

July 13, 2005

The annual reorganization meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the New Visions School. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Dr. Bediako, District Clerk, who also led in the pledge of allegiance. The purpose of the meeting was for the annual reorganization meeting.

Those present were: Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee
Mr. Ronald J. Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee
Ms. Carmen J. Pineyro, Trustee
Ms. Debra McQuillan, Trustee

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 approximately 15

Organization of the Board

Administration of the Oath of Office to the New Trustee

The Oath of Office was administered to Ms. Carmen Piñeyro and Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, elected School Board Members, by Dr. Mary Bediako, District Clerk.

At 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Raab and a second by Ms. Coward the Board adjourned to Executive Session for a matter of Personnel. The vote was unanimous: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Raab and a second by Ms. Coward the Board returned from Executive Session to open session. The vote was unanimous: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Nomination and Election of Officers and Oath of Office – President

On a motion by Ms. Coward and a second by Ms. Piñeyro, Mr. Michael Raab was nominated for the office of President of the Board. There was another nomination but no second. All members present voted, the motion carried, the results were:

Ayes: Coward, McQuillan, Piñeyro, and Raab.

Nays: none

Abstention: Ellerbe.

The clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected President.

Nomination and Election of Officers and Oath of Office - Vice President

On a motion by Ms. Coward and a second by Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. McQuillan was nominated for the office of Vice-President of the Board. There were no other nominations. All members present voted, the results were:

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions:0

The President administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Vice-President.

Appointment of Officers

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption: Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the following Officers to the Board for the 2005-2006 year in accordance with Education Law. These appointments shall be in effect from July 1, 2005 and shall terminate on June 30, 2006:

1. a. District Treasurer: **Debra Ferrugia**
2. b. Deputy Treasurer: **Lisa Bonacci**
3. c. Clerk of the Board: **Mary Bediako**
4. d. Internal Claims Auditor: **Michael Singleton**
5. e. Records Access Officer: **Mary Bediako**
6. f. Environmental Safety Officer: **Spiro Colaitis**
7. Purchasing Officer: **Kishore Kuncham**
8. Records Management Officer: **Denise A. Elmore**
9. Attendance Officer: **Maria Duran**
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The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and the motion carried and the vote was unanimous: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Mr. Raab, President of the Board of Education, administered the oath of office to the appointed Officers.

Appointment of the Auditor

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the official auditors of the District for the year 2005-2006 shall be the firm of: Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

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

Appointment of School Attorneys and Advisors to the Board

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

General and Labor Counsel

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the firm Ingerman Smith, LLP is hereby appointed as general and labor counsel to the District for the 2005-2006 year.

The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and carried:

Yeas: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.

Nays:

Abstentions: Raab.

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

Bond Counsel

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT (2) the firm of Hawkins, Delafield, and Wood, shall be appointed as bond counsel to the District for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

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

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

Financial Advisors

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT New York Municipal Advisors Corporation be appointed at the financial advisors to the District for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

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

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

Program Management Services

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the firm of JMOA be appointed Program Management Services for the District for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, for 2005/2006 Capitol Projects and any other pending projects. Program Management Services includes complete architectural work (design), construction administration, submissions to State Education Department, accounting, and closeouts.

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

Appointment of the Committees on Special Education

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the amended appointments to the Committees on Special Education shall be in accordance to Education Law and shall be effective for the year 2005-2006;

