

**November 2, 2011**

The regular Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 2, 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 7:31 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  
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 20.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, in observance of Board Recognition thanked the Board for their dedication and commitment to Freeport students.

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, announced that the Audit Committee had met with the Internal Auditor to hear the report for the status of the 2010/2011. The report will be accepted at the action meeting on November 16, 2011.

Dr. Kuncham also informed the Board and the public of the following:

- The College Fair had over 600 students along with their parents. The feedback from the College Representatives was great! Some Colleges were doing on the spot admissions.

- New Visions and Bayview Avenue fourth grade students will be participating in the Cradle of Aviation's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. The children will conduct research and participate in various space exploration activities.
- The Freeport Football Team will have the first playoff game on November 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at home.
- In our Girls Soccer Program, Giselle Ortiz earned All County honors and was named Conference AIII Player of the Year. Tracie Roberts was named Conference AIII Coach of the Year.

Dr. Kuncham then introduced Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Westervelt gave an overview of the School Quality Review, a program to help school districts make progress.

- The Superintendent announced that a stay has been granted in the legal proceedings against Nassau County trying to shift the costs of the "sewer tax" to the school districts.
- Proud to announce that the District will be partnering with The United Way and J P Morgan Chase in a program that over the next 4 to 5 years will bring \$600,000 to \$700,000 to expand programs for Freeport students.
- Pleased to announce that Mr. Ernest Kight, Jr. will be staying on till June 30, 2011.

The Superintendent introduced Mr. Kight. Mr. Kight said he was overwhelmed and humbled by support that he has received from the community. He then announced that after talking to many students, parents, community residents and most especially his wife, he has reconsidered his decision and would like to stay if possible through June, 2012. He has submitted his request to the Board of Education for their consideration. He was grateful to Dr. Kuncham for his support in this regard.

Mrs. Debra Mule, Vice President of the Board read the following statement of support for Mr. Kight's decision to stay for the rest of the school year from the Board President, Debra McQuillan who was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitment:

"Even though I cannot be there, I want you to know that I fully support this request and would be casting my vote in favor if I was able to be there this evening. My best wishes to Mr. Kight."

### **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:

September 13, 27, 28, 2011

October 7, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 2011

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

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

**Acceptance of a Change of Retirement Date**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the application of Ernest Kight, Jr., hereby rescinds its prior resolution accepting the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Mr. Kight effective January 27, 2012, and accepts his resignation, for purposes of retirement, from the position of High School Principal effective June 30, 2012.

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

**Adjournment**

At 8:29 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Lancaster, 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 November 16, 2011, 7:30 p.m., at John W. Dodd Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.  
District Clerk