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Freeport Public Schools
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The regular budget workshop/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Dr. Cattano, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. He then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Dr. Joseph Cattano, President
- Mr. Michael Raab, Vice President
- 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:

- None

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 13.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, spoke about the list of "most improved schools" on ELA and Math for the 4th and 8th grades. Freeport was proud to have several schools included on that list.

Dr. Eversley informed the Board and public that a Citation was received from the Town of Hempstead for the Freeport High School Football Team.

The Superintendent also informed the Board and public that the Girls and Boys Basketball teams have reached the County Championships. Everyone is very proud of their performance.

Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business spoke to the Board about budget for 2004-2005 as attached.

Dr. Cattano polled the Board on the issue of allowing the public 3 minutes to address the Board on the 2004-2005 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab and it passed. The vote was:

- Yea: Cattano, Coward, Piñeyro and Raab.
- Nay: 0
- Abstention: Ellerbe.

Items for Action

Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings

Mr. Raab 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:

January 7, 2004; January 8, 2004; January 9, 2004; January 23, 2004; January 30, 2004; February 5, 2004; February 6, 2004; February 10, 2004; February 11, 2004.

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

Executive Session

At 9:45 p.m., Dr. Cattano moved to adjourn to Executive Session for a matter of personnel.

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

At 10:35 p.m., Ms. Coward moved to adjourn to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 10:36 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 Planning/Action Meeting on March 10, 2004 at Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board

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