

April 17, 2012

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, in the Auditorium of Archer Street School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m., she then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President
Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, 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
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 163.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kishore Kuncham, welcomed everyone to the Board of Education Action meeting. Dr. Kuncham called upon Mr. Josh Levitt, Student Government Advisor, who introduced members of the Student Government to present their monthly report. Elizabeth Mulé, Brittany Spell, Stephanie Morales, and Bianca Molina gave an overview of the activities at Freeport High School.

Dr. Kuncham then called upon Ms. Paula Lein, Principal of Archer Street School. Ms. Lein was proud to present Archer Street Schools Unsung Hero, Detective Patrick Franzone. Detective Franzone was a Graduate of Freeport High School He served in the Marines and then joined the Police Force here in Freeport where he is a Detective. He works tirelessly for Toys for Tots and is always available for the children of Archer Street School. Detective Franzone was presented with a plaque and a pin by Ms. Lein, the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools.

Detective Franzone thanked everyone.

Mrs. Lein then presented the Kindergarten Chorus under the direction of their teachers, Mr. Decker, Ms. Ladson, Ms. Lack and Ms. Wilson. The children sang 2 songs to the delight of the Board, Central Administration, parents and the public.

The Superintendent then discussed the 4 month roller coaster in the preparation of the budget for the 2012-2013 School Year. He indicated that there had been some very difficult moments but he likes to be hopeful and hope for the best. Our hopes have come to realization and for at least one more year, we can keep the programs we need for our children intact. Thank you to the Teachers, under the leadership of Stu Napier, accepted a salary deferment for 2 years. Thank you to the Administrators Association, who, under the leadership of Paula Lein, agreed to take a salary freeze and thank you to the Central Administration including the Superintendent for agreeing to a second salary freeze in three years.

Dr. Kuncham then updated everyone on the proposed 2012-2013 Budget.

- Full Day Kindergarten will stay.
- Enrichment is intact.
- 27 of the 31 teaching positions will be restored (4 retirees will not be replaced).
- Summer Arts Academy will continue with grant funding for 200 children.
- Summer School is restored for 8 through 12 grades.
- This is the lowest budget to budget increase in 20 years.

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

The Superintendent then thanked the Board for their outstanding lobbying effort in Albany, the committee meetings, the long hours and the weekends of work to put together a responsible budget.

Dr Kuncham reiterated that everyone needed to work hard to pass the budget. Because should the budget fail the second time, a contingency budget, if needed, can have no increase at all. Another \$1.9 million would have to be cut from this budget. He urged the community to continue our lobbying efforts. We cannot rest, but we need to figure out how to provide a quality education to our children. Our work must center on funding formulas, mandate relief and tax cap elimination.

Dr. Kuncham then informed everyone about the following;

- There is a Parent Portal in our new Student Management System giving parents access to their students files and schedules.
- The track is closed till September 15, 2012 while the synthetic turf field with lighting is installed.

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 Ms. Lancaster the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, 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: March 28, 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:

Leonora Orlando, Stenographic Secretary, effective April 2, 2012 through April 27, 2012, for health reasons, continue FMLA.

Eva Rowan, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective April 4, 2012 through May 4, 2012, FMLA, personal 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:

Elizabeth Shirian, Guidance Counselor, extension of a temporary assignment through June 30, 2012.

Lindsay Volpe, Guidance Counselor, extension of a temporary assignment through June 30, 2012.

David Strauss, Guidance Counselor, extension of a temporary assignment through June 30, 2012.

Susan Lembcke, Assistant Cook, change of status to Cook, effective April 16, 2012, with a probationary period of 8 weeks under Civil Service Law, new compensation will be \$22,628.16.

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:

Loretta Stegner, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective July 1, 2012, for personal reasons.

Jamie Dupas, Special Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2012, for personal reasons.

Courtney Dixon, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective April 5, 2012, to accept a position in another District.

Jacquelyn Meluzio, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2012, for Student Teaching.

Barry Greenberg, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2012, for personal reasons.

