

November 20, 2012

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, in the Cafetorium of the John W. Dodd Middle School. Debra Mulé, 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, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee

Absent were: Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
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: Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 43.

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Ms. Lancaster, Mr. Singleton was appointed Clerk Pro Tem. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the Board of Education Action meeting and thanked them for coming out. He thanked everyone for their extraordinary support in the aftermath of hurricane Sandy. He said he was extremely proud to be a part of the Freeport Community and he was very proud of all the work done for the Freeport students by the Maintenance Crew, Custodial Staff and Grounds Crew. They worked tirelessly before the storm and after the storm, even though many of them were having serious storm related issues in their own homes. The Superintendent informed everyone that three buildings lost power and two buildings were affected by the storm, Leo F. Giblyn School and the Cleveland Avenue Garage.

We were able to open 7 of the 8 schools, with Leo F. Giblyn School expected to open on December 10, 2012. Thank you to Amanda Muldowney, Principal of Leo F. Giblyn, for her leadership during this difficult time.

The Superintendent explained that the children from Giblyn were warmly welcomed into host schools while their school was made ready for their return.

The Kindergarten and 1st grades were welcomed to Columbus Avenue School, 2nd grades were welcomed to Bayview Avenue School, 3rd grades were welcomed to New Visions School and 4th grades were welcomed to Archer Street School. The Cleveland Avenue field and Field House took on 4 feet of water, damaging equipment that included 2 new trucks. The District is working with FEMA, New York State Insurance and New York State Department of Emergency Management. The Superintendent went on to say that he expects, in the end, that there will not be any expense to the District.

Thank you to the Board of Education for their unconditional support and for coming out the day of the Nor'easter to meet and pass a special resolution regarding the Governor of New York's executive order to extend the deadline to pay school taxes.

The Superintendent also thanked Freeport Village Officials. They have been terrific in the process, combining forces and resources to get everything cleaned up. A thank you also goes out to Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director for Business and Ms. Claudia Harges, Supervisor of Transportation for going above and beyond during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and the Nor'easter that followed. Many have done tremendous work and deserve acknowledgement for their efforts, the FTA, school organizations, other staff members and many community organizations.

Superintendent Kuncham continued his report with the following remarks:

- The District will be making up days during the February break. School will now be open February 19, 2013 through February 22, 2013.
- We have received many letters from residents acknowledging the students who have gone out to help them. The stories are heartwarming.
- Groups have formed to reach out to help Freeport. One group is named "Friends of Freeport" in Carle Place. They are holding a fundraiser.
- Ms. Debra Mulé and Dr. Kuncham presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Madalena Buffalino and Ms. Rachael Martines (daughter of Mr. Doug Martines) of Carle Place as the organizers of "Friends of Freeport".
- For the second year in a row Freeport High School students are finalists in the 2012-2013 Siemens Competition in Math Science and Technology. Congratulations to Jessica Ramos and Lee Stetson.
- Dowling College has selected Ms. Sherill Spruill, Choral Teacher at Dodd and Ms. Peggy Parigoris, FHS Science Teacher as "Educators of the Month".

Mr. John O'Mard, Principal of John W. Dodd Middle School introduced Mr. Adam Rubin, Band Teacher. Mr. Rubin led the Dodd Band in 2 selections that were enjoyed by all.

Unsung Hero

The Superintendent introduced Mr. John O'Mard, Principal of John W. Dodd Middle School. Mr. O'Mard spoke of Dodd's Unsung Hero, Sig Feile, owner of Atlantic Nursery, as someone who has always gone above and beyond. He is generous with his time, donations and support. Mr. Feile thanked everyone and remarked that small businesses support the community and his wish is for the

community to support their local small businesses. A pin and a plaque were presented.

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 Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Lancaster, the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

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: October 17, 2012; November 8, 2012.

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:

Nancy Williams, Art Teacher, effective October 15, 2012 through January 31, 2013 for child care.

Christine Molnar, Elementary Teacher, extension of a leave beginning October 12, 2012 now through January 14, 2013, for health reasons.

Jessica Crowley, English Teacher, effective October 22, 2012 through February 1, 2013, for child care.

Ana Alves Lee, Cleaner, extension of a leave, beginning October 31, 2012, now through January 2, 2013.

Change of Status

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the following change of status as listed below:

Lucretia Valerie-Randazzo, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective October 29, 2012, change to part-time Teaching Assistant at Leo F. Giblyn. New salary \$10,616.

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:

Theresa Duran, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 2, 2012, for personal reasons.

Ellen Parker-Galluccio, Permanent Substitute, effective October 31, 2012, for personal reasons.

Laura Holder-Gibbs, Assistant Principal, effective December 7, 2012, for personal reasons.

Appointment of 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.

Lindsey McClain, full-time Teaching Assistant, a temporary appointment effective October 15, 2012 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract (prorated) \$18,753.50. Assignment: Bayview/New Visions.

Appointment of Staff – Probationary

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

Terri Cariello, full-time Teaching Assistant, a probationary appointment effective October 29, 2012 through October 28, 2015, with an anticipated tenure date of October 29, 2015. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Schedule at \$18,753.50. Assignment: Giblyn.

Appointment of Winter Coaching Staff 2012-2013

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 below, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers or other staff in the public schools of New York.

Coaches Names	Position	Step	Salary
DeBonis, Robert	Boys' Varsity Basketball	3rd \$	9,527.00
Mohrman, Harry	Boys' JV Basketball	3rd \$	6,318.00
Gordon, David	Boys Modified Basketball 8R	3rd \$	4,250.00
Timmes, Bill	Boys Modified Basketball 7R	3rd \$	4,250.00

Jones, Meredith	Girls Varsity Basketball	3rd	\$	9,527.00
Lloyd-Forde, Lakisha	Girls JV Basketball	3rd	\$	6,318.00
Anisis, Kristen	Girls Modified Basketball 7R	1st	\$	3,761.00
Jackson-Wodden, Tiffany	Girls Modified Basketball 8R	3rd	\$	4,250.00
Schrader, Sallyann	Boys Varsity Bowling	3rd	\$	4,249.00
Shultis, Eileen	Girls Varsity Bowling	3rd	\$	4,249.00
Kolodny, Laurie	Varsity Cheerleading	3rd	\$	3,910.00
Gayle, Cheryl	Varsity Cheerleading Asst.	3rd	\$	3,504.00
Cotter, Victoria	JV Cheerleading	3rd	\$	3,098.00
Sasso, Nina	Modified Cheerleading 8R	3rd	\$	2,537.00
Mazzola, Anthony	Modified Cheerleading 7R	2nd	\$	2,428.00
Moore, Major Donald	Boys Varsity Rifle	3rd	\$	5,182.00
Murphy, Carole	Boys Varsity Swimming	3rd	\$	7,300.00
Pohlman, Jesse	Boys Varsity Swimming Asst.	2nd	\$	4,670.00
Martelo, Jose	Girls Modified Volleyball 7R	2nd	\$	3,121.00
Blount, Eric	Girls Modified Volleyball 8R	3rd	\$	3,357.00
Gilreath, Charles	Boys Varsity Winter Track	3rd	\$	6,241.00
Williams, Tia	Girls Varsity Winter Track	3rd	\$	6,241.00
Yearwood, Felicia	Girls Varsity Asst. Winter Track	3rd	\$	4,539.00
Chetti, Joseph	Boys Varsity Head Wrestling	3rd	\$	8,031.00
Cellan, Russell	Boys Varsity Asst. Wrestling	3rd	\$	5,628.00
Medina, Isreal	Boys JV Wrestling	3rd	\$	5,628.00
Gordon, David	Boys Modified Head Wrestling	3rd	\$	5,281.00
Jones, Jimmy	Boys Modified Asst. Wrestling	3rd	\$	5,281.00
Whelan, Steven	Boys Modified Asst. Wrestling	3rd	\$	5,281.00
Elmore, Toby	Winter Weight Training	3rd	\$	2,116.00
Zito, George	Athletic Trainer	3rd	\$	6,663.00
Morris, Melva	Athletic Supervisor (Per Event)		\$	49.67

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 Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the following dates:

September 4, 14, 23, 27, 28, 29, 2012;

October 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 2012.

Other Items for Action

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

Retirement of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff member as listed:

Rebecca Lima, Cleaner, effective February 27, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 25 years.

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

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

Approval of Consultants

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves agreements between the following consultants and the Freeport Union Free School District, as per the following list; and

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

Appointment of Consultants

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approve the agreement between the following consultants and the Freeport Union Free School District, as per the attached list for ; and

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

Victor Jaccarino	Archer, Bayview, Giblyn, New Visions, Atkinson, & Dodd Middle Schools	Implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards for English Language Arts.	\$800 per day for a maximum total amount of \$12,000	Title IIA Grant funds
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The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

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

Budget Transfer General Fund November 2012

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the attached Budget Transfers to the General Fund for November 2012.

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

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

**Resolution for the Approval of Capital Project Change Order #1 –
Bayview Avenue School – HVAC Upgrade**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District recognizes that in performing additions, alterations and renovations to its facilities, certain changes may occur after the award of contracts, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District similarly recognizes the need for the timely approval of changes in the work to facilitate the progress and completion of projects in accordance with established schedules;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves Change Order #1 attached to this resolution.

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

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.

Superintendents Further Comments

Dr. Kuncham called upon Mrs. Amanda Muldowney, Principal of Leo F. Giblyn School. Mrs. Muldowney stated that the children of Giblyn have all been settled in the elementary schools in Freeport (Columbus Avenue, Bayview Avenue, Archer Street and New Visions). They have been warmly welcomed to their host schools. She remarked that every detail has been looked at carefully to help the children that were displaced by the flooding from Hurricane Sandy. She also said that it was heartwarming how everyone came together to make it possible. She thanked the Administration, Teachers, Custodians, staff, parents and the children.

Executive Session

At 9:25 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for one matter of negotiations and four matters of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and passed unanimously.

The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

At 10:58 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, Miller and Mulé.

Adjournment

At 10:59 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board adjourned the meeting. The motion carried

unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller and Mulé.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Singleton
Clerk Pro Tem