

## June 8, 2011

The regular Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President  
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. Ken 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 72.

### **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent recognized the retirees for the 2010-2011 School Year. He thanked them for their dedicated service to the Freeport School District. The Board of Education President, Ms. McQuillan, also thanked the retirees for the very important role they played in the lives of the children of Freeport. She also congratulated the 9 year Board of Education Member Ms. Carmen Piñeyro-Mendoza for her services to the children. Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza will be retiring from the Board June 30, 2011.

Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk, called upon each Principal to speak a few words about the employee's retiring from their building. The Superintendent and the Board President presented each retiree with a personalized plaque to thank them for their many years of service to the District,

A short break was taken at 8:36 p. m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:53 p. m.

The Superintendent continued his report by informing the Board and public that Regent Tilles visited Freeport High School and New Visions School and had a wonderful experience with much positive feedback.

Dr. Kuncham also announced that Senator Fuschillo has helped Freeport Schools receive \$40,000 in aid for Technology. These funds will be used for much needed equipment and will help bring our children into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The Superintendent then introduced Dr. Ken Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for Business who gave a Power Point presentation on the proposed Qualified School Bond Project, as attached.

Dr. Kuncham made the following announcements:

- Three Science students at Freeport High School were accepted into a summer program called "SARAS" at Stony Brook University.
- Rachel Lalmansingh, Dwayne George and Emmanuel Abreu were inducted into the "STEP" Program Sigma XI Honor Roll at SUNY College, Old Westbury.
- New Vision students and Assistant Principal Susan DeLuca visited the Cradle of Aviation for the Museum's Day of Discovery on June 7, 2011 as part of the STEM program. Museum educators use artifacts, exhibits and hand-on activities to review some of the challenging concepts the students learned earlier in the year.

### **Board of Education Committee Report**

The Board of Education reviewed the Board of Education Audit Committee report and accepted it as written.

### **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. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

### **Items for Action**

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

#### **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 committees on special education and preschool special education for the following dates:

March 2, 10, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 2011

April 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 26, 27, 28, 29, 2011

May 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 2011

The vote was unanimous, McQuillan, Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

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

#### **Resolution to Abolish Positions and Excess Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District abolishes five (5) teaching positions within the Elementary tenure area effective September 1, 2011; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that Martha Bermeo, Christopher Farrell, Kati Miano, Dolores Miller and Daniel Wittich, as the least senior staff members in the Elementary tenure area, are hereby excessed from said positions effective September 1, 2011; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Martha Bermeo, Christopher Farrell, Kati Miano, Dolores Miller and Daniel Wittich shall be placed on a preferred eligible list as per Education Law §3013.

The vote was unanimous, McQuillan, Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

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

#### **Acceptance of the First Reading of the Revised Students Code of Conduct**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts as a first reading, the revised Code of Conduct for 2011-2012 School Year.

The vote was unanimous, McQuillan, Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

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

**Acceptance of First Reading of Fund Balance Policy (GASB 54)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the first reading of the Statement No. 54, Fund Balance reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions (GASB 54) for the 2010 – 2011 School Year.

The vote was unanimous, McQuillan, Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

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

**Approval of an Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves an agreement dated June 8, 2011 between it and Dr. Kishore Kuncham; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

The vote was unanimous, McQuillan, Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

**Adjournment**

At 9:41 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the Board adjourned the meeting.

The vote was unanimous, McQuillan, Ellerbe, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on June 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., at New Visions School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.  
District Clerk