1. **Central CSE Committee**: - Chairperson/Administrator - Diane Ditchfield; School Building Psychologist, Parent Representatives – Dianne Clark, Yvette Gaynor, Katherine Brophy, Karen Mazzola, Donna Rafael, Kathleen Santamaria, Doree Seiver, Physician - Dr. Denise Robinson or alternate appointed by the Board; all special education teachers on staff, and the child's teacher.
2. **CSE Subcommittee / Columbus** - Chairperson/Administrator - Peggy Miller; Psychologist - Arthur Dozier, Ph.D.; All special education teachers on staff; Nurse/ Teacher - to be named; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
3. **CSE Subcommittee / Archer** - Chairperson/Administrator - Paula Lein; Psychologist - Lissette Santiago; all special education teachers on staff; Nurse/ Teacher –to be named; the child's teacher, and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
4. **CSE Subcommittee / Bayview** - Chairperson/Administrator; Odette Wills, Psychologist, all special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurse/ Teacher - to be named; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
5. **CSE Subcommittee / Giblyn** - Chairperson/Administrator, Harris Chandler; Psychologist, Magaly Raiehle; All special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurse/ Teacher - Jeanne Frein; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
6. **CSE Subcommittee / New Visions** - Chairperson/Administrator – Renee Crump; Psychologist; All special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurse/ Teacher - Toni Pincus; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
7. **CSE Subcommittee / Atkinson**- Chairperson/Administrator, Linda G. Carter; Psychologist – Patricia Williams, All special education teachers on staff; Nurse/ Teacher – Agnes Burgess; the child's teacher, and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
8. **CSE Subcommittee / Dodd** - Chairperson / Administrator – John O'Mard; Psychologist – Michael McGinn, All special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurse/ Teacher - Peggy Sameroff; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
9. **CSE Subcommittee / FHS** - Chairpersons/Administrators –Kimberlee Pierre; Psychologists - Glenn Clark; Esperanza Yepes, Elizabeth D' Aiello; All special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurse/ Teacher - Sarah Molese; and all parent representatives appointed for the

Central CSE Committee.

10. **Committee on Preschool Special Education** - Chairperson/Administrator - Arthur Dozier; Parent Representatives - Doree Seiver, Evaluators/Teachers on staff at State Education Department approved preschool special education programs, evaluation sites, and County approved itinerant service providers; Professionals from Agencies serving child - birth to two years - all professionals on staff; Professional appointed by the County - Antonia Della Veccia Monson or alternate County designee; and the surrogate parent will be named at a later date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall canvass the list of impartial hearing officers who have expressed a willingness to conduct hearings in Nassau County in order to assess whether such hearing officers are willing to serve as hearing officers in connection with Freeport matters and to ascertain whether there is any conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety which would preclude a hearing officer from hearing a Freeport matter.

The motions were seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and were carried unanimously, the vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Appointment of the School Physicians

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the following physicians shall be appointed as school physicians for the 2005-2006 school year: Dr. Denise Robinson, Dr. David Klein, Dr. Sue Ann Kowal.

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

Appointments to the Scholarship and Honors Board

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby reappoints the following member to the Scholarship and Honors Board for the three year term beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2008:

Mrs. Ellen Kelly

The Board further appoints the following new members to the Scholarship and Honors Board for the three year term beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2008:

Ms. Gloria Estrada

Ms. Patricia Lewis

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

Designation of Banks as Depositories

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Bank of New York, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Citibank, Bank of America, North Fork Bank, Commerce Bank, Municipal Investors Service Corporation (MBAI) and NYLAF (Cadre Securities, Inc.) shall be designated as the depositories of the District for 2005-2006.

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

Appointment of the Official Papers

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that The Freeport/Baldwin Leader and the Long Island Graphic, two papers with local distribution, shall be designated as the official papers for the purpose of placing legal advertisements; and that Newsday shall be designated as the official alternate paper for the purpose of placing legal advertisements on an emergency and need basis.

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

Authorization of Petty Cash Accounts

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that petty cash accounts be established for the School Year 2005-2006. These accounts shall be established as follows:

1. District Clerks Office - in the amount of \$100;
2. Senior Account Clerk, Business Office - in the amount of \$100;
3. Account Clerk, Business Office - in the amount of \$100;
4. High School Principal - in the amount of \$100;
5. Dodd Middle School Principal - in the amount of \$100;
6. Atkinson School Principal - in the amount of \$100;
7. Archer Street School Principal - in the amount of \$100;
8. Leo F. Giblyn School Principal - in the amount of \$100;
9. Bayview Avenue School Principal - in the amount of \$100;
10. New Visions School Principal - in the amount of \$100;
11. Columbus Avenue School Principal - in the amount of \$100; and
12. Cafeteria - in the amount of \$100.

