

Freeport Public Schools
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Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

February 26, 2003

The regular budget planning meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at Caroline G. Atkinson School in the Library. Ms. Coward, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. She then led in the pledge of allegiance. President Coward read a prepared text regarding teacher contracts.

Those present were:

- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, President
- Dr. Joseph Cattano, Vice President
- 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 12.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, made introductory comments regarding the critical issues affecting the 2003-2004 budget. He then introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Mr. Kuncham, presented the preliminary budget (as attached) for the 2003-2004 school year, noting that the outlook for revenue from the State looked very grim.

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.

Items for Action

Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings

Ms. Pineyro 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:

January 31, 2003, February 3, 2003, February 4, 2003, February 5, 2003, February 6, 2003, February 11, 2003, February 12, 2003, February 13, 2003

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

Ratification of an Agreement

Dr. Cattano offered the following resolution for adoption: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby ratifies the agreement between the Freeport Union Free School District and The Freeport Teachers' Association, dated January 15, 2003, in resolution of FTA Grievance no.3-2001 (absence notes), as attached.

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

Executive Session

At 9:32 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Coward to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of 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 a planning/action meeting held on March 12, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bediako, Ed.D.
Clerk of the Board

