

March 7, 2012

The regular Budget Workshop of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, in the cafeteria of the Atkinson 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
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were:

Ms. Debra McQuillan, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Trustee

Also present were:

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Special Projects
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 approximately 18. The Vice President of the Board, Ms. Mulé remarked that The Board President Ms. McQuillan was absent due to health problems.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone to the meeting and remarked that at the January and February meetings the district had discussed the budget information and the next few weeks would allow us to finalize the budget. All the presentations at the previous meeting are available on the district's website and printed information is also available at tonight's meeting.
- He stressed that not much has changed in terms of budget news from the State since the last meeting. The focus in Albany has been on the APPR Settlement and the new pension Tier 6. The district is awaiting the final approval of the State budget which will allow us to finalize the district budget. A Mandate Relief Council has been formed and the hope is that some real mandate relief will come through in the future.

The Superintendent then introduced Dr. Kenneth Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Dr. Rodgers gave a power point presentation as attached.

Dr. Kuncham addressed the Board of Education questions.

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 budget only. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

Executive Session

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for one matter of real estate and two matters of negotiation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried. The vote was: Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 9:26 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the Board returned to public session. The vote was unanimous: The vote was: Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 9:27 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: The vote was: Ellerbe, Mulé and Pomerico.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Budget Workshop/Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education will be on March 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m., at the Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
District Clerk