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

Authorization to Make Budget Transfers

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to make budget transfers in accordance with the regulations as set forth by the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with the policy on budget transfers as set forth by the Board.

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

Authorization to Open Bids

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption: Be it resolved by the Board that the following employees be authorized to receive and open bid proposals for the year 2005-2006:

1. Superintendent of Schools
 2. Deputy Superintendent of Schools
 3. Assistant Superintendents of School
 4. Executive Director of Operations
 5. Purchasing Official
 6. Clerk of the Board
 7. Director /Assistant Director of Facilities
 8. Assistant Business Manager
 9. Computer Operations Manager
 10. Program Directors
 11. Transportation Supervisor
2. Further resolved that any three shall be present at all bid openings in accordance with Board policy.
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The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Establishment of District Rates

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby establishes the following schedule of rates:

1. A. **Use of Facilities (Buildings) and Fields** shall be in accordance with the regulations here attached and the fee schedule shall be as follows: (1) \$10 room charge per day; (2) \$250 security deposit; (3) additional security fee on weekdays as determined by the numbers of users on a particular day; (4) Auditorium Usage - \$100 for the first two hours and \$50 per hour for each hour thereafter; (5) AV Supervisor - \$35 per hour; (6) AV Technician - \$8.50 per hour (*district costs \$10.00 per hour, title to be changed to A. V. Helper*); (7) Custodial - \$35 per hour weekends and holidays; (8) Security - \$30 per hour weekends and holidays; (9) Field permit for an 8 week period (July and August only) - \$300 and a \$250 security deposit (10) Cafeteria and gymnasium usage at \$35 per day.
2. B. **Authorized Reimbursable Travel Mileage Allowance** shall be set at the IRS rate.
3. C. **Daily Meal Allowance** for Conferences shall be set at \$45. per day.
4. D. **School Lunch Prices** shall be as follows:
 5. a. Early Childhood Lunch - \$0.85
 6. b. Elementary (1-6) - \$1.25
 7. c. Secondary (7-12) - \$1.50
 8. d. Milk - \$0.30
 9. e. Chocolate Milk - \$0.35

E. **Substitute Teacher Rates** shall be as follows:

- a. The daily rate - \$100; and
- b. Permanent substitute teacher rate - \$125

F. **District Rates for Poll Workers**

- a. Head of Polls – \$10.00 per hour
- b. Poll Workers – \$8.50 per hour

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

Designation of Authorized Signatures on Checks

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption:

Be it resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the District for the period to begin July 1, 2005 and end June 30, 2006; and further resolved that, in the absence of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, shall be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the District for the period to begin July 1, 2005 and end June 30, 2006.

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

Certification of Payrolls

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption: Resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee

shall be designated as the authorized person to certify the payrolls of the District from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

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

Authorization to Approve Conferences

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee, shall be designated as the authorized person to approve employee requests to attend conferences for the year 2005-2006.

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

Bonding of Employees

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, that all the employees and officers of the Board shall be bonded and included within the blanket public employee dishonesty insurance policy purchased by the Freeport Union Free School District. The insurance policy covers all employees including the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Purchasing Agent, Payroll Clerk, Accounts Payable Clerk, Assistant Business Administrator, Central Treasurer for Extra Classroom Activity Fund, and Internal Claims Auditor.

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

Acceptance of State and Federal Funds

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolutions for adoption:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Board accepts, as a necessary preliminary, any and all State and Federal funds that are to be used for the improvement of the Educational System of the Freeport Public Schools.

And be it also resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to apply for and accept all grants from governmental and private organizations.

The motions were seconded by Ms. Coward and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Indemnification of School Board Members and Employees

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that all Trustees, Officers, Employees, and Agents of the Board shall be afforded the defense and indemnification protections in accordance with Public Officers Law §18, and or any successor statute, and the protections in accordance with Education Law §3811.

