

## December 21, 2011

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, in the Auditorium of the New Visions School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., she then led the pledge of allegiance. Ms. McQuillan then asked for a moment of silence to remember Camille Scott, a student at John W. Dodd Middle School, who had passed away suddenly. She said that the Board of Education was moved by the outpouring of support from the community, staff and students for Camille's family as well as the quick response of the District staff.

Those present were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President  
Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President  
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Trustee  
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, 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. Kenneth Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for  
Business (arrived at 7:33 p.m.)  
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 85.

The Superintendent welcomed everyone.

### **High School Student Government Presentation**

Five students from Freeport High School each thanked the Board and Administration for their support and gave a brief updates on the various activities and upcoming events at Freeport High School. They thanked Dr. Kuncham for

meeting with them recently and wished everyone a healthy and happy Holiday Season. The presenters were Brittany Spell, Stephanie Morales, Nora Melendez, Elizabeth Mulé and Bianca Molina.

Dr. Kuncham thanked the students and said that we are all very proud of the work they do.

Dr. Kuncham recognized the following individuals:

- Stephanie Morales, Commander Officer for the Freeport High School JROTC program which is a wonderful program for students.
- Kathy Beatty from our Public Relations firm had great media coverage of third grader, Emilo Pereira, at Leo F. Giblyn School's surprise reunion with his brother, U. S. Marine, Arturo Velaquez. The heartwarming event was covered by ABC, NBC, FOX, CBS, and News 12, FIOS as well as Newsday. Freeport had great coverage of a wonderful event.

He then called upon the Principal of New Visions, Ms. Renee Crump, to introduce the children of New Visions School with an excerpt from the Winter Festival of the Arts titled "Flakes" under the direction of teachers Ms. Ruth Breidenbach and Marie Codispoti. The musical presentation was wonderful and enjoyed by all.

### **Unsung Heroes Recognition**

Ms. Crump informed everyone that New Visions was recognizing a retired teacher, Virginia (Gina) Hart (and Freeport High School graduate). Ms. Hart was a District employee for many years and retired from Archer Street School. She now volunteers three days every week in a kindergarten class at New Visions School!! Ms. Bonnie Murphy accepted the pin, presented by the President of the School Board as Ms. Hart was unable to attend. Ms. Murphy thanked the Board and Central Administration for this program that recognizes unsung heroes here in our District.

Dr. Kuncham then made the following announcements:

- New York State has approved the design for the synthetic turf field and the FHS Cafeteria HVAC plans
- A spill occurred during a delivery of fuel at Caroline G. Atkinson. The District acted immediately and all precautions were taken. Thank you to Mr. James Robinson, Director of Facilities for his due diligence in handling the spill.

- The PBA under the direction of Patrick Franzone sponsored a toy drive. All Freeport Schools participated and was a wonderful success. Thank you to all for supporting Freeport Families. Council Woman, Angie Cullen visited Leo F. Giblyn School and was very impressed by the support of the Giblyn students.
- The Head to Toe program, Packed to Empower, a project founded by FHS Senior, Brea Baker was a wonderful success and will support young women all over the world. This program also attracted positive publicity for our schools and highlighted our student's positive impact. Congratulations to Brea for a wonderful program.
- Beginning in January 2012 we will have more detailed budget discussions and information regarding the impact of the tax cap and declining state aid.
- A new study says that NY City and its suburbs (of which Long Island is the main one) supply 72% of the school tax money and receive back only 58%. The rest of New York State supplies 28% of the money and receives back 42% of the tax money they send to Albany.
- New York State Commissioner of Education, John King and Deputy Commissioner, Kenneth Slentz, have invited the Superintendent to join them at the United States Department of Education's first Race to the Top convention.

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

### **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 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:

November 16, 2011, December 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:

1. **Brenda Floyd**, Security Aide, extension of a leave of absence beginning August 31, 2011, now through December 12, 2011 for health reasons.
2. **Jennifer Kelly**, Special Education Teacher, extension of a leave of absence beginning November 5, 2011, now through November 30, 2011 for health reasons.
3. **Pamela Yodowitz**, English Teacher, extension of a leave beginning September 15, 2011, now through January 30, 2012 for child care.
4. **Caren Stander**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 29, 2011 through January 3, 2012, for health reasons.
5. **Lori Cook**, Reading Teacher, extension of a leave of absence beginning September 1, 2011, now through January 30, 2012, for child care.
6. **Eddie Chavez**, Groundskeeper, effective December 7, 2011 through February 1, 2012, for health reasons.
7. **Lucretia Valerie-Randazzo**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 22, 2011 through January 2, 2012, for health reasons.
8. **Kristin Fagan**, Guidance Counselor, effective December 5, 2011 through January 2, 2012, for health reasons.
9. **Ana Bernal**, Cleaner, effective November 28, 2011 through December 18, 2011, for health reasons.
10. **Sharon Ferriso**, Teacher, effective January 1, 2012 through February 5, 2012, for child care.

