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

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of
October 20, 2004

The regular action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2004, in the Cafeteria of the Bayview Avenue School. Carmen Piñeyro, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Those present were:

- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President
- Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
- Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee (arrived 7:52 p.m.)
- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee (arrived 7:50 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 more than 75.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Eric Eversley, introduced Ms. Odette Wills, Principal of Bayview Avenue. Ms. Wills introduced a short musical program, in celebration and recognition of grandparents and members of the Board of Education. The program was presented by the children of Bayview Avenue School and enjoyed by all.

- Freeport High School Student Congress reported on the Homecoming event which took place at Freeport High School on October 16, 2004.
- Dr. Eversley recognized the Board of Education for the tremendous contribution that they make to our schools. Their time and dedication are greatly appreciated. He, along with Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and District Clerk, presented the Board Members with Travel Mugs and Board of Education Pins as a token of appreciation from the Freeport Union Free School District. The PTA Council President, Debra Mul é, Freeport Teachers Association, Ruth Smith and Administrators' Association President, Robert Micucci, all recognized the members of the Board of Education for their dedication to the children of Freeport. The Administrators Association presented a plaque to the Board of Education.
- A short break was taken for refreshments.

The Superintendent then introduced Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning, who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2003-2004 State Math Assessments as attached.

Mr. John O'Mard, Principal, Dodd Middle School, presented a report on the John W. Dodd Middle School Comprehensive Education Plan, followed by Dr. Michael Courtney, Principal, Freeport High School, presented a report on the Freeport High School Comprehensive Education Plan.

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.

Board of Education Committee Reports

Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President of the Board presented a Budget Committee report as attached.

A resolution was made by Mr. Ellerbe, and seconded by Ms. McQuillan to accept the minutes of the Budget Committee as written. The motion passed, and the vote was:

Yea; Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Pi ñeyro.

Nay; Raab.

Abstention; none.

Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, member of the Board, presented a Legislative Committee report as attached.

A resolution was made by Mr. Ellerbe, and seconded by Ms. McQuillan to accept the minutes of the Legislative Committee as written. The motion passed, and the vote was:

Yea; Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.

Nay; Raab.

Abstention; none.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda

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

Acceptance of the Minutes

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the following meetings as written: September 8, 2004; September 22, 2004.

Leave of Absence

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

- Tammy O'Brien, Health Teacher, effective October 7, 2004 through January 30, 2005, childcare.
- Rufino Antonetty, Security Aide, effective September 1, 2004 through October 12, 2004, FMLA and health.
- Stephanie Metzger, School Psychologist, effective October 20, 2004 through June 30, 2005, childcare.

Change of Status

Be It 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 Change of Status Report:

- **Carmen Curran**, from part-time Teaching Assistant to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective October 18, 2004 through October 17, 2007.

- **Lucretia Randazzo**, from part-time Teaching Assistant to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 20, 2004 through September 19, 2007.

Extension of Probation

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby extends the probationary period ending date by one year to November 15, 2005, for the following individual, in accordance with the provisions of a letter dated September 15, 2004.

- **Melody Rodgers**, Special Education Teacher, probationary period extended to November 15, 2005.

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:

- **Russell Costa**, Head Custodian (provisional), effective September 9, 2004.
- **Denise Seward**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective October 1, 2004.
- **Barbara Lang**, Senior Typist Clerk, effective September 14, 2004.
- **Greta Villanueva**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 22, 2004.
- **Grace DiGrazia**, Permanent Substitute, effective September 22, 2004.
- **Duayne Draffen**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2004.
- **Lisa Estrada**, Elementary Teacher Bilingual, effective October 29, 2004.
- **Vernex Harding**, Assistant Principal, effective November 5, 2004.

Termination of Staff

Be It 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.

- **Shonne Edwards**, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 21, 2004, abandonment of position.

Appointment of Staff Report

Temporary Administrative Appointments

- **Wendy Haise**, Director of Community Evening High School, a temporary appointment effective September 13, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be \$24,182.

Teaching Assistant 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 - 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.

- **Kerry Nelson**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing U. Wilson, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 23, 2004 through September 22, 2007. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,073. Assignment: Archer.
- **Jennifer Akel**, part-time Teaching Assistant (leave replacement), (replacing A. Bowers, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 20, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$6,899. Assignment: Giblyn.
- **Alcita Zellner**, part-time Teaching Assistant (replacing S. Edwards, termination) this appointment is effective September 23, 2004. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$6,899. Assignment: Atkinson.

