

August 24, 2011

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School. Debra Mulé, Vice President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., she then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President

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 14.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr Kishore Kuncham welcomed everyone to the Board of Education action meeting. He spoke about the earthquake that jolted the eastern seaboard on Wednesday, August 22, 2011. All school buildings were inspected and found to have suffered to damages. However, Mr. James Robinson, our Facilities Director, is working with our architects to make sure all our buildings are structurally sound and were not affected by the earthquake. The Superintendent also indicated that the district was preparing for Hurricane Irene that is expected to impact Long Island over the coming weekend.

2012 Grades 3-8 Testing Dates

Dr. Kuncham informed the Board and Public that the New York State Education Department has released the dates for grades 3-8 ELA and Math testing dates, The testing will begin on April 16, 2012, the day that we will be returning from spring break. This is very bad planning on the part of the State and School Districts all over New York are requesting a change of date.

Bond Referendum

The Qualified Bond Referendum/Synthetic Turf Field Committee has held its second meeting and information is going out to the community.

Summer School

Thirty-one seniors graduated from Summer School on August 19, 2011. Twenty-two of the graduates are from the 2007 cohort.

The Superintendent announced the following news:

- The new High School Track was near completion
- The High School Auditorium air conditioning project has been completed
- All buildings are getting ready for the opening of school.
- The new school calendar has been put on our web site and will be mailed soon
- School Tools Student Management system implementation is going on very well.

Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Mulé, Lancaster 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:

July 7, 2011; July 28, 2011; August 10, 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:

Lori Cook, Reading Teacher, effective September 1, 2011 through November 23, 2011, for childcare and FMLA.

Change of Status

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

Virginia Ramkissoon, change of status to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2011 with an anticipated tenure date of September 1, 2014 and a new salary of \$20,442.15.

Maria DiBlasio, change of status to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2011 with an anticipated tenure date of September 1, 2014 and a new salary of \$22,907.97.

Miladys Pena, Food Service Helper, change to 5 hour per day Food Service Helper. Effective September 1, 2011 and new salary will be \$13, 579.20 and a new location, Dodd.

Zulema Argueta, Food Service Helper, change to 5 hour per day Food Service Helper. Effective September 1, 2011 and new salary will be \$13, 243 and a new location, New Visions.

Termination of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby regretfully terminates the employment of the individual as listed below:

Laureen Jones, Food Service Worker, effective August 24, 2011 as per section 71 of Civil Service Law.

Appointment of Non-Instructional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals as listed, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Susan Camille Trenkle, Typist Clerk – 10 Month, effective September 1, 2011, probation will be 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Clerical Schedule at \$29,185. Assignment: Archer.

Celenia Torres, Food Service Helper, (4 hour), effective September 1, 2011, probation will be 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Food Service Schedule at \$10,184. Assignment: New Visions.

Daisy Smith, Food Service Helper, (4 hour), effective September 1, 2011, probation will be 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Food Service Schedule at \$10,184. Assignment: Atkinson.

Teaching Assistant Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed as Teaching Assistants. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as Teaching Assistants in the public schools of New York.

Nicole Rivelli, full-time Teaching Assistant, a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014. Compensation will be \$17,849, according to the FTAA Schedule. Assignment: Archer.

Sherill Taylor-Morgan, part-time Teaching Assistant, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011. Compensation will be \$11,485, according to the FTAA Schedule. Assignment: Bayview.

Appointment of Staff – Instructional

Probationary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Probationary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York

Kristen Anisis, English Teacher, a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U2D Schedule at \$62,208. Assignment: FHS.

Angela Woodside, English Teacher, a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U2D Schedule at \$62,208. Assignment: FHS.

Appointment of Staff – Instructional –

Temporary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Temporary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

Kathryn Hoffman, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through June 22, 2012. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Bayview.

Jesse Pachter, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through June 22, 2012. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

Cara Reiss, Math Teacher, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U2D Schedule at \$62,208. Assignment: FHS.

John Daskalakis, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through June 22, 2012. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

Justin Gabrus, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through June 22, 2012. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Giblyn.

Samantha Liff, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through June 22, 2012. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Columbus.

Junaid Hamin-Gilliam, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through June 22, 2012. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

Lauren Chimeri, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through June 22, 2012. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Giblyn.

Kristen Lack, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2011 through June 22, 2012. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Archer.

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:

August 1, 3, 9, 11, 2011

Other Items for Action

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

Acceptance of a Gift – International Book Sharing Project

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a donation of \$1500.00 from Ms. Marcia Posner to sponsor this year's International Book Sharing Project which is to be conducted at Freeport High School and at the ORT Afula High School, Afula Elit.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Finance

Ratification of a Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Freeport Educational Office Staff Association, UPSEU and the Freeport Union Free School District dated August 11, 2011. The MOA will be incorporated into a new contract and will be effective and cover the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign said contract.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Budget Transfers – Preliminary Close 2010/2011

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the attached Budget Transfer for the Preliminary Close for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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.

Executive Session

At 8:04 p.m. Mr. Pomerico moved to adjourn to executive session for two specific matters of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and passed unanimously.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 8:44 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 8:45 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Lancaster, the Board adjourned the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

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