
Freeport Public Schools
235 N Ocean Avenue
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Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of
December 1, 2004

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. Piñeyro, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. She then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President
- Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President (arrived 8:30 p.m.)
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
- Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee
- 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

Guest:

- Janell Hallpen, from Erie I BOCES

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 16.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, briefly discussed the Boards undertaking to revise the Districts policy manual. Dr. Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel is the point person for the Board Policy Review. Dr. Bediako introduced Ms. Janell Hallpen from Erie I BOCES as the Policy Coordinator for Erie I BOCES and she is working on the Freeport Policy review. Ms. Hallpen took the Board through the process of revising a district's policy manual, the importance of districts maintaining up to date policies and the differences between policy and administrative regulations. Ms Hallpen discussed the process involved in putting together the first draft of the Freeport Policy Manual which she distributed to the members of the Board. Ms. Hallpen further discussed the next steps that would be involved in the process of drafting policies to be reviewed by the district with constant communication between Erie I BOCES staff and district staff. It is expected that the process would be completed by June 2006.

Dr. Eversley then discussed the Finance/Budget Advisory Committee and new members. A lottery was held for the one open position on the committee in the Homeowner Category. Ms. Anne Walsh-Feeks was chosen in the lottery held to fill the open position.

The Superintendent then discussed the Long Island Academic Challenge. He requested that everyone watch Channel 12 in January to see the Freeport High School Long Island Academic Challenge Team compete.

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 any topic. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

Items for Action

Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings

Mr. Raab 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:

October 18, 2004; October 22, 2004; October 25, 2004; October 29, 2004; November 1, 2004; November 3, 2004; November 4, 2004; November 5, 2004; November 8, 2004; November 10, 2004; November 15, 2004.

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

- ***Bid Award for Capital Projects Contract # 1 General Construction - Technology Wing Reconstruction/Sump Pump Replacement at Freeport High School***

Ms. Coward 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 bid 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. (as attached)

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.

- ***Bid Award for Capital Projects Contract # 2 Electrical - Technology Wing Reconstruction/Sump Pump Replacement at Freeport High School***

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 bid 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. (as attached)

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

- ***Bid Award for Capital Projects Contract # 3 Plumbing - Technology Wing Reconstruction/Sump Pump Replacement at Freeport High School***

Ms. McQuillan 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 bid 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. (as attached)

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

Resolution to Appoint Members of the Finance/Budget Committee

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the following community members to the Finance/Budget Advisory Committee as attached:

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

The Board reviewed the agenda for the December 15 th, 2004 Board of Education meeting.

Board Comments

Ms. Debra McQuillan, Board Vice President, commented that Bayview Avenue School had a Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Mr. Raab commented that there have been 6 Suggestion Box's donated.

Executive Session

At 9:10 p.m., Mr. Raab moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for a student matter, 6 matters of personnel and 1 negotiation. The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro, and Raab.

At 10:56 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded by Ms. McQuillan, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 10:57 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Mr. Raab, 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 December 15, 2004 at New Visions School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
Clerk of the Board

