

January 25, 2012

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, in the Gymnasium of the Columbus Avenue 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 147.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr Kishore Kuncham welcomed everyone to the Board of Education Action meeting. He introduced Ms. Peggy Miller, Principal of Columbus Avenue School to introduce Columbus Avenue School Unsung Hero, Ms. Danielle Clukies. Ms. Clukies is a parent, very active PTA President who is always available to anything that is required at Columbus Avenue School. She spent countless hours fundraising and reading to the children. Ms. Clukies was presented with a pin and a plaque in appreciation of all her hard work for the children of Freeport.

Mr. Michael Pomerico, School Board Member and Freeport Police Officer introduced another Unsung Hero, Police Officer Patrick Franzone, a Freeport High School graduate and former member of the Marine Corps. Officer Franzone works tirelessly with the PBA "Toys for Tots" program. He raises funds and toys throughout the year for children who may otherwise go without. This past year over 600 families were helped. Officer Franzone was presented a pin and a plaque in appreciation of all he does year round for the needy children of our community.

Dr. Kuncham made the following announcements:

- Senator Fuschillo has obtained funding of \$40,000 for elementary schools to purchase smart boards and document cameras. Thank you Senator Fuschillo!
- The Caroline G. Atkinson Community Afternoon Program had started with about 100 students participating due to the efforts of some special individuals: Sandra Mahoney, Vice President of Community Affairs' for United Way, Theresa Regnante, CEO of United Way and Winford Mentar, Vice President for J P Morgan Chase. They have made a commitment for their organizations for at least 4-5 years and hope to serve the students of Freeport for a long time. Board Vice-President Mulé and Dr. Kuncham presented plaques and pins of appreciation to each of them.

Ms. Miller, Principal of Columbus Avenue School then introduced the Pre-K students and the Kindergarten students. Each class sang a song which was enjoyed by all.

The following 20 Year Employees were recognized with certificates and pins:

Douglas Anderson	Diane Frohman	Robin Reiss
Yolanda Broncano	Mattie Gates	Kristina Ridini
Catherine Byrne	Lisa Giuliano	Terry Robinson
Joseph Chetti	Doreen Mannanice	Barbara Shelly
Wendy Connelly	James Martino	Irene Skiriotis

At 8:44 p.m. a short break was taken to congratulate the honorees.

The meeting was called back to session at 9:05 p.m.

Dr. Kuncham continued by reminding everyone that February 1, 2012 would be the first official presentation of the budget for 2012-2013. He also reminded everyone that at the January 18, 2012 meeting the 2% tax cap was discussed in detail.

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 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:

December 8, 2011; December 21, 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:

Sherill Taylor-Morgan, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 20, 2012 through June 30, 2012, for student teaching.

Jodi DiSpigno, Elementary Teacher, effective December 14, 2011 through February 26, 2012, for health reasons.

Caren Stander, full-time Teaching Assistant, extension of a leave of absence that began November 29, 2011, now through January 30, 2012, for health reasons.

Christina Molnar, Elementary Teacher, effective December 15, 2011 through January 5, 2012, for health reasons, FMLA.

Elizabeth Franklyn, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 27, 2012 through June 30, 2012, for student teaching.

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:

Kaitlan Haggerty, full-time Teaching Assistant, change of salary due to educational incentive. New salary \$17,901.40, effective January 3, 2012.

Termination of Staff

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

Irving Atkins, Security Aide, effective January 2, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for over 10 years, deceased.

Sharon Schuit, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 9, 2012.

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.

Melissa Torres, English Teacher, (replacing J. Sagna, retired) a temporary appointment effective January 3, 2012 through August 31, 2012. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U2D Schedule at \$62,208. Assignment: Dodd.

Co-curricular 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 below, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers or other staff in the public schools of New York for the 2011-2012 School Year.

