

**April 13, 2011**

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, in the Auditorium of Archer Street School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., she then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President (left 9:13 p.m.)  
Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President  
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee  
Ms. Carmen Piñeyro-Mendoza, Trustee  
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: None

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for  
Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk  
Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Dr. Kenneth Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for  
Business  
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of  
Operations

Also absent were: None

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 110.

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone to the meeting and then introduced Ms. Paula Lein, Principal of Archer Street School. Ms. Lein introduced a wonderful program presented by the Kindergarten and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children of Archer. The outstanding performance was enjoyed by all.

**High School Student Government Presentation**

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, invited members of the Student Government to report on the activities and news at Freeport High School. The students were, Kayla Cruz, Victoria Mule, Charisse Rosario and Kiana Bierria-Anderson.

The Superintendent introduced Ms. Jane Albert, Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Ms. Albert introduced Mr. Harold Dean. Mr. Dean is from the State Education Department and he gave a brief presentation on the STAIR Program. Freeport has been identified as an “effective practice school “and we have received recognition from the State for our FHS Model Transition Program.

Dr. Kuncham then gave a quick update on the proposed school budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

### **Items for Action**

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

### **Acceptance of the Minutes**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the following meetings as written:

March 23, 2011; April 6, 2011

### **Personnel**

#### **Leave of Absence**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants a request for leave of absence as listed below:

**Leslie Agin**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 24, 2011 through June 30, 2011, for health and childcare.

**Christina Schwarz**, Elementary Teacher, effective April 13, 2011 through June 30, 2011, for childcare.

#### **Resignation of Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation from the following staff member(s) as listed below:

**Megan Kearney**, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 25, 2011, to accept a position outside the District.

**Corrine Fee**, Permanent Substitute, effective March 31, 2011, to accept a teaching position in another district.

#### **Appointment of Extra Duty Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the following individual(s) as Extra Duty Staff for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.

Name	Position	Compensation
Alan Gonzalez	Supervisor of Media Events	\$3,398

### **CSE/CPSE Minutes**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the following dates:

February 16, 17, 2011.

March 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 24, 25, 30, 2011.

### **Other Items for Action**

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and a second by Ms. Mulé the following item was approved

### **Retirement of Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff member as listed:

**Dorothy Harrison**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2011, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 10 years.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following item was approved

### **Education**

#### **Resolution to Approve Student Travel to Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC, and New Jersey for the purposes of a college tour**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC, and New Jersey from April 27 through April 30, 2011 for the purpose of visiting Howard University, The University of Maryland, Delaware State University, Johns Hopkins University, and American University, with a stop at Six Flags Amusement Park on the afternoon of the last day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said authorization is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High School's compliance with all insurance, health, safety and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administrative Procedures.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe, the following item was approved:

### **Finance**

#### **Resolution to Adopt the 2011-2012 Proposed Expenditure Budget**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the proposed Expenditure Budget for the 2011-2012 School Year in the amount of **\$149,477,547** is hereby adopted.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza , the following item was approved

9:13 p.m. Ms. McQuillan left the meeting.

### **Questions from the Public**

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board for four minutes on any topic. There were no comments or questions from the public.

### **Adjournment**

At 9:36 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was: Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.,  
District Clerk