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

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of
November 17, 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 John W. Dodd Middle School. Carmen Piñeyro, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Those present were:

- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President
- Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
- Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee (arrived 7:45 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 50.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Eric Eversley, introduced Mr. John O'Mard, Principal of John W. Dodd Middle School. Mr. O'Mard introduced a short musical program presented by the John W. Dodd Middle School 's Select Chorale, under the direction of Mrs. Monique Retzlaff. The program was enjoyed by all.

- Dr. Eversley recognized the Freeport High School Accreditation by the Middle States Association. The Superintendent also recognized the Leo F. Giblyn School, and Archer Street School, for the award that they received from The Business Council of New York State.
- The Superintendent also discussed the visit to Freeport by the students from Waldorf Germany. The 16 students and 2 chaperones came and spent some time in Freeport with hope, that in the future, Freeport students would be able to visit them in Germany.

Board Discussion

There was a brief discussion on the length of time to be allotted to individuals who wish to make comments at Board of Education meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Ellerbe to allow six (6) minutes for the public comment on items for action and another six (6) minutes on any topic at both action and planning meetings.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab. There was a discussion and Mr. Raab made a motion to amend Mr. Ellerbe's motion to allow six (6) minutes on agenda items and a second six (6) minutes on other topics at action meetings, and 6 minutes on any topic at planning meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and the vote was:

Yea: Ellerbe, McQuillan and Raab.

Nay: Coward.

Abstentions: Piñeyro.

Mr. Raab then made a motion to adopt the new procedure as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby allows the public to speak for six (6) minutes on action items and a second six (6) minutes on other topics at action meetings. The Board further allows six (6) minutes on any topic at planning/action meetings.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and the vote was:

Yea: Ellerbe, McQuillan and Raab.

Nay: Coward.

Abstentions: Piñeyro.

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

Mr. Raab presented a report from the Policy Committee meeting (as attached). The report was tabled for further discussion.

Items for Action

Mr. Raab requested that item # B 5 (Resignation of Staff) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda

- On a motion by Mr. Raab and a second by Ms. Coward 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:

October 6, 2004, October 8, 2004, October 9, 2004, October 20, 2004 .

Leave of Absence

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

- **Lisa Malone**, Elementary Teacher, effective October 25, 2004 through June 30, 2005, for FMLA and childcare.
- **Teodora Adames**, Social Studies Teacher, effective October 18, 2004 through November 3, 2004, for health reasons.
- **Magaly Raeihle**, School Psychologist, effective September 27, 2004 through October 11, 2004, for childcare.
- **Kristen Nestico**, Elementary Teacher, effective October 25, 2004 through June 30, 2005, for childcare.

- **Monica Campos**, Speech Teacher, effective October 28, 2004 through January 7, 2005, FMLA.
- **Lynda Bouyer**, Security Aide, effective October 29, 2004 through February 3, 2005, FMLA.
- **Kim Freeman**, Guidance Counselor, effective November 15, 2004 through December 8, 2004, for health reasons.

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:

- **Maria Maldonado**, Food Service Worker, from 4 hours per day to 5 hours per day.
- **Rita Williams**, from 10 month Senior Clerk Typist to 12 month Senior Clerk Typist.
- **Linda Pereira**, Food Service Worker, from 5 hours per day to 5.5 hours per day.
- **Arthalia Brown**, Information Technology Specialist, from provisional to probationary, effective October 21, 2004, for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval.
- **Jennifer Akel**, from part-time Teaching Assistant to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 8, 2004 with a probationary period through November 7, 2007.

Retirement of Staff

BE IT 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(s) as listed:

- **Cheryl Campbell**, Librarian-Media Specialist, effective January 31, 2005, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 27 years.

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.

- **Tamisha Gilliam**, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 12, 2004, abandonment of position.

Appointment of Staff Report

Probationary Instructional 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

- **Jennifer Lopez**, School Psychologist, (replacing J. Lopez, resigned) a probationary appointment effective November 29, 2004 through November 28, 2006 . Compensation will be on step 5 of the U6A Schedule at \$77,695. Assignment: New Visions.
- **Maria DiBlasio**, Elementary Bilingual Teacher, (replacing L. Estrada, resigned) a probationary appointment effective November 1, 2004 . Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U6C Schedule at \$44,980. Assignment: Bayview.
- **Belinda Calidonio**, Elementary Bilingual Teacher, (replacing L. Policano, resigned) a probationary appointment effective November 8, 2004 through November 7, 2007 . Compensation will be on step 1-1A of the U6C Schedule at \$44,980. Assignment: Bayview.

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 .

