

September 20, 2011

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School. Debra McQuillan, 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 McQuillan, President
Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: none

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
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: Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 27.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the Board of Education Action meeting and introduced Ms. Linda Carter, Principal of the Atkinson School, who introduced the student performing group. The students' presentation was in honor of Hispanic Heritage month.

Dr. Kuncham made the following comments:

- The polls are open until 9:00 p.m. for those who have not voted yet to go out and vote in the Qualified School Construction Bond Referendum.
- There will be Peace Concert on October 4th, 2011 at the High School Auditorium and the entire community is invited. Each of the eight schools will have representative performances, exhibits, skits or readings related to peace in the world and peace in our community. The theme of this year's concert is Peace and Love.

2011-2012 Testing Dates

- Grades 3-8 testing for the 2011-2012 school year is scheduled to begin on April 17, 2011, following the April break.
- Parents are urged to plan vacations accordingly and make certain to return on time to have their children participate in the state assessments.
- Dr. Kuncham reminded the audience that the district must meet a 95% participation rate. It is, therefore, important not only for each individual child, but for the district's performance that all students be present to take these important assessments.

Graduation Venue:

Dr. Kuncham also discussed the concern that people had expressed this year with respect to the limited number of tickets available if the graduation is again scheduled for the Tille Center. However, after thoroughly investigating it has been determined that no suitable facilities are available until Wednesday, June 27th when Hofstra would be able to accommodate us. However, the June 27th date has its own set of complications including the fact that school will be over and the teachers will have gone for the summer. Dr. Kuncham will continue to have discussions with Mr. Kight and with representatives of the class of 2012. More information will be forthcoming later.

Other Items

The Board of Education Policy Committee and Legislative Committee meetings will take place sequentially beginning at 8:30 am on Thursday, September 22nd in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

It was agreed in discussion with the Board in public session that the Board of Education Retreat will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th at 8:00 am.

Items for Action

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, McQuillan, 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: August 24, 2011, September 7, 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:

Christopher King, Cleaner, effective August 25, 2011 through October 18, 2011, for health reasons.

Brenda Floyd, Security Aide, effective August 31, 2011 through September 25, 2011, for health reasons.

Raquel Steffa, Elementary Teacher, effective September 16, 2011 through October 10, 2011, for health reasons.

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:

Felice Walsh, change of status to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 12, 2011 with an anticipated tenure date of September 11, 2014 and a new salary of \$20,586.35. Assignment: Bayview.

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:

Mae-Domenica Beauford, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 30, 2011.

Mary Casey, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 30, 2011.

Jennifer Wiener, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 7, 2011.

Mitra Dejkameh, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 30, 2011.

Stephen Smar, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 21, 2011.

Robin Waller, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 9, 2011.

Nicole Cianciulli, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective September 23, 2011.

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

Michael Addiego, Special Education Teacher, (replacing F. Bell, retired) a

probationary appointment effective September 12, 2011 with an anticipated tenure date of September 11, 2014. 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.

Dolores Miller, Elementary Teacher, (return from Preferred Eligibility List), a temporary appointment effective September 6, 2011 through August 31, 2012. Compensation will be on step 3-2D of the U2D Schedule at \$71,672. Assignment: Columbus.

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.

Portland Lawson, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing J. Ascher, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 6, 2011 through September 5, 2014. Compensation will be \$17,849, according to the FTAA Schedule. Assignment: Atkinson.

Margarita Izquierdo, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing J. Simpson, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 6, 2011 through September 5, 2014. Compensation will be \$17,849, according to the FTAA Schedule. Assignment: Atkinson.

Christina Estevez, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. Blasio, change) appointment effective September 6, 2011. Compensation will be \$11,485, according to the FTAA Schedule. Assignment: Bayview.

Rachel Zamora, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing M. Ciaravino, resignation) appointment effective September 6, 2011. Compensation will be \$11,485, according to the FTAA Schedule. Assignment: Bayview.

Michele Nicholas, part-time Teaching Assistant, (new) appointment effective September 6, 2011. Compensation will be \$11,485, according to the FTAA Schedule. Assignment: Bayview.

Nicole Finch, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing , change) appointment effective September 19, 2011. Compensation will be \$11,485, according to the

FTAA Schedule. Assignment: Giblyn.

Mary Beth Errico, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing L. Agin, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 7, 2011 through September 6, 2014. Compensation will be \$17,849, according to the FTAA Schedule.

Assignment: Dodd.

Danielle Barry, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing , E. Terletsky, resigned) appointment effective September 19, 2011. Compensation will be \$11,485, according to the FTAA Schedule. Assignment: Giblyn.

Carly Loewenthal, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing , J. Einer, resigned) appointment effective September 15, 2011. Compensation will be \$11,485, according to the FTAA Schedule. 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 10, 12, 16, 17, 23, 26, 2011; September 6, 7, 2011.

Other Items for Action

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

Appointment of the Audit Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the five members of the Board of Education as members of the District Audit Committee as required by Education Law §2116-c for the 2011-2012 School Year.

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

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

Approval of an Agreement with MSG Varsity Network LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign on behalf of the District, the MSG Varsity Network LLC School Registration and Participation Agreement Form effective for the 2011-12 School Year.

