Freeport Public Schools
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Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

February 5, 2003

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, in the Library of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. Coward, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Ms. Coward then called for a moment of silence for the crewmembers of the Columbia Space Shuttle. She then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, President
- Dr. Joseph Cattano, Vice President (arrived 8:10 p.m.)
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
- Ms. Carmen J. Pineyro, Trustee
- Mr. Michael Raab, 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
- Dr. Joshua Starr, Executive Director of Operations
- Mr. Robert Harris, Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning

Also absent were:

- none

Guests were:

- none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 15.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, complimented the PTA Council for the successful Founders Day event. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Dr. Eversley reported on the activities of the Officials Working Group (Gang Prevention). This group is working to increase community awareness, prevent student involvement in gangs, increase ties between Freeport youth and the community and to stem recruitment into gangs. This group is also increasing local business and, support and outside services and agencies, peer/mentoring groups and the District community resources for positive programming for youth. The group is comprised of local Police Department, Clergy and Church organizations, Schools, local government, PTA's, and Attorney's office.

Dr. Eversley then introduced Mr. Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Mr. Kuncham gave an overview of the budget for the 2003-2004 year.

Dr. Eversley discussed the proposed School Calendar for 2003-2004 with the Board.

Questions on the Item for Action

At this time, the public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on items on the agenda. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board for 6 minutes.

The Board reviewed the tentative agenda for February 12, 2003.

Items for Action

Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

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:

November 21, 2002, December 9, 2002, December 13, 2002, December 16, 2002, December 18, 2002, December 19, 2002, January 16, 2003, January 21, 2003, January 22, 2003, January 23, 2003, January 24, 2003, January 29,

2003, January 30, 2003.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro and Raab.

Executive Session

At 9:27 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Coward to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing nine matters of personnel and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of Civil Service Law with the FTA.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro and Raab.

At 11:57 p.m., Mr. Raab moved to adjourn to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:58 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: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting held on February 12, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bediako, Ed.D.
Clerk of the Board