

February 15, 2012

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, in the Gymnasium of the Leo F. Giblyn 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 156.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr Kishore Kuncham welcomed everyone to the Board of Education Action meeting. He then made the following points:

- The budget process began in November
- The first draft was presented at the January 18, 2012, January 25, 2012 and February 1, 2012 Board of Education meetings.
- The impact of the Tax Cap is dramatic on our budget.
- Twenty six positions and some programs have been reduced.
- We need to reduce our budget by three million more.
- It is important that people stay informed and if they can, contact your legislators. Information and sample letters are available at the back of the room.

The Superintendent then invited the Student Counsel to report on activities and events at Freeport High School. Brittany Spell, Stephanie Morales, and Bianca Molina gave an overview of the activities at Freeport High School. Dr. Kuncham also thanked Mr. Josh Levitt, the Student Government Advisor, for all his work.

Dr. Kuncham then announced that tonight a great friend to Freeport Public Schools, County Executive Ed Mangano, sent someone special to Freeport, John McGuire, a former Freeporter and now Emergency Operations Manager for Nassau County. Freeport Public Schools will be receiving \$500,000, from the Environmental Bond Project Fund, to help with the cost of construction of a synthetic turf field with lighting. The total cost is estimated to be \$1.9 million. (This will be paid for by the Districts Capital Reserve fund at no additional cost to the tax payers of Freeport.) A giant thank you goes out to Mr. Mangano and Mr. McGuire.

Mr. McGuire thanked the Superintendent and Freeport. He also said these are trying times and he was proud to be here as a Bayview Avenue graduate and a Freeport High School graduate and to help in any way that he could.

Ms. Amanda Villalba introduced the 4th Grade Chorus. The students sang “Let There Be Peace on Earth” for the Board, Central Administration and the public. The performance was enjoyed by all.

Ms. Amanda Villalba introduced the Leo F. Giblyn Unsung Hero, Phillip M. Flood. Officer Flood is a veteran of the Freeport Police Department for over 20 years and an integral part of the Giblyn Family for almost that long. All of his children have attended Giblyn and he is a dedicated member of the Adopt-A-Cop program. He attends PTA meetings, chaperones on class trips and volunteers at various class activities. Giblyn is proud to have Officer Flood as their Unsung Hero for 2012.

Dr. Kuncham congratulated the following individuals for their accomplishments:

- Vilma Lancaster received the New York State School Boards Association Achievement Certificate.
- Ronald Ellerbe received the New York State School Board Association Board Excellence Certificate.
- Congratulations to Jonathan Greenwood for winning the 300 meter and 600 meter runs at the Nassau County Class A Championships.
- Congratulations to the Boy’s 4 X 400 meter relay team for qualifying for the prestigious Millrose Games.
- The Girls’ Bowling Team also won 1st place.
- The Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball teams both qualified for the playoffs.
- The JV Wrestling team won the Russ Cellan J V-O-Rama.

The Superintendent went on to congratulate and thank the following staff members for their years of service to the children of Freeport and the District:

- **Valerie Piali**, ESL Teacher, more than 38 years.
- **Ana Maria Fruchtnis**, Elementary Teacher, more than 22 years.

- **Mary Ann Gorman**, Reading Teacher, more than 12 years.
- **Mary Lou Giunta**, Elementary Teacher, more than 19 years.
- **Coleen Gallo**, Assistant Principal. more than 30 years.
- **Mary Jean Tucker**, Registered Nurse, more than 24 years.
- **Maurice Grant**, Assistant Principal. more than 11 years.

The Board accepted two committee reports, The Security Committee and the Legislative Committee.

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: January 18, 2012; January 25, 2012; February 1, 2012.

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:

Taisha Jackson, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 23, 2012 through March 19, 2012, for health reasons.

Joycelyn Rodriguez, Art Teacher, extension of a leave of absence that began October 26, 2011 through January 31, 2012, now through March 4, 2012, for health reasons.

Eddie Chavez, Groundskeeper, extension of a leave of absence that began December 7, 2011 through February 1, 2012, now through March 4, 2012, for health reasons.

Luann Mayer, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 30, 2012 through March 14, 2012, for health reasons.

Carmen Scali, Spanish Teacher, effective February 3, 2012 through March 11, 2012, for health reasons.

Vashti Burke, Music Teacher, effective January 30, 2012 through February 6, 2012, for health reasons.

Kristin Fagan, Guidance Counselor, effective January 23, 2012 through

February 12, 2012, 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:

Vanessa Mannanice, Art Teacher, Leave Replacement, effective February 1, 2012 an extension of an assignment through March 2, 2012.

Extension of Probation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby extends the probationary period ending date by one year to March 1, 2013, for the following individual, in accordance with the provisions of a letter dated February 1, 2012.

Georgia Lambrinos, Science Teacher, probationary period extended to March 1, 2013.

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:

Alfred Boyd, Security Aide, effective January 26, 2012, for personal reasons.

Jacob Whalen, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective February 1, 2012, for personal reasons.

Morgan Sorrentino, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 20, 2012, for personal reasons.