ADVISOR	CLUB	SCHOOL	STIPEND
Lorrie Greene	Human Rights Day & Black History Assembly (co-advisors)	FHS	\$1, 486.50
Yasmin Chambers			\$1, 486.50

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

TEACHER	SUBJECT	TERM	STIPEND
Robert Fallot	Earth Science	Spring	\$5,392
Ana Rosa	English	Spring	\$5,392
Matthew Fliegel	English	Spring	\$5,392

EXTENDED DAY

ARCHER			
Teacher	No of days/wk	No. of hrs.	Stipend
Mary Caccioppoli	2 days/wk x 20 wks	2 hrs/day	\$2,026.00
Karen Lettsome	2 days/wk x 20 wks	2 hrs/day	\$2,026.00
Linda Marino	2 days/wk x 20 wks	2 hrs/day	\$2,026.00
Valerie Smith	2 days/wk x 20 wks	2 hrs/day	\$2,026.00
Noreen Puppò	2 days/wk x 20 wks	2 hrs/day	\$2,026.00
NEW VISIONS			
Jessica McCarson	2 days/wk x 15 wks	1 hrs/day	\$1,520.00
Kerry Bracken	2 days/wk x 15 wks	1 hrs/day	\$1,520.00
Meghan Mauch	2 days/wk x 15 wks	1 hrs/day	\$1,520.00
Gabriella Farruggio	2 days/wk x 15 wks	1 hrs/day	\$1,520.00
GIBLYN			
Beth Rugolo	2 days/wk x 10 wks	1 hr/day	\$1,013.00
Lauren Chimeri	2 days/wk x 10 wks	1 hr/day	\$1,013.00
Justin Gabrus	2 days/wk x 10 wks	1 hr/day	\$1,013.00

Lori Downing	2 days/wk x 10 wks	1 hr/day	\$1,013.00
Sue Caravousanos	2 days/wk x 10 wks	1 hr/day	\$1,013.00
Lorraine Brown	1 day/wk x 10 wks	1hr/day	\$506.50
Renee Zaldivar	1 day/wk x 10 wks	1hr/day	\$506.50
Jahn Corbo	2 days/wk x 10 wks	1 hr/day	\$1,013.00
Myra Espina	1 day/wk x 10 wks	1hr/day	\$506.50
Christa Vetack	2 days/wk x 10 wks	1 hr/day	\$1,013.00
BAYVIEW			
Benedetto, Ingrid	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216
Calidonio, Belinda	4 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$2,431
DeVenuti, Theodore	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216
Dixon, Courtney	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216
Estevez, Christina	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216
Farrell, Christopher	3 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,823
LaPenne, Geraldine	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216
Levine, Celine	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216
Litwack, Laura	1day/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$608
Marmol, Raquel	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216
Urquhart-Green, Kara	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216
Valasky, Wendy	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216
Vuolo, Elizabeth	2 days/wk x 12wks	1hr/day	\$1,216

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:

November 14, 17, 22, 23, 29, 2011; December 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 13, 15, 19, 22, 2011
January 5, 6, 9, 11, 2012.

Other Items for Action

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

Personnel

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):

Teacher(s)			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Talonda Thomas	Atkinson	Music	February 2, 2012
Matthew Fliegel	FHS	English	February 2, 2012
Teaching Assistant(s)			
Tia Williams	FHS	Teaching Assistant	February 2, 2012

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

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a second by Mr. Pomerico, 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:

Martha Yako, Elementary Teacher, Teacher, effective January 4, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 13 years.

Samuel Nepote, Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 37 years.

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

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

Education

Establishment of the Annual Meeting, the Budget Hearing and the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby establishes the Annual Meeting, the Budget Hearing and the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election as prescribed in the FOLLOWING resolution.

