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

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of

September 8, 2004

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 235 North Ocean Avenue, Freeport, New York. Ms. Piñeyro, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. She then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President
- Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
- Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee
- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee (arrived 8:42 p.m.)

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, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning
- 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 12.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, informed the Board and public that the opening of school went smoothly. The First Day activities were well organized in the various schools and many parents accompanied their children. He also commented that the First Day activities for Staff were well attended and that the President of the Board of Education, the President of the PTA Council and the President of the FTA addressed the staff, followed by the Superintendent's address. In the afternoon there was the Community Barbeque that was attended by approximately 3,000 residents and staff. The Superintendent thanked the PTA, Principals, Custodial staff, Security staff and everyone who helped make the Barbeque and First Day celebration a success. He commented that the school year got off to a great start!

- There was a slide show of the First Day for the staff and the Community Barbeque.
- On the issue of Legal Notices, a written report was given to the Board.
- The Policy Review process by Erie 1 BOCES was discussed.

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 on the items for action on the agenda. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

Items for Action

Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings

Ms. McQuillan offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT 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 date: August 12, 2004

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

Acceptance of a Bid

Music Supplies and Equipment #525

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby awards the following bids as listed in the Bid Award Reports and as recommended in the attached bid recommendations, accepting the lowest responsible bid as per bid specifications, and reserving the right to increase or decrease quantities of each item as needed. (attached)

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

Administrative Appointment

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints Gisselle Campbell-Ham, Dean of Students, (replacing P. Ladson, resigned), a probationary appointment effective October 4, 2004. Compensation will be on step 1 of the Administrative Salary Schedule at \$87,161. Assignment: John W. Dodd Middle School. This individual possesses the appropriate certification allowing her to serve as an Administrator in the public schools of New York .

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

Authorization to Execute and Deliver an Agreement with BOCES

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby determines the costs and expenses on the part of the district in connection with the technology projects and any agreement(s) by the Freeport Union Free School District and Nassau BOCES will constitute an ordinary contingent expense of the school district and is in the best financial interest of the school district in that it provides hardware and software at the lowest possible cost to the district with payments made up to a period of five years. Be it further resolved that the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to execute and deliver any agreement relating thereto on behalf of the school district.

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

The Board then reviewed the tentative agenda for the September 20, 2004 meeting.

At 8:50 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Raab to go into Executive Session to discuss three matters of Personnel.

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

At 11:25 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Coward and seconded Mr. Ellerbe, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:30 p.m., with no other business, Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro, and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting on September 20, 2004 .

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
District Clerk

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