
Freeport Public Schools
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Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of

April 27, 2004

The regular action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School . Dr. Cattano, President of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Those present were:

- Dr. Joseph Cattano, President
- Mr. Michael Raab, Vice President
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, Trustee (arrived 7:55 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, Assistant Superintendent 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 50.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Eric Eversley, introduced Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning.

Mr. Harris introduced the Coaches for the Freeport High School Economic Challenge Team, "The Money Raiders"; Mr. Alan Lissauer, Coach; and Mr. Robert Lordi, Assistant Coach.

The students on the team were:

- Jhonatan Sandoval
- Michael Rodriguez
- Bobby Hogan
- Brandon Sawyer

The students and coaches were recognized for their achievements.

Mr. Harris then introduced Dr. Nicholas Tzimopoulos, Science Coordinator for Freeport Schools.

Dr. Tzimopoulos discussed criteria for induction into the New York State Science Honor Society. There were 33 students inducted into the New York State Science Honor Society (as attached).

Dr. Tzimopoulos also introduced members of the 2003-2004 Science Olympiad Team. He informed the Board that the students took part in many events, and placed 26th as a team. In individual competition, Daniel Okobi, Jr. and Michael Drapala placed first and second overall in the Physics and Chemistry Lab events respectively. Names of the members of the Science Olympiad Team (as attached).

Dr. Tzimopoulos also spoke to the Board and public about the six students who competed in the Intel Sponsored Discovery Young Scientists Challenge at John W. Dodd Middle School. One student, Miranda Geraci-Yee, was chosen as one of the top students on Long Island and will be competing in the National Semi-finalist event. Attached are the names of the students and their projects.

Dr. Eversley then introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Mr. Kuncham discussed the proposed 2004-2005 School Budget.

Dr. Eversley then discussed the BOCES Budget Vote and Trustee Election.

Dr. Eversley spoke about the revised Parental Involvement Policy that is included in this agenda. He informed the Board and public that the policy is being presented as a first reading and is in conformance with Board Policy.

Board of Education Committee Reports

The Outreach Committee held a meeting on April 19, 2004 and met with the Latino Committee, to brainstorm on ways to bring the Latino Community into the school system.

The Officials Working Group also met on April 26, 2004. The Officials Working Group is the task force looking into Gang-related problems in Freeport.

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 Ms. Coward and a second by Mr. Raab 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:

March 10, 2004 ; March 24, 2004 ; March 31, 2004

Leave of Absence

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

Karen Rosenstock, Art Teacher, effective March 11, 2004 through June 30, 2004, for health reasons.

Amanda McLean, full time Teaching Assistant, effective March 2, 2004 through April 19, 2004, health reasons.

Michelle Howard-LaMarca, Science Teacher, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, childcare.

Lisa Barber, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, childcare.

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:

Kevin Harrison, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective February 22, 2004 .

Robert Rittenhouse, full-time Security Aide, effective May 1, 2004 .

Richard Musto, Science Teacher, effective July 1, 2004 .

Barbara Mehlman, Library Media Specialist, effective June 30, 2004

Termination of Staff

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby terminates the services of the following employee as listed in the following termination report.

Robin Robinson, Teaching Assistant, effective May 27, 2004, according to section 3031 of Education Law.

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:

Gasper Providente, Technology Teacher, effective May 1, 2004, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 29 years.

William E. King, III, Custodian, effective April 2, 2004, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 30 years.

Barbara Tomasicchio, Food Service Helper, effective June 26, 2004, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 19 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.

Kevin Harrison, full time Lab Facilitator, (replacing M. Gibbs, resigned) a probationary appointment effective February 23, 2004 through October 27, 2006. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$15,628. Assignment: FHS.

Temporary Seasonal 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 .

Allan Brimer, Elementary Summer School Principal, a seasonal appointment effective April 1, 2004 through August 31, 2004. Compensation for this position will be according to the Summer School Salary Schedule at \$6,648.

Richard Restivo, Summer School Assistant Principal, a seasonal appointment effective April 21, 2004 through August 31, 2004 . Compensation for this position will be according to the Summer School Salary Schedule at \$9,381..

Appointment of Non-Instructional Staff

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.

Sara Jinks, Account Clerk, (replacing K. McDonough-Kobbe, resigned) a probationary appointment effective April 19, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation for this appointment will be according to the Clerical Salary Schedule at \$30,953. Assignment: Atkinson.

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:

March 15, 2004 ; March 19, 2004 ; March 22, 2004 ; March 25, 2004 ; March 26, 2004 ; March 29, 2004 ; March 31, 2004 ; April 1, 2004 ; April 15, 2004 ; April 19, 2004 ; April 21, 2004 .

Acceptance of Gifts

Resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$102 from the H & R Block Education Fund. This contribution is a gift to the School District and is not directed to any specific program or school.

BOCES Administrative Operations Budget Vote and Trustee Election

The following motion was made by Mr. Raab:

Whereas, the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Nassau County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative administrative operations budget for the 2004/2005 school year (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005), now therefore be it

Resolved, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2004/2005 school year in the amount of fifteen million eighty-five thousand nine hundred twenty-one dollars (\$15,085,921) be, and hereby is **approved** by this Board.

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby casts one vote each for three vacant seats on the Nassau BOCES Board:

George Farber., Herricks UFSD

Gale Ross-Srulevich, North Shore CSD

Arline Strumeyer, Valley Stream UFSD #13

The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and unanimously approved.

Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab

Resolution To Adopt The 2004-2005 Proposed Expenditure Budget

On a motion by Mr. Raab the following motion was adopted:

Resolved, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the proposed Expenditure Budget for the 2004-2005 School Year in the amount of **\$112,772,779** is hereby adopted .

The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and unanimously approved.

Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab

First Reading of the Revised Parental Involvement Policy

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro the following motion was adopted:

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 proposed Revised Parental Involvement Policy.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab and unanimously approved.

Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab

Executive Session

- At 9:08 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Raab to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Negotiations with the Freeport Administrators Association.

- The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and the motion passed.

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

At 11:09 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro and a second Mr. Ellerbe, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:09 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe 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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