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

Authorization of Board Memberships

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Board agrees to and does hereby authorize membership in the following organizations related to education for the year 2005-2006:

National School Boards Association
New York State School Boards Association
Nassau - Suffolk School Boards Association
R. E. F. I. T.
National Alliance of Black School Educators
New York State Magnet Schools
National Caucus of Hispanic School Board Members

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

Authorization to Enter into Agreements

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

Be it resolved that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized and directed to enter into resolution agreements resolving impartial hearings on behalf of the Board of Education when in his or her judgment the proposed resolution is in the best interest of the District.

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

1. Appointment of Administrators to the Teacher Center (STAR) Board

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints Mr. Robert Wayne Harris and Mr. John O'Mard as Administrators to the Teacher Center (STAR) Board.

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

Appointment of the Board of Registration

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Board of Registration shall be appointed in accordance with Education Law, and shall serve until thirty days following the next Election; the Board hereby appoints: Denise A. Elmore; Jo Ann Cook; Frank Tucker; Joan Holland, Janice Falco, Erika Elmore, and Frank Tucker III.

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

Resolution for Conference Attendance and Reimbursement of Expenses

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District herewith approves the attendance of Board of Education Members at any of the conferences set forth below for the 2005-2006 school year:

The National School Boards Association Annual Meeting
The Nassau-Suffolk SBA (Legislation Committee Meeting)
The Nassau School Board Conference
The Nassau-Suffolk SBA (Legislation Committee Meeting)
The Nassau-Suffolk SBA (Executive Committee Meeting)
The Nassau-Suffolk SBA (New Member Program)
The New York State School Board Association Annual Meeting

The Board has determined that attendance of Board Members at the aforesaid meetings is in the best interest of the District and therefore has determined to reimburse attending Board Members for all reasonable and appropriate expenses, which may be prepaid by the District if appropriate, including meal, transportation, and lodging costs and registration fees. Reimbursement for meals shall be at a reasonable non-lavish cost. Detailed bills must be submitted to justify meal expenses. Transportation costs, which may be prepaid by the District if appropriate, will be reimbursed after careful consideration of the most economical and practical means of transportation available. Registration, workshop and other fees as itemized in conference literature will be reimbursed at actual cost, or pre-paid by the District. Reimbursement or pre-payment for lodging will be at a rate not in excess of the rate charged by the meeting hotel. Attending Board Members will be provided with tax exemption certificates for use if applicable.

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

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, CELLULAR PHONES, CREDIT CARDS, MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolutions for adoption:

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorize the district to provide computer equipment for home use by school board members, the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents, and the Executive Director of Operations, where the computers remain the property of the district; where the computers are returned to the district at the expiration of the board member's term or retirement/resignation of the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents, or the Executive Director of Operations.

Be it further resolved, that the computers are to be used to enhance communication on school district matters.

CELLULAR PHONES

Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent or designee to issue a school district-owned cellular phone to a district employee when required by that employee's job duties.

Be it resolved that the cellular phones are provided to the employees for business purposes and are not to be used by anyone other than a school district employee. Be it further resolved that the district will assure that it does not purchase a plan with a greater allowance than is reasonably necessary; the business office shall evaluate the cellular phone plan at least once a year.

CREDIT CARDS

Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorizes issuance of credit cards to the Superintendent of Schools, the Deputy Superintendent of Schools/Purchasing Agent and the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel/District Clerk.

Be it further resolved that the credit cards are to be used for authorized, reimbursable, school business related expenses only.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Be it resolved that the Board of Education recognizes that from time-to-time it may be appropriate to provide meals and/or refreshments at District meetings and/or events which are being held for an educational purpose. Examples of authorized categories of expenditures

include but are not limited to refreshments for staff on Teacher Orientation Day at the beginning of each year, staff recognition meetings, refreshments for Superintendent's Conference Days, community/district meetings, assessment day, grading of tests, receptions for volunteers, and other meetings at which district business is conducted.