Kathleen Murphy, Senior Stenographer, effective April 23, 2012, for personal reasons.

Marisol Banegas, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective April 20, 2012, for personal reasons.

James McKinstry, Special Education Teacher, effective June 22, 2012, for personal reasons

Appointment of Instructional Staff - 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.

Permanent Substitute Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the permanent substitute teacher(s) as listed in the following Appointment of Staff report.

Pamela Feinstein, Permanent Substitute, effective March 28, 2012 through June 22, 2012. Compensation will be \$125 per day according to the Permanent Substitute Rate. Assignment: Archer

Other Items for Action

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

Education

Approval of an Interim Director of Funded Programs

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free

School District hereby approves Fern Eisgrub to serve in the capacity of an Interim Director of Funded Programs in the Office of Grants and Magnet Schools, effective April 4, 2012, at a per diem rate of \$600; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute said agreements on its behalf.

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

Finance

Ratification of a Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement to extend and modify the agreement between the Freeport School Administrators Association and the Freeport Union Free School District dated April 16, 2012. This agreement is effective and covers the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015.

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

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

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

Ratification of a Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement to amend the agreement between the Freeport Teachers Association and the Freeport Union Free School District dated April 12, 2012. This agreement is effective and covers the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

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

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

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

Finance

Resolution to Adopt the 2012-2013 Proposed Expenditure Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the proposed Expenditure Budget for the 2012-2013 School

Year in the amount of \$ 151,012,254 is hereby adopted.

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

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

Resolution to Dispose of Obsolete Kitchen Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby authorizes the disposal of the following items which are obsolete and have no financial or residual value for the Freeport Schools:

- Freeport High School (FHS) - Jordan Freezer Model #SKT-48-FASS , Serial #S7333098I, Freeport Item #000662 and #20091794;
- FHS - Hobart Dishwasher Model # C44A Serial #85-1008450 Item # 004231;
- FHS - Hatco Booster Model #C54 Serial #1678509707; also a large conveyor belt and stainless steel sink with an attached counter top (approx. 6' long);
- Bayview – Hobart Dishwasher Model #AM-14 Serial #23-1003-420; and
- Bayview - Hatco Booster Model #AM 14 Serial #6106140903 Item #PMG 60120 NAT

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

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

RESOLUTION –BUDGET TRANSFER-GENERAL FUND-

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

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

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

Authorization to Participate in a Student Transportation Cooperative

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) for pupil transportation services for the 2012-2013 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the Freeport School District, is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

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

BOCES Administrative Operations Budget Vote

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Nassau County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative Administrative Operations Budget for the 2012/2013 school year (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2012/2013 school year in the amount of **\$19,305,205** be, and hereby is **APPROVED** by Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District.

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

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

BOCES Trustee Election

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby casts one vote each for **three vacant seats** on the Nassau BOCES Board:

1. Susan Bergtraum East Williston UFSD
2. Martin R. Kaye West Hempstead UFSD
3. Michael Weinick Merrick UFSD

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

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

Resolution for Career and Technical Education Reserve by BOCES of Nassau County

BE IT RESOLVED, that Freeport Union Free School District does hereby agree and consent to the establishment in accordance with the provisions of Education Law §1950(4)(ee) and applicable regulations of the Commissioner of Education of a career education instructional equipment reserve fund by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereinafter “Nassau BOCES”) for the replacement and purchase of advanced technology equipment used in instructional programs conducted by the BOCES; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the district clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to promptly provide to the Nassau BOCES District Clerk a certification of the approval of these resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES District Superintendent (and/or his designee) is hereby directed upon the approval of the establishment of said reserve fund by a majority of Nassau BOCES’ component school districts to so notify the Commissioner of Education and each component school district, and to take such other actions as may reasonably be necessary to establish and operate said reserve fund.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, 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.

Executive Session

At 9:40 p.m. Ms. Mulé moved to adjourn to executive session for a matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and passed unanimously.

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

At 10:07 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Lancaster the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, McQuillan, Mulé and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 10:08 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, McQuillan, Mulé and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.,
District Clerk