
Freeport Public Schools
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Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of
May 5, 2004

The regular Budget Hearing/Planning/Action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2004, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Dr. Cattano, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. He then 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

Absent were:

- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee

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
- Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations
- Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board

Also absent were:

- none

Guests were:

- none
- The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 35.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning. Mr. Harris discussed the corrected Science testing scores. He informed everyone that Nassau BOCES had reported an incorrect student passing rate of 9% to the New York State Education Department. He stated that the Science Assessment has been steadily increasing. The corrected figures show that Freeport continues its improved performance with a passing rate of 65%, up from 59% one year ago.

Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations, discussed the Project SAVE/School Safety Committee. He stated that the Committee was being re-formed and the Board would be approving it in accordance with law and the applicable Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Mr. David Opatow Director of the Freeport Memorial Library and Mr. George Manitzas, Vice-President of the Library Board, presented the 2004-2005 Library Budget

The public was given the opportunity to address Mr. Opatow and Mr. Manitzas on the Library budget and they responded to the questions.

Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented the Budget for 2004-2005.

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board regarding the 2004-2005 School Budget and the Board responded.

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:

March 19, 2004; March 22, 2004; March 29, 2004; April 15, 2004; April 22, 2004; April 26, 2004; April 29, 2004.

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

Appointment of Project SAVE/School Safety Committee

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required by law to designate the members of the District-wide Project SAVE/School Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, the individuals listed below represent the stakeholders required to be on such Committee by the Project SAVE legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to ratify the appointments below whose members shall serve during the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the following individuals to serve on the District-wide Project SAVE/School Safety Committee, and such Committee is charged with the responsibility to review the Code of Conduct and District-wide School Safety Plan in accordance with law and applicable Regulations of the Commissioner of Education:

Joseph Cattano	Board of Education Member
Ronald Ellerbe	Board of Education Member
Hector Duran	Parent, Bayview Avenue School
Pat Lewis	Parent, FHS
*Janice Falco	Parent, Dodd MS
Joyce Fischer	Teacher, Leo F. Giblyn School
Lillian Guttman	Teacher, FHS
Ruth Smith	Teacher, Caroline G. Atkinson School
*Giselle Campbell-Ham	Teacher, Dodd Middle School
*Lawrence Steimer	Teacher, Columbus Avenue School
*Marion Bencivenga	Teacher, FHS
*William Schmitz	Supervisor of Security
*John O'Mard	Principal, Dodd Middle School
*Gladys Andrews	Principal, Caroline G. Atkinson School
*Peggy Miller	Principal, Columbus Avenue School
Paula Lein	Principal, Archer Street School
Michael Courtney	Principal, FHS
Mark Stine	Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Robert Zifchock	Director of Health, Physical Education Athletics & Safety

	Education
Phonzetta Ladson	Dean, Dodd Middle School
Beth Elan	Dean, FHS
Mario Salcedo	Guidance Counselor, Dodd Middle School
*Diane Durdaller	Guidance Counselor, FHS
*Theresa Lopez	Student, FHS Grade 11
*Yan Mei Luo	Student, FHS Grade 11
*Kayla Mathis	Student, FHS Grade 10
*Kimberly Williams	Student, FHS Grade 10
*New Members	

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

Board Discussion

The Board discussed the Comprehensive Policy Manual Development.

The Board agreed that the current Board Policy Manual be reviewed and updated.

The Board then reviewed the tentative agenda for the May 18, 2004 meeting.

Executive Session

At 9:46 p.m. Mr. Raab moved to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of Collective Negotiations.

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

At 10:42 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 10:45 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Dr. Cattano and seconded by Mr. Raab, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Cattano, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an Annual/Action Meeting on May 18, 2004 at Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board

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