- **WHEREAS** Section, 2022-a, requires that in a union free school district in a county with a population of one million or more, holding the election of board of education or board of trustees members, the vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures, or on propositions involving the expenditure of money, or authorizing the levy of taxes, provides that such election shall be held on the third Tuesday in May, (May 15, 2012).
- **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District shall hold a budget hearing on May 2, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

- **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board shall, and is hereby directed to, have notices of the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 15, 2012, published in the Official Papers of the District. These papers shall be *The Freeport Baldwin Leader* and *The Long Island Graphic*, two newspapers having general circulation within the District. Said publications shall be at least four times and on the dates as listed for each newspaper. *The Freeport Baldwin Leader* shall be March 28, April 5, April 19, and April 26, 2012, or an alternate date within the required notification period. *The Long Island Graphic* shall be March 28, April 5, April 19, and April 26, 2012, or an alternate date within the required notification period, and the Clerk of the Board of Education shall have notices of the May 2, 2012 Budget Hearing published in the Official Papers of the District. Said publications shall be at least four times and on the dates as listed for each newspaper. For the *Freeport Baldwin Leader* it shall be on the dates as listed for the notice of the annual budget vote and election or an alternate date within the required notification period. For the *Long Island Graphic* it shall be on the dates as listed for the notice of the annual budget vote and election or an alternate date within the required notification period.
- **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Registration shall be open in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York every school day in the Administration Building, 235 North Ocean Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 o'clock a.m. and 3:30 o'clock p.m. (local time) until May 8, 2012, for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 15, 2012. In addition the Board of Registration will be open May 1, 2012 and May 3, 2012 from 6:00 o'clock p.m. until 9:00 o'clock p.m. for residents to register to vote for the Annual Budget and Trustee election to be held on May 15, 2012.
- **AND FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education determines that voting machines are to be used for the purpose of recording the vote at said meeting of the District to be held on May 15, 2012, between the hours of 6 o'clock a.m. and 9 o'clock p.m. (local time), pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, and the Clerk of the District is hereby directed to procure such machines as may be necessary for use at said meeting.
- **BE IT RESOLVED**, that nominations for the Office of School Trustee shall be filed with the School District Clerk, Administration Building, on or before 5 o'clock p.m. (local time) April 16, 2012, and shall contain at least forty-five (45) signatures of qualified voters.
- **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a lottery shall take place on April 16, 2012, at 5 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of determining candidate placement on the ballot.
- **BE IT RESOLVED**, that all questions and propositions for the conduct of the meetings and elections, other than those for the Office of School Trustee, which the qualified voters of the District desire to be placed on the voting machines, shall be filed with the School District Clerk, Administration

Building, on or before 5 o'clock p.m. (local time), April 16, 2012 upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least one hundred and thirteen (113) qualified voters of the School District. The Board of Education reserves the right to edit or amend any proposition without changing the intent thereof.

- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that petitions for propositions which are required by law to be included in the notice of the annual meeting must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on or before March 16, 2012 upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least one hundred and thirteen (113) qualified voters of the School District. The Board of Education reserves the right to edit or amend any proposition without changing the intent thereof.

BE IT RESOLVED, that absentee ballots will be provided for the election of Board members and Budget Vote, in accordance with Education Law of the State of New York, §2018-a.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

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

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

Education

Resolution to Approve Student Travels

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Philadelphia, PA, College Park, MD, Baltimore MD, Washington, DC from April 18 through April 21, 2012 for the purpose of providing a college tour for students that will visit the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, The University of Maryland at College Park and at Baltimore, Howard University and Georgetown University. Students will also visit Six Flags in Bowie, MD on the return trip.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said authorization is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High School's compliance with all insurance, health, safety and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administrative Procedures.

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:

Authorization to sign Agreements

WHEREAS, the United Way of Long Island has requested the use of facilities at the Atkinson Intermediate School for the purpose of operating a community school initiative program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to permit this use by United Way of Long Island;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby permits the use of its facilities at Atkinson Intermediate School by United Way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of said use shall be memorialized in a written agreement which agreement shall be mutually acceptable to the Board of Education and the United Way of Long Island; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to executed said agreement.

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

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

Finance

Budget Transfers- Capital Fund – General Fund—January, 2012

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District here by approves a Budget Transfer for the General Fund for January, 2012 and for the Capital Fund for January, 2012.

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 9:15 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for one specific matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and passed unanimously.

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

At 10:10 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Action

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District herewith authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute, on behalf of the Board of Education, an agreement and associated documents between the Board of Education and a certain employee of the District.

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

Adjournment

At 10:12 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