

October 11, 2005

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Mr. Raab, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. He then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Mr. Michael Raab, President
Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)
Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, Trustee

Absent were: Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee

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: Steven Perry, Webmaster for Freeport Public Schools, Peter Rodriguez and Steve Wagner of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants for the District.

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 20.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools reported some sad news. A moment of silence was held for three members of the Freeport community that have passed away this week, Ms. Cindy-Miller Kerns, Mrs. Joseph Powers and Mr. Robert Dancy, Sr.

The Superintendent then spoke about the Freeport Public School website. It has been honored by Newsday as the "Cool School Site". Thanks went to Mr. Steven Perry, Webmaster. Mr. Perry has done a terrific job managing the website for the District. Dr. Eversley presented Mr. Perry with a plaque and the congratulations of all for a job well done.

Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Kishore Kuncham discussed the 2004-2005 financial audit and introduced two members of our auditing firm, Peter Rodriguez and Steve Wagner of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Rodriguez talked to the Board about the audit process and their observations regarding the District's financial statements.

Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning gave a power point presentation on the 2004-2005 4th & 8th Grade Math Assessment results and Grades 3 through 8 State Assessments.

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 made the following motion:

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:

April 21, 2005; May 26, 2005; June 9, 2005; September 15, 2005; September 20, 2005; September 22, 2005.

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

Re-Affirmation of a Disciplinary Action

Mr. Ellerbe made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby reaffirms its decision of August 10, 2005 to affirm the decision of the Superintendent of Schools in all respects in connection with the disciplinary action taken against District student identified by the initials A.T.

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

Ratification of a Contract

Ms. Piñeyro made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby ratifies a contract between the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. Local 1000, AFSCME (Food Service Unit) and the Freeport Union Free School District effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2008 (as attached). The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign said agreement.

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

Adoption of the Financial Audit Report

Ms. McQuillan made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the Financial Audit Report for the fiscal year 2004-2005 as prepared by our independent auditors.

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

Executive Session

At 8:48 p.m., Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session to discuss negotiations, a particular matter of personnel and litigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously carried. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 10:15 p.m., on a motion by Ms. McQuillan and seconded by Ms. Piñeyro, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 10:16 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. McQuillan and seconded by Ms. Piñeyro, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting on October 19, 2005, at Bayview Avenue School School.

Respectfully submitted,

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