Temporary Instructional Appointments

Be It 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.

- **Renee Lopez**, ESL Teacher, (replacing N. Veksler, LOA) a temporary appointment effective October 12, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U6D Schedule at \$53,126. Assignment: Bayview.
- **Kristin Creamer**, Health Teacher, (replacing T. O'Brien, LOA) a temporary appointment effective October 7, 2004 through January 31, 2005. Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U6C Schedule at \$44,980. Assignment: Archer/Bayview.
- **Jessica Medina**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing J. Sparkes, position ended) a temporary appointment effective September 22, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.
- **Greta Villanueva**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing G. DiGrazia, resigned), a temporary appointment effective September 21, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: NV.

Appointment of Non-Instructional Staff

Be It 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.

- **Barbara Lang**, Senior Stenographer, a probationary appointment effective September 15, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation for this will be according to the Clerical Salary Schedule at \$50,110.70. Assignment: Dodd.
- **Denise Barry**, Typist Clerk, (10 Month), (replacing M. Richardson, LOA) a temporary appointment effective September 20, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Clerical Salary Schedule at \$25,176. Assignment: Giblyn.
- **Timothy Philbin**, Maintainer, (replacing D. Humphries, retired) a probationary appointment effective October 18, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Custodial Salary Schedule on step 3 at \$44,308. Assignment: Districtwide.

Appointment of Freeport Community Evening High School 2004-2005 Staff

BE IT Resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed on the attached assignment sheet, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers or other staff in the public schools of New York.

Appointment of Freeport Community Evening High School 2004-2005 Staff

Course	Teacher	M & W	T & Th	Step	Salary
English 9	E. Baxter	M & W		3	9,702
English 10	S. Guidorizzi	M & W		2	9,408
English 11	G. Rizzo		T & Th	1	F 4559 & S 4704
English 12	A. Barash	M & W		5	10,285
Global History 9	J. Powers		T & Th	7	11,071 w/ Long
Global History 10	J. Pizzo		T & Th	7	11,071 w/ Long
US History	J. Tuitt	M & W		7	11,071 w/ Long
PIG 2 nights	A. Basile	M + Tu		7	11,071 w/ Long
Economics 2 nights	A. Basile		We + Th	7	11,071 w/ Long
Human Relations 1	J. Pizzo	Wed		7	5,535.50 w/Long
Criminal Justice 1	J. Pizzo	Mon		7	5,535.50 w/Long
Liv. Environment	G. Sealy	M & W		2	9,408
Earth Science	M. Drakolis		T & Th	1	9,118
Math A1-A2X fall	K. Jaeger		T & Th	1	Fall 4,559
Math B-1 fall	M. deAbreu	Wed		5	2,571.50
Math A2-A3X spring	K. Jaeger		T & Th	2	Spring 4,704
Math A3 spring	Y. Guierrier	Wed		5	2,571.50

Spanish 1, 2, 3	S. Fardan		T & Th	6	10,576
Studio Art	J. Rodriguez	M & W		1	9,118
Physical ed	D. Mulvey		Tues	7	5,535 w/Long
Health	D. Mulvey		Tues	7	5,535 w/Long
Librarian 2 nights	C. Gilliam	Mon	Tues	5	10,285
Nurse 3 nights	M. Sameroff	M & W	Tues	6	15,864
Special Ed 3 nights	M. Bell	M & W	Tues	7	16,607.50
Guidance Co. 2 nights	T. Hinson	Mon	Tues	1	9,118
Secretary 2 nights	M. Seymour	M & W		-	3,925
Secretary 2 nights	J. Metzler		T & Th	-	3,925
Security 4 nights	J. Herold +staff C. Tevlin+ staff	M & W	T & Th	-	21,500
Director		M & W	T & Th		

* Karen Jeager worked one semester in the past should go to step 2 in Feb. 2005

* Gregory Rizzo worked one semester in the past should go to step 2 in Feb. 2005

CSE/CPSE Minutes

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings of the committees on special education and preschool special education for the following dates:

September 28, 2004; September 29, 2004; September 30, 2004; October 7, 2004.

Granting of Tenure

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe, and a second by Ms. Coward the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants tenure status to the following individual:

- **Nancy Schempp**, School Administrator/Supervisor, effective November 13, 2004.

The vote was unanimous. Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Executive Session

At 10:30 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Ellerbe to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular matter of personnel.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Coward and the motion passed.

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

At 11:32 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded Mr. Ellerbe, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:33 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded by Ms. McQuillan, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board