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**Freeport Public Schools**  
**235 N Ocean Avenue**  
**Freeport, NY 11520-2135**

**Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of**  
**February 11, 2004**

The regular action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2004 , the meeting was held in the gymnasium of the Leo F.Giblyn School . Dr.Cattano called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.and he led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

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

Absent were:

- None

Also present were:

- Dr.Eric L.Eversley, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr.Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Mr.Robert Harris, Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning
- Dr.Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board
- 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 100.

## **Superintendent's Report**

The meeting began with a presentation by the Project Challenge students of Leo F. Giblyn School. The presentation included songs and speakers with the overall topic of "Unity". The students did a wonderful job and the presentation was enjoyed by all.

Dr. Eversley recognized the employees of Freeport Public Schools that have served the children of Freeport for 20 years. Those who were presented with pins and certificates for 20 years of service were:

- Debra Balk-Dubrosky
- Jeanne Frien
- Delores Galgano
- Judy Gardner
- Nela Hawthorne
- Susan Reinke
- Norma Rosenbaum
- Jackie Stanich
- Kathy Williams
- Richard Wolfsdorf
- Robert Yarmola
- Paula Zegans

Dr. Eversley then recognized the members of the Freeport High School Honor Society. The new members were inducted into the Honor Society and the Superintendent and the Board, along with the Central Administrators and the public congratulated them for their accomplishments.

The Superintendent discussed with the Board the reinstatement of the Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA). He also informed the Board and public that all Special Education forms will be translated into Spanish.

Dr. Cattano called for a short recess at 8:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

## **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**

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

### Acceptance of the Minutes

*RESOLVED* that the Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the following meetings as written:

January 7, 2004 ; January 21, 2004 ; January 25, 2004

### Leave of Absence

*RESOLVED* that the Board hereby grants a request for leave as listed in the following:

- **Theresa Logatto** , full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 14, 2004 through February 11, 2004 , for health reasons.
- **Digna Afanador** , full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 5, 2004 through March 1, 2004 , for child care.
- **Ernesto Camps** , Head Custodian I, effective February 23, 2004 , to accept a provisional position in the District.

### Change of Status

*RESOLVED* that the Board of Education for the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants a request for a change of status as listed in the following:

- **Clara Reyna** , Food Service Worker, change to 5.5 hours per day from 4.5 hours per day.

### Resignation of Staff

*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:

- **Norris Nugent** , part-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 5, 2004.
- **Hilda Santiago** , Food Service Worker, effective January 23, 2004.
- **Aurea Chavesta**, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 20, 2004.
- **Donna Rusinek** , Elementary Teacher, effective January 23, 2004.

### Retirement of Staff

*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:

- **Gerald Wilson** , Elementary Teacher, effective November 1, 2003 , after serving the children of Freeport for more than 16 years.
- **JoAnn Cook** , full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2004 , after serving the children of Freeport for more than 30 years.

- **Jo Ann Trub** , part-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2004 , after serving the children of Freeport for more than 21 years.

## **Appointment of Staff Report**

### Probationary Appointments

**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:

- **Donna Rusinek** , Elementary Teacher, (replacing G.Wilson, retired) a probationary appointment effective January 26, 2004 through January 25, 2007. Compensation will be on step 2-2A of the U5D Schedule at \$53,759. Assignment: Archer.
- **Elizabeth D'Aiello**, School Psychologist, (replacing A.McLean, resigned) a probationary appointment effective February 23, 2004 through February 22, 2007 . Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U5A Schedule at \$65,799. Assignment: FHS.

### Temporary Appointments

**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 .

- **Tiffany McKenna** , (replacing C.Johnson, LOA) a temporary appointment effective January 5, 2004 through June 30, 2004 . Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U5C Schedule at \$43,670. Assignment: Atkinson

### Teacher Assistant

**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 - Teacher Assistant Category, 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:

- **Lisette Demm**, full time Teaching Assistant, (new) a probationary appointment effective February 2, 2004 through February 1, 2007. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,073. Assignment: New Visions.

