

Freeport Union Free School District
Freeport, New York

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of August 13, 2003

The regular planning/tax rate/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2003 , in the Board Room of the Administration Building , 235 North Ocean Avenue , Freeport , New York . Dr. Cattano, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and he led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Dr. Joseph Cattano, President
- Mr. Michael Raab, Vice President
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, 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
- Mr. Robert Harris, Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning

Also absent were:

- Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board
- Dr. Joshua Starr, Executive Director of Operations

Guests were:

- none

There were 8 members of the public present at the opening of the meeting.

Before the start of the meeting Dr. Cattano called for a resolution to appoint a Clerk Pro Tem due to the absence of

Dr. Bediako.

A motion by Mr. Raab was made as follows:

Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that Robert W. Harris be appointed Clerk Pro Tem.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.
Piñeyro

Executive Session

At 7:38 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Raab to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro, and Raab.

At 7:50 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Raab to adjourn back to public session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro, and Raab.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, announced that after an extensive search an Assistant Principal had been found, for Columbus Avenue School. Dr. Eversley was pleased to introduce Ms. Vernex Harding to the Board.

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. Coward 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:

- June 4, 2003;
- June 19, 2003;
- June 20, 2003;
- July 15, 2003;
- July 17, 2003;
- July 24, 2003; and,

- August 4, 2003.

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

Establishment of the Tax Levy

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption,

RESOLVED, that the following budget (Gross Amount) of the necessary claims and expenditures in FREEPORT UFSD (#9) in the Town of HEMPSTEAD School year 2003-2004, amounting to \$105,195,417 School Purpose, \$4,492,291 Library Purpose, for a total of \$109,687,708 be and the same is hereby accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$63,819,662 School Purposes, \$4,341,449 Library Purposes, for a total of \$68,161,111 being the remainder of the budget adopted as above and the amount which must be RAISED BY TAXATION (NET AMOUNT) for FREEPORT UFSD (#9) of the Town of HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, New York for the year 2003-2004 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified to by the Board of Assessors for the school year 2003-2004; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District be and she is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Board of Assessors, Mineola, New York, on or before August 15th, 2003.

Ms. Coward seconded the motion and the motion carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe Piñeyro and Raab

Acceptance of Bid # 518 Transportation Routes

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption, **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education for the Freeport Union Free School District hereby awards the following bids as listed in the attached Bid Award Report for Transportation Routes 2003-2004 Bid # 518, and as recommended in the following bid recommendation, on an item by item basis, accepting the lowest responsible bid as per bid specifications, and reserving the right to increase or decrease quantities of each item as needed as per attached.

Ms. Coward seconded the motion and the motion carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab

Extension of a Transportation Contract

Mr. Raab made the following motion, **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education for the Freeport Union Free School District hereby extends the contract between Freeport Public Schools and Laidlaw Transit, Inc. from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006 as follows:

- July 1, 2003- June 30, 2004 2.8% or CPI whichever is less;

- July 1, 2004- June 30, 20053.0% or CPI whichever is less;
- July 1, 2005- June 30, 20063.0% or CPI whichever is less;

Mr. Ellerbe seconded the motion and the motion carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Approval of Wages and Benefits for Confidential Employees

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption,

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the salary increases and benefits for the following confidential employees:

- Mary Ann Ross, Administrative Assistant
- Kathleen Notheis, Stenographic Secretary
- Robin Reiss, Senior Personnel Clerk
- Denise Elmore, Account/Records Management Clerk
- Joan Classi, Secretary to the Superintendent
- Leonora Goetchius, Stenographic Secretary

These employees shall receive the same salary increases and benefits as provided to the members of the FEOSA unit for the 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005 school years, and

Be It Further Resolved that for each of the above school years, these confidential employees shall, upon recommendation of their immediate supervisor, receive an additional 1% of their salaries to a maximum of \$600.00

Mr. Raab seconded the motion and the motion carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Administrative Appointment

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption ,

Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints **Vernex S. Harding** as Assistant Principal of Columbus Avenue School , a probationary appointment effective August 25, 2003 through August 24, 2006 . Compensation will be according to the Administrative Salary Schedule on step 4 at \$101,349.

Ms. Coward seconded the motion and the motion carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab

Board Comments

Mr. Raab requested an update on SchoolMax, and if cameras could be placed in the parking lot. He also spoke about the First Day committees and the wonderful job they were all doing.

Ms. Coward reported that she had attended a conference that was outstanding and she will be sharing that with the Board.

Mr. Ellerbe will have an update on REFIT at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Cattano inquired as to how many members will be attending the New York State School Board Convention. It was determined that every board member will attend except Ms. Coward.

Executive Session

At 8:20 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Raab to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and unanimously carried: Cattano, Piñeyro, and Raab.

At 8:24 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Raab to adjourn back to public session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and unanimously carried: Cattano, Piñeyro, and Raab.

Adjournment

At 8:25 p .m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Piñeyro, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, and Piñeyro.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting held on August 21, 2002 .

Respectfully submitted,

Robert-Wayne Harris

Clerk Pro Tem