

**December 5, 2012**

The regular Planning/Action/Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 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 7:30 p.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, President  
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee  
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee (arrived 7:31 pm)  
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President

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 8.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone. He announced that the cleaning at Leo F. Giblyn began on November 7, 2012. Students will return to their home building on December 10, 2012 as promised. Over 80 students from the Junior ROTC have volunteered to help with the move. Connect Ed calls and letters will be going out to inform parents that the children will be back at their regular bus stop and school. Freeport was featured in an article in Newsday regarding displaced students. The Future Corps page featured Freeport Schools and the organizations pitching in to help in the clean-up and assistance to the families that lost so much.

Dr. Kuncham also made the following remarks:

- Freeport, Maine has reached out to Freeport, New York, to fundraise and send supplies. Some students from Maine will be visiting Freeport, New York.
- In order to make up some lost days, schools will be open February 19, 2012 through February 22, 2012.
- Nassau BOCES has been awarded a two million dollar grant and we are a participating district. This grant is to be used for virtual AP classes.

- The Long Island Council of Women in Education held a panel discussion in relation to new Teacher Evaluations. Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction was a member of the panel.
- Congratulations to Celebrating Success honoree Ruth Hindley. The Bayview Avenue Schools Teaching Assistant was selected for the theme “Demonstrating Loyalty and Commitment to Benefit Our Community”.
- Freeport Union Free School District will be going on Facebook on December 14, 2012. This will be another avenue to communicate and disseminate information. It will not replace the Districts website but add to the ability to communicate with parents and the community.

### **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: September 19, 2012, October 4, 10, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 2012, November 13, 14, 15, 20, 26, 2012.

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

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

#### **Revision in the 2012-2013 School Calendar**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the loss of instructional days due to school closings arising from the weather emergencies caused by Hurricane Sandy and the subsequent Nor’easter, the Superintendent has instituted a revised school calendar following consultation with the instructional bargaining agents representing school district employees, and

**WHEREAS**, said revised calendar requires the attendance of staff and students during previously scheduled school recess periods to insure compliance with the requirements of the Education Law and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, in particular Section 3604 of the Education Law,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District ratifies the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools respecting modifications to the school calendar which school calendar shall include instructional days during the February recess period; accordingly, schools will be open for students and staff from February 19 through February 22, 2013, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education reserves its authority to further revise the school calendar to schedule instructional days during the Spring recess, in case of loss of additional instructional days due to inclement weather occurring between the date of this resolution and the Spring recess.

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

### **Executive Session**

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for three matters of negotiations and three student matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and passed unanimously.

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

At 8:50 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Miller the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

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

### **Adjournment**

At 8:51 p.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 December 19, 2012, 7:30 p.m., at New Visions School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.  
District Clerk