### Permanent Substitute

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves the permanent substitute teacher(s) as listed in the following Appointment of Staff report

- **Cynthia Certain**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing E.Schreibman , resigned) this temporary appointment is effective January 21, 2004 through June 30, 2004. Compensation for this position will be at the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

#### **Civil Service Category Appointments**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby appoints the individuals as listed in the following Appointment of Staff Report - Civil Service, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulation:

- **Steven Murphy**, Maintainer, (replacing J. Randall, deceased) a probationary appointment effective January 26, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be on step 1 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$39,090. Assignment: Districtwide.
- **Hilda Santiago**, Cook, (replacing J. Peccerillo, retired) a probationary appointment is effective January 26, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be on step 4 of the Cafeteria (Cook) Salary Schedule at \$15,760. Assignment: Columbus .
- **Robert Sokol**, Groundskeeper, (replacing E. Camps, resigned) a probationary appointment effective February 2, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be on step 1 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$31,443. Assignment: Districtwide.
- **Price Breville**, Food Service Worker, (replacing F. Hermida, changed) a probationary appointment effective January 26, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be step 1 of the Cafeteria Salary Schedule at \$9,218.89. Assignment: New Visions.
- **Ernesto Camps**, Head Custodian II, (replacing R. McAllister, Jr., deceased) a provisional appointment effective February 23, 2004. Compensation will be on step 12 of the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$54,792. Assignment: Atkinson.
- **Pierre Laraque**, Food Service Worker, (replacing H. Santiago, resigned) a probationary appointment effective January 26, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be step 1 of the Cafeteria Salary Schedule at \$8,933.76. Assignment: Columbus .

#### **Acceptance of the Minutes on the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education**

**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:

December 17, 2003; January 16, 2004; January 21, 2004; January 22, 2004; January 23, 2004; January 29, 2004; February 4, 2004; and, February 5, 2004.

## **Establishment of the Annual Meeting, the Budget Hearing and The Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby establishes the Annual Meeting, the Budget Hearing and the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election 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 third Tuesday in May, (May 18, 2004).

**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 May 5, 2004 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 Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 18, 2004, 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 four times and on the dates as listed for each newspaper. *The Freeport Baldwin Leader* shall be March 25, April 8, April 22, and April 29, 2004, or an alternate date within the required notification period. *The Long Island Graphic* shall be March 24, April 7, April 21, and April 28, 2004, or an alternate date within the required notification period, and the Clerk of the Board of Education shall have notices of the May 5, 2004 Budget Hearing published in the Official Papers of the District. Said publications shall be at least four 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 and election 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 and election 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 May 11, 2004, for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 18, 2004. In addition the Board of Registration will be open May 4, 2004 and May 6, 2004 from 6:00 o'clock p.m. until 9:00 o'clock p.m. for residents to register to vote for the Annual Budget and Trustee election to be held on May 18, 2004.

**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 May 18, 2004, 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 nominations for the Office of School Trustee shall be filed with the School District Clerk, Administration Building, on or before 5 o'clock p.m.(local time) April 19, 2004, and shall contain at least Forty (40) signatures of qualified voters.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that a lottery shall take place on April 20, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.for the purpose of determining candidate placement on the ballot.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that all questions and propositions for the conduct of the meetings and elections, other than those for the Office of School Trustee, which the qualified voters of the District desire to be placed on the voting machines, shall be filed with the School District Clerk, Administration Building, on or before 5 o'clock p.m.(local time), April 19, 2004 upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least one hundred two (102) qualified voters of the School District.The Board of Education reserves the right to edit or amend any proposition without changing the intent thereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that petitions for propositions which are required by law to be included in the notice of the annual meeting must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m.on or before March 19, 2004 upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least one hundred two (102) qualified voters of the School District. The Board of Education reserves the right to edit or amend any proposition without changing the intent thereof.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that absentee ballots will be provided for the election of Board members and Budget Vote, in accordance with Education Law of the State of New York, §2018-a.

### **Executive Session**

- At 9:55 p.m., a motion was made by Ms.Coward to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations.
- The motion was seconded by Ms.Piñeyro and the motion passed.

The vote was: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 11:23 p.m., on a motion by Mr.Raab and a second Ms.Piñeyro, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

### **Adjournment**

At 10:27 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Dr.Cattano and seconded by Ms.Coward, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R.Bediako  
Clerk of the Board

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