Julie Rose, 2/3 Social Worker, effective February 17, 2012, for personal reasons.

Anne Marie Hudley Simmons, Coordinator of the Arts, effective June 30, 2012, for personal reasons.

Felix Polanco, Guidance Counselor, effective March 9, 2012, for personal reasons.

Appointment of Spring Coaching Staff

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 as coaches.

SALARY SCHEDULE 2011-2012

COACH'S NAME	POSITION	STEP	SALARY
BEATHEA, LOLITA	VARSITY BADMINTON	3 RD	\$4,527.00

TIMMES, WILLIAM	VARSITY BASEBALL	3 RD	\$7,280.00
DELGADO, ROBERTO	VARSITY ASST. BASEBALL	1 ST	\$4,583.00
SMAR, STEPHEN	J.V. BASEBALL	2 ND	\$4,930.00
STEIMER, LAURENCE	MODIFIED 8 TH GRADE BASEBALL	3 RD	\$4,187.00
PURICELLI, JR., CHARLES	MODIFIED 7 TH GRADE BASEBALL	3 RD	\$4,187.00
MOHRMAN, HARRY	BOYS VARSITY HEAD LACROSSE	3 RD	\$7,733.00
FIGORE, CHRISTOPHER	BOYS VARSITY ASST. LACROSSE	3 RD	\$2,860.00
MILLS, RANDY	BOYS VARSITY ASST. LACROSSE	3 RD	\$2,860.00
HALVORSEN Sr, TIMOTHY	BOYS J.V. HEAD LACROSSE	3 RD	\$5,545.00
HALVORSEN Jr, TIMOTHY	BOYS J.V. ASST. LACROSSE	3 RD	\$5,545.00
JONES, JIMMY	BOYS MODIFIED LACROSSE	3 RD	\$4,865.00
BALLARD, DANIELLE	GIRLS VARSITY HEAD LACROSSE	3 RD	\$7,783.00
WAHLERS, DIANE	GIRLS VARSITY ASST. LACROSSE	3 RD	\$5,720.00
COLONNA, LISA	GIRLS J.V. HEAD LACROSSE	3 RD	\$5,545.00
JONES, MEREDITH	GIRLS MODIFIED HEAD LACROSSE	3 RD	\$4,865.00
TRACIE ROBERTS	GIRLS MODIFIED ASST. LACROSSE	1 ST	\$3,702.00
BIVONA, CHRISTINA	GIRLS VARSITY HEAD SOFTBALL	3 RD	\$7,280.00
BORRIELLO, RENEE	GIRLS VARSITY ASST. SOFTBALL	3 RD	\$5,203.00
VAN NOSTRAND, GREG	GIRLS J.V. SOFTBALL	3 RD	\$5,203.00
LLOYD-FORDE, LAKISHA	GIRLS 8 TH GRADE SOFTBALL	3 RD	\$4,187.00
MANNANICE, VANESSA	GIRLS 7 TH GRADE SOFTBALL	1 ST	\$3,702.00
ANDERSEN, ALAN	BOYS VARSITY HEAD TENNIS	3 RD	\$5,007.00
DEBONIS, ROBERT	BOYS VARSITY ASST. TENNIS	3 RD	\$3,936.00
GILREATH, CHARLES	BOYS VARSITY HEAD TRACK	3 RD	\$7,279.00
YEARWOOD, FELICIA	BOYS VARSITY ASST. TRACK	2 ND	\$4,930.00
WILLIAMS, TIA	GIRLS VARSITY HEAD TRACK	3 RD	\$7,279.00
EDMEADE, VAUGHN	GIRLS VARSITY ASST. TRACK	1 ST	\$4,583.00
FACEY, SCOTT	GIRLS VARSITY ASST. TRACK	1 ST	\$1,425.00
BLOUNT, ERIC	COED MODIFIED HEAD TRACK	3 RD	\$4,527.00
BROWN, YVONNE	COED MODIFIED ASST. TRACK	3 RD	\$4,187.00
CELLAN, RUSSELL	SPRING WEIGHT TRAINING	3 RD	\$2,084.00
BIVONA, CHRISTINA	SPRING 5 TH GRADE SPORTS	3 RD	\$1,505.50
DEBONIS, ROBERT	SPRING 6 TH GRADE SPORTS	3 RD	\$1,505.50
GILREATH, CHARLES	BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SPORTS	3 RD	\$1,505.50
ZITO, GEORGE	ATHLETIC TRAINER	3 RD	\$6,663.00

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 29, 2011, December 5, 6, 13, 20, 22, 2011, January 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 2012, February 2, 3, 2012.

Appointment of an Officer to the Board

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the following Officer to the Board for the 2011-2012 Year in accordance with Education Law. This appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2012 and shall terminate on June 30, 2012:

Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth: **Pamela Taylor**.

Other Items for Action

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

Personnel

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(s) as listed:

Valerie Piali, ESL Teacher, effective July 1, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 33 years.

Eleana Koondel, Music Teacher, effective June 30, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 38 years.

Ana Maria Fruchtnis, Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 22 years.