The motions were seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab .

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 the other items for action. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

OTHER ACTION

CSE/CPSE Minutes

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption:

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:
May 5, 2005; May 11, 2005; June 1, 2005; June 7, 2005; June 13, 2005; June 17, 2005; June 21, 2005.

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

Dr. Eric Eversley, Superintendent of Schools discussed the Supervision and Evaluation Handbook. He thanks everyone involved in the creation of the handbook.

The Superintendent asked Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools to give a brief overview on the Tax Levy.

Mr. Kuncham spoke about tax levy and explained that we were able to set it early because for the first time in many years New York State adopted a budget on time.

Leave of Absence

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants a request for leave as listed in the following Change of Status Report:

Keisha Peterkin, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006, education.

Michael Cuomo, Cleaner, effective July 1, 2005, to accept a provisional position in the District.

Michael Travers, Cleaner, effective July 1, 2005, to accept a provisional position in the District.

Gregory Carter, Cleaner, effective July 1, 2005, to accept a provisional position in the District.

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

Change of Status

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

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

Leonides Maldonado, 12 Month Cleaner, change of retirement date to August 31, 2005.

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

Retirement of Staff

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolutions for adoption:

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:

Michelle Richardson, Clerk-Typist, effective June 30, 2005, after serving the children of Freeport for over 19 years.

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

Resignation of Staff

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

Janice Vastola, Assistant Facilities Director, effective July 1, 2005.

Ann Marie Henderson, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2005.

Victoria Teshin-Anderson, Bilingual Teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

Timothy Smallwood, Cleaner, effective June 24, 2005.

Marcus Broadhead, English Teacher, effective July 1, 2005.

Denise Riquelme, Spanish Teacher, effective August 31, 2005.
Nicole Kelly, English Teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

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

Termination of Staff

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby terminates the services of the following employees as listed in the following termination report.

Donald Huebner, Head Custodian, effective July 1, 2005, according to Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

William Vasquez, Cleaner, 12 Month, effective June 16, 2005, deceased.

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

Appointment of Staff

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

Probationary

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 attached 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:

Renee Lopez, ESL Teacher, (replacing N. Verksler, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through October 11, 2007. Compensation will be on step 2-2A of the U7D Schedule at \$57,033. Assignment: Giblyn.

Richard Sells, Social Studies Teacher, (replacing A. Lissauer, retired) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2008. Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U7C Schedule at \$46,329. Assignment: FHS.

Melissa Koehler, Elementary Teacher, (replacing K. Motley, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2007. Compensation will be on step 3-2A of the U7D Schedule at \$59,344. Assignment: New Visions.

Greta Villanueva, Elementary Teacher, (replacing A. Tabon, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through November 28, 2007. Compensation will be on step 2-1B of the U7C Schedule at \$49,665. Assignment: Giblyn/New Visions.

Danielle Ballard, Social Studies, (replacing M. Schwartz, resigned) a probationary appointment

effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2007. Compensation will be on step 2-1B of the U7C Schedule at \$49,665. Assignment: Dodd.

Jennifer Bauer, Elementary Teacher, (replacing J. Gardner, retired) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through March 13, 2008. Compensation will be on step 1-1B of the U7C Schedule at \$47,657. Assignment: Giblyn.

Josephine Velez, Elementary Teacher (Bilingual), (replacing V. Teshin, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through February 28, 2008. Compensation will be on step 2-1B of the U7C Schedule at \$49,665. Assignment: Archer.

Kerry Hobel, Reading Teacher, (replacing M. Broadhead, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2008. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U7D Schedule at \$54,720. Assignment: Dodd.

Jocelyn Rodriguez, Art Teacher, (replacing 2/5 M. Whelan and 3/5 new) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2008. Compensation will be on step 2-1A of the U7C Schedule at \$48,370. Assignment: FHS.

Amy Bendel, Art Teacher, (replacing C. Fischer-Rosenthal, retired) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2008. Compensation will be on step 2-1B of the U7C Schedule at \$49,665. Assignment: FHS.

