

June 6, 2012

The regular Planning/Action/Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School. Debra Mulé, Vice President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:32 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. Kenneth Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for
Business
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were: Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 48.

Ms. Mulé asked for a moment of silence to observe the passing of two former Board of Education Members, Mr. Ed Monroe and Dr. Al Renken,

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone and said that it was a special night to honor and recognized the retirees for the 2011-2012 School Year. He thanked them for their dedicated service to the students, the community and the Freeport School District.

Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk, called upon each Principal to speak a few words about the employee's retiring from their building. The Superintendent and the Board Vice President presented each retiree with a personalized plaque to thank them for their many years of service to the District,

The retirees were:

Gloria Adams
Yolanda Broncano
Annie Campbell

Dorothy Courtney
Anna Fruchtnis
Colleen Gallo

Mary Lou Giunta
Mary Ann Gorman
Maurice Grant

Anne-Marie Hudley-Simmons
Ernest Kight, Jr.
Eleana Koondel
Connie Lynam
Susan Meluzio
Samuel Nepote

Valerie Piali
Marian Rizza
Mary Jean Tucker
Patricia Payne
John Schreiber
Janet Sganga
Lynda Bouyer

Martha Yako
Carolyn Gear-Thompson
Ettore Cafarelli
Dolores Swick

The Superintendent was also proud to announce:

- New York State School Boards recognized Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee, for his extensive time and effort, with the Board Mastery Award.
- Rose Luna, Librarian at Freeport High School, is the co-author of a new book, "Make A Big Impact @ Your School Board Meeting."

Dr. Kuncham announced the resignation of Dr. Kenneth Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Dr. Rodgers thanked everyone for the opportunity to work in the District.

The Superintendent also announced that Standard and Poors has reaffirmed the District's Bond Rating at AA.

At 8:35 pm a short break was called to congratulate the retirees.
The meeting was called back in session at 8:53 pm.

The Superintendent comments continued:

- Revised Policies and Code of Conduct

Dr. Kuncham called upon Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations to expand on the need to revise policies # 7550 (Dignity for All Students), # 8242 (Civility, Citizenship and Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education) and the Code of Conduct.

- Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

Dr. Kuncham called upon Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk to explain to the Board and the public about the mandated evaluation procedures that must be in effect in all school districts. Dr Bediako gave a power point presentation, as attached. Dr. Bediako remarked that the development of the APPR plan is very complex and she thanked the Administrators Association and the Teachers' Union for working collaboratively with the district to meet the July 1, 2012 deadline.

Mr. Ellerbe made a motion to amend the agenda and add item #7 and item #8 to the agenda. Ms. Lancaster seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous, 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. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

Items for Action

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

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 committees on special education and preschool special education for the following dates:

March 5, 8, 9, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2012.

April 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 30, 2012.

May 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 2012.

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

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

Resolution to Approve Overnight Student Travel

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Lakehurst Air Force Base in Wrightstown, New Jersey from June 1st through June 3rd, 2012 for NJROTC students for the purpose of communication skill development and Leadership Training in an actual military setting.

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 vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Acceptance of a Scholarship

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude a scholarship to be known as the Mr. Ernest Kight, Jr. Scholarship. The award will be in the amount of \$100 and is to be awarded to a Freeport High School Senior to keep the memory of Mr. Kight and his legacy in the minds of the students and faculty. The criteria for the award are as follows: a graduating senior who has earned the highest score on either the Global History or U.S. History Advance Placement Exams; Student has been accepted to a College/University and will pursue his or her studies in a Social Studies related field; Student must demonstrate Mr. Kight's passion for travel and exemplify his character. This scholarship is made possible by the Faculty and Clubs at Freeport High School.

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

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

Acceptance of the First Reading of the Revised Code of Conduct

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts as a first reading, the revised Code of Conduct for 2012-2013 School Year.

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

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

Acceptance of the First Reading of the Board of Education Revised Policies

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that as a first reading, hereby acknowledges the receipt of and has had the opportunity to review the Board of Education Revised Policies as attached;
Dignity for All Students #7550
Civility, Citizenship and Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education #8242.

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

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

Appointment of an Underwriter for Qualified School Construction Bonds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints Roosevelt and Cross, Incorporated, as the underwriter for the

sale of the \$5 million Qualified School Construction Bonds per the District's schedule for the bond sale.

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

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

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:

Dr. Kenneth Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for Business, effective June 30, 2012, for personal reasons.

James Robinson, Director of School Facilities, effective June 30, 2012, to accept another position in the District.

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

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

Appointment of Administrative Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints **James Robinson** as Executive Director for Business, a probationary appointment effective July 1, 2012. Annual compensation will be \$130,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign individual benefits agreement on behalf of the School District and James Robinson

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

Executive Session

At 9:23 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for three specific matters of personnel and one matter of real estate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and passed unanimously.

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

At 10:09 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Mulé the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

At 10:10 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Lancaster, the Board adjourned the meeting.

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

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on June 20, 2012, 7:30 p.m., at new Visions School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
District Clerk