	15	Planning/Action/Budget Meeting
22		Action Meeting at Freeport High School
April	5	Planning/Action Meeting (Adoption of 2006-2007 School Budget)
25		Action Meeting and BOCES Administrative Operations Budget Vote and BOCES Trustee Election at Atkinson (<i>please note this is a Tuesday</i>)
May	3	Budget - Public Hearing/Planning Meeting at Atkinson
	16	Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election at Atkinson (<i>please note this is a Tuesday</i>)
	24	Action Meeting at Atkinson
June	7	Planning/Action Meeting
	21	Action Meeting at Archer Street School

Board of Education meetings begin at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted