

November 8, 2012

The regular Planning/Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, which was rescheduled from November 7, 2012, was held on Thursday, November 8, 2012, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 235 North Ocean Avenue. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President (available by telephone)
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 (arrived 8:25 a.m.)
Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director for Business

Also absent were: Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operation

There were no members of the public present at the opening of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, informed the Board of Education, about the District clean-up efforts following Hurricane Sandy. He informed the Board that 7 of the 8 school buildings survived the hurricane very well with no leaks or significant damage.

Giblyn had six inches of water on the first floor. The Buildings and Grounds crews reacted immediately on Tuesday morning (October 30, 2012) to begin the clean-up process. In addition, J. C. Broderick, an Environmental Consultant, was engaged to assess all appropriate steps the District should take to ensure the health and safety of staff and students in Leo F. Giblyn School. The District also consulted with Nassau BOCES Executive Manager for Health and Safety, Peter LaDuca, as well as meeting with Nassau BOCES Superintendent, Tom Rogers, and NYSED Director of Facilities Planning, Carl Thurnau, and Assistant Commissioner of Education, Charles Szuberla. The Environmental Consultants determined that, while all surface areas were cleaned and sanitized according to appropriate protocols, additional cleaning would be needed on surfaces that were hard to reach. These areas include wall cavities, underneath book shelves, cabinets, etc. The District consulted with Belfor Property Restoration,

to assess the extent of the additional cleaning necessary and to provide the District with a proposal for the restoration work.

Dr. Kuncham informed the Board that Giblyn staff and students will be relocated to four Freeport Elementary Schools as the building clean-up is proceeding. He therefore requested that the Board appropriate emergency funds for the restoration and clean-up of the Giblyn School and other hurricane related damages. Dr. Kuncham informed the Board that the Districts insurance coverage, FEMA and the State Education Department reimbursement, would cover the cost of the clean-up, however, the District would need to address the costs upfront as we wait for reimbursement from the insurance company and other sources. He reiterated that the health, safety and welfare of our students and staff are paramount to the District. A meeting with parents was scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Freeport High School.

Items for Action

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

Appointment of a Library Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Freeport Memorial Library, and Mr. Kenneth Bellafiore, Library Director, hereby reappoints: George Boulukos, to the Library Board, for a five year term to begin November 25, 2012 through November 24, 2017

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

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

Ratification of a Stipulation of an Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby ratifies the Stipulation of an agreement between the District and a certain Employee.

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

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

Emergency Resolution

WHEREAS, on or about October 29, 2012, the schools and property in the Freeport Union Free School District incurred significant damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy which condition requires immediate action to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the students and staff in the building and to preserve the building; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of education of the Freeport Union Free School District declares the remediation work required to be performed in the schools and on the property of the District to be an emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the remediation work as an ordinary contingent expense and authorizes the Superintendent, or his designee, to take the necessary legal steps to perform said remediation.

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

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

Extension of the Due Date for School Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby requests Freeport Union Free Schools be included in the Executive Order to extend the due date for School Taxes by 21 days from the current due date of November 10, 2012 as per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make the request to the Governor on behalf of the District.

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

Adjournment

At 11:20 a.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the Board adjourned the meeting.

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

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on November 14, 2012 7:30 p.m., at John W. Dodd Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
District Clerk