

**Freeport Union Free School District
Freeport, New York**

**Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting
of October 8, 2003**

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2003, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School . Dr. Cattano, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Dr. Joseph Cattano, President
- Mr. Michael Raab, Vice President
- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee
- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, Trustee
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, 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, 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, congratulated Archer Street School 's Reading Program that appeared in an article in Newsday. The Superintendent also congratulated the Freeport High School Football Team on their success so far. They remain undefeated, noting that so far they have out scored their opponents 140-0. He also praised the teamwork of the Varsity Soccer team in it's recent victories.

Mr. Robert Harris, Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning, gave the Board an overview of the Assessment Committee recommendations on the TerraNova vs. TONYSS as attached.

Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business, talked about the current tax bills that the community received from the Receiver of Taxes due to the recent reassessment. Mr. Kuncham noted that due to various factors one third of all tax bills will be lower, one third will be higher and one third will remain the same. He also noted that the tax statements don't explain the reasons for the higher taxes. According to Mr. Kuncham, the higher taxes were the results of (a) loss of state aid, (b) shift in the base proportions, and (c) the re-evaluation of the homes in Nassau County to reflect current value.

Dr. Cattano, Board President called for a short break at 8:33 p.m.

Dr. Cattano called the meeting back to order at 8:35 p.m.

Questions From the Public

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 meeting of the committees on special education and preschool special education for the following date:

- September 18, 2003;
- September 19, 2003;
- September 23, 2003;
- September 25, 2003;

- October 2, 2003.

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

Executive Session

At 8:53 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Raab to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel, Litigation and Collective Negotiations.

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

At 11:40 p.m., Ms. Coward moved to adjourn to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:41 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Dr. Cattano and seconded by Ms. Coward, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be on October 29, 2003 at Dodd Middle School .

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board