
Freeport Public Schools
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Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of

February 4, 2004

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 , in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Dr. Cattano, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. He then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Dr. Joseph Cattano, President
- Mr. Michael Raab, Vice President (arrived 7:45 p.m.)
- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, Trustee

Absent were:

- none

Also present were:

- Dr. Eric L. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board
- Mr. Robert Harris, Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning
- Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were:

- none

Guests were:

- Mark Stine, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 15.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, congratulated the PTA on the wonderful Founders Day celebration, which took place the evening before at John W. Dodd Middle School.

Mark Stine, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, discussed the history of the Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA).

Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business spoke to the Board about the need for a position of Assistant Director of Facilities.

Items for Action

Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the meeting of the committees on special education and preschool special education for the following dates:

December 8, 2003; December 10, 2003; December 15, 2003; January 14, 2004; January 22, 2004; January 26, 2004; January 27, 2004.

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

Establishment of a Position

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby establishes the position of Assistant Director of Facilities.

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

The Board reviewed the tentative agenda for the February 11, 2004 meeting.

Board Comments

Mr. Raab remarked that congratulations were in order for the Facilities Department. They did a fine job of clearing the parking lots after the recent snow storms.

Dr. Cattano congratulated Dr. Eversley and Mr. Kuncham for their awards at Founders Day. Dr. Eversley was awarded Life Membership and Mr. Kuncham received Life Membership and the Distinguished Service Award.

Executive Session

At 8:20 p.m. , Mr. Raab moved to adjourn to Executive Session for a Student Matter, Matters of Personnel and Collective Negotiations.

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

At 11:04 p.m. , Mr. Raab moved to adjourn to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:05 p.m. , with no other business, on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro and seconded by Mr. Raab, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be a Budget Workshop on February 25, 2004 at Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board

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