- **Danielle Brind**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing D. Seward, resigned) a probationary appointment effective October 26, 2004 through October 25, 2007 . Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,073. Assignment: Giblyn.
- **Cristina Muia**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (previously budgeted, unfilled) a probationary appointment effective November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2007 . Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,073. Assignment: FHS.
- **Lauren Robinson**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (previously budgeted, unfilled) a probationary appointment effective October 12, 2004 through October 11, 2007 . Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,073. Assignment: FHS.
- **Jeanne McNulty**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing J. Rodriguez, resigned) this appointment is effective October 18, 2004 . Compensation for this position is according to the FTAA Contract at \$6,899. Assignment: Archer.

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 .

- **Howard Wheeler**, Instructor-JROTC Program, (replacing J. Colon,) a temporary appointment effective November 29, 2004 through June 30, 2005 . Compensation will be on step 12-1A of the U6C at \$68,106. Assignment: FHS.

- **Victoria Comerford**, School Psychologist, (replacing S. Metzger, LOA) a temporary appointment effective November 15, 2004 through June 30, 2005 . Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U6A Schedule at \$67,773. Assignment: Districtwide & Bayview.
- **Mark Mishanie**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing A. Wedderburn, resigned) a temporary appointment effective November 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 . Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

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.

- **Eugene Chapman**, Groundskeeper, (F. Gomez, resignation) a probationary appointment effective October 19, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be on step 1 of the Groundskeeper Schedule at \$32,386. Assignment: Districtwide.
- **Debbi Vondunn**, Senior Typist Clerk (10 Month), (replacing R. Williams, resigned) a probationary appointment effective November 8, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Clerical Salary Schedule at \$25,874. Assignment: FHS.
- **Diane Anatra**, Food Service Worker (4 hour), (replacing C. Marcellus, change of position) a probationary appointment effective October 18, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Food Service Worker Contract at \$7,729. Assignment: FHS.
- **Coronda Harris**, Food Service Worker (4.5 hour), (replacing P. Breville, resigned) a probationary appointment effective October 18, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Food Service Worker Contract at \$9,171.36. Assignment: New Visions.
- **Danitza Rodriguez**, Food Service Worker (4.5 hour), (replacing C. Saylor, change of position) a probationary appointment effective October 18, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Food Service Worker Contract at \$8,886.24. Assignment: Dodd.
- **Catherine Solow**, Food Service Worker (4 hour), (replacing C. White, change of position) a probationary appointment effective October 18, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Food Service Worker Contract at \$8,152.32. Assignment: Archer.
- **Barbara Garrett**, Food Service Worker (4.5 hour), (replacing P. Larague, resignation) a probationary appointment effective October 18, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Food Service Worker Contract at \$8,886.24. Assignment: Dodd.
- **Robert Epps**, Security Aide, (replacing Jean Jeune, terminated) a probationary appointment effective November 1, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Security Aide Contract at \$14,640. Assignment: Dodd.
- **Thomas Wheat**, Security Aide, (replacing J. Rivera, resigned) a probationary appointment effective November 1, 2004 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Security Aide Contract at \$14,640. Assignment: New Visions.

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:

October 4, 2004; October 13, 2004; October 15, 2004; October 21, 2004; October 28, 2004; October 29, 2004; November 4, 2004.

Resignation of Staff

Ms. Coward made the following motion:

Be It 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:

- **Christopher Tevlin**, Supervising Security Aide, effective November 5, 2004 .
- **Price Breville**, Food Service Worker, effective October 13, 2004 .
- **Vernex Harding**, Assistant Principal, effective November 5, 2004 .
- **Liliana Policano**, Elementary Bilingual Teacher, effective November 6, 2004 .
- **Anna Baciuska**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective October 29, 2004 .
- **Maria DiBlasio**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective October 31, 2004 .
- **Ardett Wedderburn**, Permanent Substitute, effective October 29, 2004 .
- **Shirley Cepero**, ESL Teacher, effective November 26, 2004 .
- **Belinda Calidonio**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 7, 2004 .
- **Jamila Richardson**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 1, 2004 .
- **Michael Courtney**, Principal, effective December 10, 2004 .
- **Erin Van Nostrand**, Physical Education Teacher, effective December 3, 2004 .

The motion we seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and passed. The vote was:

Yeas: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan and Piñeyro.

Nays: Raab.

Abstentions: none

Appointment of the Library Trustee

Mr. Ellerbe made the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Board of the Library Trustees of the Freeport Memorial Library, and Mr. Dave Opatow, Library Director, hereby appoints:

Ms. Amelia Avellaneda to the Library Board for a five year term to begin November 25, 2004

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

Executive Session

- At 9:15 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Ellerbe to go into Executive Session to discuss five matters of personnel.
- The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab and the motion passed unanimously.

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 unanimous : 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