### **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:

1. **Timothy Smallwood**, Cleaner, effective November 13, 2011, to accept another position in the District.
2. **Eric Ligon**, Permanent Substitute, effective November 7, 2011, to accept another position in the District.

### **Personnel**

#### **Termination of Staff**

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

**Clare Deninno**, Typist Clerk, effective December 21, 2011 due to Civil Service Law §73.

#### **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.

**Eric Ligon, Elementary** Teacher, (replacing J. Schreiber, retired) a temporary appointment effective November 8, 2011 through August 31, 2012. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U2D Schedule at \$62,208 (pro rated). 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.

1. **Shawn M. Holder**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing D. Ellerbe, resigned) a probationary appointment effective November 28, 2011 through November 27, 2014 with an anticipated tenure date of November 28, 2014. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$17,849. Assignment: Dodd.
2. **Carol Bazzey**, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing R. Waller, resigned) a temporary appointment, effective November 28, 2011. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$11,485. Assignment: Dodd.

### **Personnel**

#### **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.

**Timothy Smallwood**, Custodian, (replacing C. Merced, resigned) a probationary appointment for 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval, effective November 14, 2011. Compensation will be according to the Custodial Schedule, Step 4 at \$44,592. Assignment: Atkinson

### **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:

October 5, 13, 24, 2011

November 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 30, 2011

December 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 21, 2011.

**Other Items for Action**

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

**Granting of Tenure**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants tenure status to the following individual(s):

<b>Teacher(s)</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TENURE AREA</b>	<b>TENURE DATE</b>
Susan Hickey	FHS	Mathematics	January 3, 2012

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

**Education**

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

**Approval of Consultants -- External Evaluators**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves agreements between Developmental Systems and the Freeport Union Free School District to conduct program evaluations as required by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant (\$25,000) and the Elementary and Secondary Guidance Counselors Grant (\$20,000).

**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, McQuillan, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

### **Approval of the Comprehensive Education Plans**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Comprehensive Education Plans (CEP) for the Caroline G. Atkinson School, John W. Dodd Middle School and Freeport High School

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

### **Finance**

#### **Acceptance of a Donation**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, the gift of one AED, worth \$1,400, and an AED Cabinet, worth \$250. This gift was a generous donation from Capital One, is much appreciated, and will be put to good use.

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

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

#### **Budget Transfers- Capital Fund – General Fund—November, 2011**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District here by approves a Budget Transfer for the Capital Fund for November, 2011 and for the General Fund for November 2011.



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

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

**Approval of BOCES – Project Number 20-280091 AP Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves a contract between Freeport Union Free School District and the Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) for Project #20-280091 AP to replace obsolete photocopy equipment with multifunction Xerox printers as per the attached.

**FREEPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FREEPORT, NEW YORK**

MOTION MADE BY Mr. R. Ellerbe SECONDED BY Mr. M. Pomerico TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FREEPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (PROJECT #20-280091AP DATED December 21, 2011 BETWEEN NASSAU BOCES AND THE XEROX CORPORATION) TO FIND THAT:

(i) the use of the Equipment and the District's participation in the Administrative projects are essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of its education program to be supported by the Equipment, and is necessary to maintain the District's educational program; and that

(ii) the expenses arising under this Agreement constitute ordinary contingent expenses necessary for providing educational services and the transaction is in the best financial interests of the School District because it enables the District to utilize the equipment in a cost effective and economic manner.

AND TO APPROVE AN ASSIGNMENT OF CO-SER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FREEPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF NASSAU COUNTY ARISING UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM PROJECT #20-280091AP (NASSAU BOCES/XEROX CORPORATION PROJECT) TO REPLACE OBSOLETE PHOTOCOPY EQUIPMENT WITH MULTI-FUNCTION XEROX PRINTERS AT FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL, THE ADMINISTRATION

BUILDING, ARCHER STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BAYVIEW AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CAROLINE G. ATKINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LEO F. GIBLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCAYION CENTER AND J. W. DODD MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE APPROPRIATE ASSIGNMENT AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE TRANSACTION SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW.

I, MARY BEDIAKO, Ed.D., THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK, CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE FREEPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD AT A REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2011 OF WHICH NOTICE WAS GIVEN AND A QUORUM BEING PRESENT AND I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THOSE RESOLUTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN AMENDED OR REVOKED.

Dated: December 22, 2011

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Signature

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, 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.

**Adjournment**

At 10:15 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Mulé the Board adjourned the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.  
District Clerk