

September 5, 2012

The regular Planning/Action/Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, 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
Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director 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 12.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone and requested a moment of silence for the passing of a long time employee, Mr. Kenneth Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy served the children and the families of Freeport for more than 28 years.

The Superintendent welcomed new Board Member, Anthony Miller and introduced Mr. Larry Herzog, Interim Director of Facilities.

Dr. Kuncham also made the following remarks:

- The first day of school went very well.
- Congratulations to Linda Carter, new Freeport High School Principal and Connie Velez, new Principal at Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School.
- Newsday featured New Visions in their Back To School issue.

- The Superintendent attended the street naming ceremony for former School Board Member Ed Monroe at the corner of Lena Avenue and Ocean Avenue.
- Giblyn is celebrating a Golden Anniversary this year.
- September 7, 2012 will be the dedication of the Synthetic Turf Field with Lighting and the first Freeport High School Varsity Football game of the season vs. Plainview Old Bethpage.
- J P Morgan Chase and the United Way will be donating 200 filled back packs to Atkinson students on September 13, 2012.
- On August 31, 2012 the District's APPR plan was approved by New York State.

Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Special Projects, gave a power point presentation as an overview on the APPR Plan. (attached)
Danielle Ballard and Diane Saunders, teachers from John W. Dodd Middle School, spoke of their experiences during the training. They were able to work collaboratively with the Administrators and came to understand that the entire purpose was to improve skills to serve the students, not as a "got cha". They were very pleased and excited about the APPR Plan that they are bringing back to share with their colleagues.

Dr. Kuncham pointed out that because of the timeliness of Freeport's submission of the APPR Plan, Freeport will gain 20 points in the evaluation of the Management Efficiencies Grant that the District applied for. This grant is for \$700,000 for one year and it may be extend for two years.

Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, gave a power point presentation regarding College and Career Readiness (CCR) and Student Learning Objectives (SLO's). (attached)

Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director for Business, gave a power point presentation overview to show the Board the progress of the ongoing Capital Projects. (attached)

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. Pomerico and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe 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:
August 7, 8, 9, 13, 16, 2012

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

Executive Session

At 9:21 p.m. Mr. Pomerico moved to adjourn to executive session for one matter of negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and passed unanimously.

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

At 10:40 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, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 10:41 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, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on September 19, 2012, 7:30 p.m., at Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
District Clerk