
Freeport Public Schools
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Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of
November 3, 2004

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 3, 2004, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School . Ms. Piñeyro, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:38 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 (arrived 7:40 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
- 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 25.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, recognized Ms. Paula Lein, Principal of Archer Street School, for her "Book of the Month Club" at Archer Street School.

Dr. Eversley then discussed the Field Trip/Foreign Travel - Policy and Administrative Procedures. He informed everyone that the High School Select Chorale has an opportunity to travel and perform in London and Birmingham England during February, 2005.

On the issue of Naming of Facilities, Dr. Eversley reported that it had been referred to the Board of Education Policy Committee.

The Superintendent then informed the Board that the issue of a Dress Code for Students was referred to the Board of Education Outreach Committee and they would be meeting on November 16, 2004.

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 dates:

September 27, 2004; October 1, 2004; October 8, 2004; October 14, 2004; October 21, 2004.

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

Resolution for Overnight Field Trip/International Travel

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Music Department to conduct a field trip for the Select Choral to the cities of Birmingham and London, England, scheduled for February 8 through February 13, 2005 .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said authorization is subject to the Music Department's compliance with all insurance, health, safety, and financial guidelines as indicated in the draft Administrative Procedure for overnight, off-Long Island, field trips.

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

The Board then reviewed the tentative agenda for the November 17, 2004 meeting.

Board Comments

Ms. Debra McQuillan, Board Vice President, commented on the fact that there were many parents at the High School participating in the Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Executive Session

At 8:52 p.m., with no other business, Ms. McQuillan moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for 3 matters of Personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro, and Raab.

At 11:41 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Coward and seconded by Ms. McQuillan, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:42 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. Coward and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting on November 17, 2004 at John W. Dodd Middle School .

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Singleton
Clerk Pro Tem