Mary Ann Gorman, Reading Teacher, effective July 1, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 12 years.

Mary Lou Giunta, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 19 years.

Coleen Gallo, Assistant Principal. effective June 30, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 30 years.

Mary Jean Tucker, Registered Nurse, effective June 30, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 24 years.

Maurice Grant, Assistant Principal. effective July 2, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 11 years.

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:

Education

Approval of Consultants –Digital Conversion of Permanent Records

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between Document Conversions Inc. and Freeport Union Free School District to carry out digital conversions of permanent records as written into the Local Records Management Improvement Fund through New York State Archives, a division of the New York State Education Department, grant #0580122459 (\$32,970), using Document Conversions Inc. listed with the State Records and Archives under Vendors and Consultants and also listed as a NYS Office of General Services approved vendor, contract # CMT292A.

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

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:

Education

Approval of Consultants

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education 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.

Consultant	Schools	Services Provided	Costs for 2011-2012	Funding Source
Nancy LaRocca	Caroline G. Atkinson School	One-to-one student tutoring in English language arts and scoring of the New York State ELA assessments.	Not to Exceed \$5,100	Professional Development Funds Title IIA
Mary Ann Rose	Caroline G. Atkinson School	One-to-one student tutoring in English language arts and scoring of the New York State ELA assessments.	Not to Exceed \$5,100	Professional Development Funds Title IIA
Luisa Costa-Garo	K-4 Magnets, Atkinson, & Dodd MS	Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol Trainings (SIOP)	Not to Exceed \$3,300	Title III

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:

Adoption of the 2012-2013 School Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the attached School Calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

**Freeport Public Schools
2012-2013 School Calendar**

August	29 & 30	Teachers Report – Supt. Conference Days
Sept	3	Labor Day
	4	First Day of School for Students
	17 & 18	Rosh Hashanah – school closed
	26	Yom Kippur
October	8	Columbus Day – school closed
November	6	Superintendent Conference Day – no school for students
	12	Veterans Day – school closed
	22-23	Thanksgiving Recess
December -January	24-1	Holiday Recess
January	21	Martin Luther King Day – school closed
February**	18-22	Winter Recess
March-April**	25-1	Spring Recess
May	27	Memorial Day Recess
June	21	Last Day of School for Students

If 1 snow day is used school will be open June 24 for teachers

If 2 snow days are used, school will be open June 24 and 25 for teachers.

*Dates of Parent/Teacher Conferences to be announced.

**February and March breaks are subject to change pending changes in testing schedules from the State Education Department.

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:

Finance

Approval of an Intermunicipal Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Intermunicipal Agreement (the “Agreement”) between the School District and the County of Nassau in connection with the synthetic turf field and field lighting project at the Freeport High School projects in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement between the School District and Nassau County and any other documents necessary to effectuate 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:

Authorization to Sign an Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute an agreement with Hofstra University for the 2012 Freeport High School Commencement to be held at the David S. Mack Sports Complex at Hofstra University on Wednesday, June 27, 2012.

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:

Acceptance of a Gift

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a donation from an art collector, Mrs. Marion Hubbard, art books, valued at \$1,787.00 to be used in the libraries and/or offices of lead teachers of ELA and Social Studies in our District Libraries.

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:

Acceptance of a Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a donation from an anonymous donor of one Drum Set valued at \$800.00. This generous donation is made to the Music Department and is appreciated.

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:

Acceptance of Scholarships

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a scholarship to be known as the “*2012 Fellows; Focused & Committed (FFC) Book Scholarship*” in the amount of \$350 the first year and a possible second year amount of \$350 if they meet the requirements of the first year.

The recipient must meet the following requirements:

- Graduate from Freeport High School
- Be admitted and attend a 4 year college or university
- Have a valid New York State address
- A letter from a guidance counselor or copy of a transcript with a high school GPA of 85 or above (unweighted)
- Submit a resume
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a FHS faculty or staff member
- Respond to 5 questions in 100 words or less in an essay form
- Participate in an informal mentorship/network gathering with the scholarship sponsors.

This scholarship is made possible through the Fellows: Focused and Committed (FFC), LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a scholarship to be known as the “*Complete Women’s Imaging*” Scholarship in the amount of \$100.

The criteria for this scholarship is that it be given to a senior who has overcome a health related obstacle for him/herself or a parent. This scholarship is made possible by the donations of the employee’s of Complete Women’s Imaging.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a scholarship to be known as “the *Howard C. Ris, FHS Class of 1934*” Scholarship” in the amount of \$150.

The criteria to receive this scholarship is a senior who intends to continue his or her education at a two year or four year institution of higher learning.

This scholarship is made possible by the three sons of Robert S. McLellan (FHS Class of 1934) and Elizabeth N. McLellan, née Gockley (FHS Class 1936). Robert and Elizabeth were lifelong friends of Howard C. Ris in Freeport where they were all raised and the seeds were planted for their later success in life.

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:

Budget Transfer - General Fund— February

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 February, 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 8:47 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for eight specific matters of personnel and three matters of negotiations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and passed unanimously.

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

At 10:18 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 10:20 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