Aimee Johnson, Art Teacher, (replacing W. Cohen, retired) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2008. Compensation will be on step 3-2A of the U7D Schedule at \$59,344. Assignment: Dodd.

Temporary Instructional Appointments

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 attached Appointment of Staff Report - Temporary, 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.

Donald R. Moore, Jr., Senior Instructor, (annual appointment) this temporary appointment is effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Compensation will be on step 22-2E of the U7D Schedule at \$98,332. Assignment: FHS.

Viki Santos-Brenner, Elementary Teacher, (replacing C. Molnar, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Compensation will be on step 2-2F of the U7D Schedule at \$58,799. Assignment: Giblyn.

April Scott, Elementary Teacher, (replacing K. Nestico, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U7C Schedule at \$46,329. Assignment: New Visions.

Cara Tarantino, Elementary Teacher, (replacing M. Passeggiata, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U7C Schedule at \$46,329. Assignment: Giblyn.

Alicia Umphlett, Elementary Teacher, (replacing J. Sanders, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U7D Schedule at \$54,720. Assignment: Atkinson.

Orazio Taddeo, Science Teacher (replacing M. Howard LaMarca, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Compensation will be on step 2-1A of the U7C Schedule at \$48,370. Assignment: Dodd.

Karen Weckslar, Elementary Teacher, (replacing M. Taboada, TSA) a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U7C Schedule at \$46,329. Assignment: Atkinson.

Wade Isreal, Math Teacher, (replacing D. Schlick, TSA) a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Compensation will be on step 3-2A of the U7D Schedule at \$59,344. Assignment: Dodd.

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

Michael Cuomo, Custodian, (replacing G. Hampton, terminated) a Provisional appointment effective July 1, 2005. Compensation will be on step 3 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$37,530. Assignment: FHS.

Gregory Carter, Custodian, (replacing H. Lindner, resignation) a Provisional appointment effective July 1, 2005. Compensation will be on step 3 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$37,530. New Visions.

Michael Travers, Custodian, (replacing J. Taylor, resignation) a Provisional appointment effective July 1, 2005. Compensation will be on step 8 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$47,958. Assignment: Columbus.

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

Resolution to Adopt the Code of Conduct

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the revised Code of Conduct for the 2005-2006 School Year.

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

Resolution to Adopt the AIS Plan

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the revised Academic Intervention Services Plan (AIS Plan) for the 2005-2006 School Year.

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

Resolution to Establish the Tax Levy

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the following budget (Gross Amount) of the necessary claims and expenditures in FREEPORT UFSD (#9) in the Town of HEMPSTEAD School year 2005-2006, amounting to \$120,936,024 School Purpose, \$4,811,539 Library Purpose, for a total of \$125,747,563 be and the same is hereby accepted;

and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$72,988,182 School Purposes, \$4,662,639 Library Purposes, for a total of \$77,650,821 being the remainder of the budget adopted as above and the amount which must be RAISED BY TAXATION (NET AMOUNT) for FREEPORT UFSD (#9) of the Town of HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, New York for the year 2005-2006 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified to by the Board of Assessors for the school year 2005-2006;

and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District be and she is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Board of Assessors, Mineola, New York, on or before August 15th, 2005.

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

Acceptance of a Transportation Bid #529 and #530

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby awards the following bid as listed in the attached Bid Award Report and as recommended in the attached bid recommendation, accepting the lowest responsible bid as per bid specifications, and reserving the right to increase or decrease quantities of each item as needed. (as attached)

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

First Reading of the Evaluation & Supervision Handbook

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that as a first reading the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby acknowledges the receipt of and has had the opportunity to review the Draft Evaluation & Supervision Handbook.

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

Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. McQuillan the Board adjourned to executive session for matters of personnel. The vote was unanimous: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 10:29 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro and a second by Ms. McQuillan, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 10:30 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro 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 held on August 10, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bediako, Ed. D.
Clerk of the Board