

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

**Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting
of November 12, 2003**

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 12, 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
- Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were:

- none

Guests were:

- Mr. Peter Rodriquez, from Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 10.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Mr. Michael Singleton to the Board of Education and the public. Dr. Eversley explained that Mr. Singleton would be the Interim Executive Director of Operations. Everyone welcomed him to Freeport.

The Superintendent then informed the Board and public that the Select Chorale and the J.R.O.T.C. participated in the Veterans Day activities at the Freeport Memorial Library.

Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business, introduced Mr. Peter Rodriguez, from Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Rodriguez discussed the District's annual financial audit report.

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 dates:

- October 15, 2003;
- October 16, 2003;
- October 21, 2003;
- October 23, 2003;
- October 24, 2003;
- October 27, 2003;
- October 28, 2003;
- November 3, 2003; and,
- November 5, 2003.

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

Appointment of a Library Board Trustee

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

Be It **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Board of the Library Trustees of the Freeport Memorial Library, and Mr. Dave Opatow, Library Director, hereby reappoints:

Mr. Marvin H. Cohen to the Library Board for a five year term to begin November 25, 2003.

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

Acceptance of the Financial Statements

On a motion by Mr. Raab it was agreed to add a resolution to accept the Financial Report.

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

Ms. Coward offered the following resolution for adoption:

Be It **RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2002/2003 as prepared by our independent auditors.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Cattano.

Mr. Raab made a motion to table the motion, with a second by Mr. Ellerbe. The vote was:

Yeas: Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Nays: Cattano and Coward.

Abstentions: none.

Executive Session

At 8:53 p.m. Mr. Raab, moved 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 11:45 p.m., Mr. Raab moved to adjourn to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cattano and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Additional Business

Mr. Raab made a motion to remove the Financial Report from the table and reconsider it. The motion was seconded

by Dr. Cattano and passed. The vote was:

Yeas: Cattano, Coward and Raab.

Nays: none.

Abstentions: Ellerbe and Piñeyro.

Adjournment

At 11:50 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 November 25, 2003 at New Visions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board