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

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

Resolution to Approve Committee Members

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the following members to serve on the District Site-Based Committee:

Name	Position
Dr. Wafa Westervelt	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Paulette Acquavito	Freeport School Administrators' Representative & Dodd Middle School Assistant Principal
Ms. Susan DeLuca	Freeport School Administrators' Representative & New Visions Assistant Principal
Ms. Therese Casoria	Freeport Teachers' Association Representative
Ms. Susan Lyons	PTA Council President
Linda Wiener	Freeport Teacher Assistants' Representative
Ms. Arthellia Brown	Co-President of FEOSA
Marjorie Desir	Parent/Community Representative
Margaret Meyveci	Parent/Community Representative
Ms. Gladys Vailes	President Food Service Unit
Mr. Douglas Anderson	President of Custodial Unit

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

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

Approval of the Update to the Professional Development Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the updated Professional Development Plan for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

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

Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the donation of two new Classical Guitars valued at \$100.00 each from Melvin Allen of Queens, New York.

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

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

Approval of Consultants

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves agreements between the following consultants and the Freeport Union Free School District, as per the attached list for the 2011-2012 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute said agreements on its behalf.

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

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe 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:

John Schreiber, Elementary Teacher, effective September 16, 2011, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 33 years.

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

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

Authorization to Sign an Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Freeport Teachers Association.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, McQuillan, 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 8:28 p.m. Ms. Mulé moved to adjourn to executive session for five specific matters of personnel and one matter of negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and passed unanimously.

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

At 9:23 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 9:24 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,

Michael Singelton
Clerk Pro Tem

Consultant	Schools	Services Provided	Costs for 2011-2012	Funding Source
International Association of Human Values (YES Program)	District-wide	Students are engaged in youth empowerment activities and social emotional learning through Yoga; physically challenging games and mentally challenging discussions; strategies for mental focus; and stress management techniques.	Not to Exceed \$15,000	21 ST Century Community Learning Centers (\$3,000) & Professional Development Funds (\$12,000)
Stages for Life (former Actors Garage) <i>Drama Technology</i>	FHS Dodd Atkinson	With a focus on language development for ELLs, a heterogeneous group of ELL and non ELL students learn how to improvise and create skits for teaching positive youth messages; they write, dramatize, video and critique their performances; then edit a final skit produced on a DVD, shared with the District attorney's office	Not to Exceed \$8,000	21 ST Century Community Learning Centers
Urbintel <i>Creative Writing</i>	FHS	Poetry Workshops – students learn how to convey important youth messages through verse and poetry, by reflecting on their own lives and writing to creatively express themselves for their peers as an audience	Not to Exceed \$8,000	21 ST Century Community Learning Centers
Sparkle Entertainment <i>Robyn Workman</i>	Dodd	Drama: Actively engages students in the casting , acting, staging, setting, writing and producing a theatrical musical production	Not to Exceed \$8,000	21 ST Century Community Learning Centers

Unite (Drive Alive) <i>Alcohol and drug prevention</i>	High School	High impact driving while intoxicated (DWI) simulated activity of how it feels to drive drunk; pledge station for students to promise not to drive drunk or let friends drive drunk; alcohol facts, figures, and statistics about alcohol and its dangers	Not to Exceed \$3,500	21 ST Century Community Learning Centers
Kathleen Flynn-Bisson Prevention through the Arts (KFBPTA) <i>Alcohol and drug prevention through the arts</i>	Dodd High School	Presentations on being responsible and accountable for one's behavior in social settings where peer pressure often poses a challenge	Not to Exceed \$1,000	21 ST Century Community Learning Centers
Jeff Sheloff <i>Jazz Quartet Cultural History and music</i>	FHS	Jazz quartet presentation of African American History of music across the decades	Not to Exceed \$1,800	21 ST Century Community Learning Centers
Michael Polansky <i>Health & Wellness</i>	High School	Students are engaged in nutritional and health education discussions with an emphasis on responsible and accountable behavior for living a healthy, long life	Not to Exceed \$795	21 ST Century Community Learning Centers
Fran Lacas	Dodd	Provides support to teachers of Spanish Native Language Arts classes English Language Learners ELL	Not to Exceed \$3,400	Title IIA
Barbara Rothenberg	FHS	Provides support to teachers of Spanish Native Language Arts classes English Language Learners ELL	Not to Exceed \$3,400	Title IIA
Dr. Andrea Honigsfeld	Atkinson, Dodd, & FHS	Sheltered Instructional Observation Protocol	Not to Exceed \$6,000	Title IIA

EMC Paradigm	Dodd Middle School	English Language Arts	Not to Exceed \$12,000	Title IIA
Read 180 Consultant	Dodd Middle School	English Language Arts	Not to Exceed \$2,800	Title IIA
Carol Masin	Ongoing trainings for teachers with grade level changes from Columbus (pre-k) to elementary	Training and implementation of Foundations, which is a phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics and spelling program English Language Arts	Not to Exceed \$3,750	Title IIA
Luisa Costa-Garo	K-4 Magnets, Atkinson, & Dodd MS	Implementation of 50/50 Dual Language Model	Not to Exceed \$5,500	Title IIA
Peter Hayes	Elementary Schools	Magnet Schools Data Analysis	Not to Exceed \$1,000	Title IIA