

October 5, 2011

The regular Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 5, 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 7:34 p.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Vilma Lancaster
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. Ken Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Also absent were: Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 11.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, began the meeting by thanking everyone for the supporting the Qualified School Construction Bond and the Synthetic Turf Field Referendum. .

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, made the following announcements:

- The first set of plans for the turf field and the air conditioning for the cafeteria in the High School have been submitted to the State.
- The Peace and Love Concert, held at Freeport High School, October 4, 2011, sent positive energy to the entire Village.

- Thank you to all the Principals and parents and special thank you to Anne Marie Hudley- Simmons, Coordinator of the Arts and Doug Martines and the Audio-Visual Technicians for all their help in making this 3rd Annual event such a wonderful and successful one.
- A special thanks goes out to Freeport Cares and Freeport Pride under the direction of Ted Levy in helping celebrate Non-Violence along with Peace and Love.

A video with short clips of the event was shown.

- Congratulations to Alice Kane, Director of Pupil Personnel Service, who has successfully defended her doctoral thesis and is now Dr. Kane.
- Christine Petruzzo, the Assistant Business Administrator, will be leaving Freeport for her home district. We wish her the best and thank her for the superior service and expertise the last 7 years.

Dr. Kuncham then introduced Mr. Vincent Cullen of Cullen and Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants for Freeport Schools.

Mr. Cullen explained that every school district must hire firms to audit the district's finances according to New York State law. He was happy to give Freeport a "clean opinion" report which is the highest opinion a district can receive. In his opinion, the district is in good standing with its finances.

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 Mr. Pomerico and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe 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:

July 19, 2011; August 9, 2011; September 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20 21, 22, 2011.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Acceptance of the First Reading of the Revised/New Board of Education Policies

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby acknowledges the receipt of and has had the opportunity to review the following revised/new Board of Education policies:

1330, 1332, 1334, 1336, 1510, 2130, 3110, 3280, 3410, 3420
4310, 5110, 5120, 5621 (new), 5410, 5510, 5511, 5520, 5620,
5621, 5640, 5660, 5680, 5760, 6112, 6120, 6122, 6130, 6140,
6170, 6210, 6212, 6212.1, 6471, 6510, 6550, 6551, 6570, 6571,
6572, 6573 (new), 7110, 7130, 7220, 7222, 7242, 7330, 7360,
7512, 7513, 7514, 7552, 7611, 7617, 7620, 7640, 7660, 7670,
8240.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Authorization to Sign Agreements

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby authorizes the President to execute on behalf of the Board the attached Employment Benefit Agreements between the District and the following Central Office Administrators for the 2011-12 school-year:

Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director for Operations.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Resolution to Nominate a Delegate

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby nominates Ron Ellerbe as the Delegate for the New York State School Boards 2011 Convention representing Freeport Union Free School District.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Vilma Lancaster is hereby designated as the alternate should Mr. Ellerbe not be able to attend.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Acceptance of the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the final copy of the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Student Suspension

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby upholds the Superintendent's suspension of a student in the matter of a suspension of a student with the initials J. M., through October 14, 2011. J. M. may return to school on October 17, 2011.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 8:40 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the Board adjourned the meeting.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on October 25, 2011, 7:30 p.m., at Bayview Avenue School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.
District Clerk