

December 19, 2012

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, in the Gymnasium of the New Visions School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The NJROTC presented the colors and led in 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 127. Board President Debra Mulé called for a moment of silence to honor the children and adults lost in the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, Connecticut.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the Board of Education Action meeting. The Superintendent was pleased to announce the re-opening of Leo F. Giblyn School on December 10, 2012. He thanked Mrs. Amanda Muldowney, Principal, Mrs. Clorinda Pawlak, Assistant Principal and all the Staff of Giblyn School for their love and support of the children of Giblyn School. They were amazing through their displacement, moving to new locations and helping the students to adjust to their new environments. Many thanks to Mr. Robinson, the Executive Director for Business and the custodial staff for all their hard work in making sure that Giblyn School is ready for the staff and students.

Dr. Kuncham thanked the four Elementary Principals, Ms. Renee Crump-Dedmon, Principal of New Visions School, Ms. Peggy Miller, Principal of Columbus Avenue School, Ms. Paula Lein, Principal of Archer Street School, and Ms. Odette Wills, Principal of Bayview Avenue School. They all welcomed the children from Giblyn and made them feel at home.

Superintendent Kuncham continued his report with the following remarks:

- There has been a huge outpouring of support from other communities, schools and students.
- Students from Freeport, Maine have reached out to Freeport, New York and will be visiting sometime in January.
- Through the outreach of Eileen Shultis, Business Teacher from Freeport High School, the New York Stock Exchange today invited 5 students and the principal from Giblyn to come and ring the closing bell on December 19, 2012. Also, working through Office Depot, the NYSE donated supplies and backpacks to the students of Giblyn.

NJROTC

- NJROTC cadets had their annual inspection this morning and all went well.
- Eighty three students came out over the weekend to assist in the move of equipment back to Giblyn.
- Cadets have taken part in many Community Service projects, Hurricane Sandy clean up, fund raising walk-a-thons and general assistance to homes and business's impacted by the hurricane.

Siemens Semi-Finalists

- Jessica Ramos and Lee Stetson have been chosen as Siemens semi-finalists for their science projects in the Siemens Competition. Congratulations to Jessica and Lee for their hard work. The Board President, Debra Mulé and Superintendent Kuncham presented pins of Excellence to the students.

Unsung Hero

The Superintendent introduced Ms. Renee Crump-Dedmon, Principal of New Visions School. Mrs. Crump-Demon introduced Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dohinney, the unsung heroes for New Visions School. Mr. and Mrs. Dohinney have been a constant presence in New Visions School and have helped the children in many ways. They are true examples of community members who truly care for our children and have enriched the lives of the children. They have also donated 85 back packs to children in need even though they themselves have been hit hard by the Hurricane. A pin and a plaque of appreciation were presented.

The 4th Grade Chorus, under the direction of Ruth Breidenbach, spread holiday cheer with some holiday songs that were enjoyed by all.

The Student Government gave a report on the events at Freeport High School. The students also thanked the Board and Cabinet for their support and for setting a great example.

The Board President, Ms. Mule called for a short break. (8:10pm-8:15pm)

The Superintendent continued with his report:

- The venue for the Board of Education action meeting in January will be moved to Leo F. Giblyn School and the February meeting will be held at Caroline G. Atkinson.
- Thank you to the following donors:
 - Jericho School District, donated several instruments to Freeport Schools.
 - Heart of America and Cablevision, donated 310 back packs to our students.
 - Bob's Furniture has donated \$1,000 to Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Amendment of the Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe a motion to amend the agenda and add a resolution was approved. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, 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 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 Mr. Pomerico, the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

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: November 20, 2012; December 5, 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:

Mary Beth Errico, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective November 13, 2012 through December 16, 2012, for health reasons.

Brooke McKenna, Physical Education Teacher, effective December 17, 2012 through June 30, 2013, for child care.

Maria Garcia, Cleaner, effective October 26, 2012 through November 26, 2012, for health reasons.

Kristin Fagan, Guidance Counselor, effective December 12, 2012 through January 1, 2013, for health reasons.

Shannon Engley, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective December 10, 2012 through January 1, 2013, for health reasons.

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:

Lauren Chimeri, Permanent Substitute, effective November 16, 2012, to accept another position in the District.

Nicole Rivelli, Permanent Substitute, effective November 16, 2012, to accept another position in the District.

Melissa D'Alto, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective December 11, 2012, to accept a position in another District.

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.

Nicole Rivelli, Elementary Teacher, a temporary appointment effective November 19, 2012 through August 31, 2013. Compensation for this position is according to step 1-2A of the U3D Schedule at \$62,830. Assignment: Columbus.
Jessica DeDomenico, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective November 19, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Columbus.

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

Lauren Chimeri, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing T Duran, resigned) a probationary appointment effective November 19, 2012 through November 18, 2015, with an expected tenure date of November 19, 2015. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$18,735.50. Assignment Giblyn.

Pamela Mary Schmidt, Special Education Teacher, (replacing P. DiMaio, retired) a probationary appointment December 4, 2012 through December 3, 2015, with an expected tenure date of December 4, 2015. Compensation will be on step 1-2F of the U3D Schedule at \$64,796. Assignment: FHS.

Lauren Webb, Social Studies Teacher, (replacing D. Noviello , resigned) a probationary appointment effective January 2, 2013 through January 1, 2016, with an expected tenure date of January 2, 2016. Compensation will be on step 1-2A of the U3D Schedule at \$62,830. Assignment: Dodd.

Appointment of Non-Instructional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals as listed, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Gillian Pantor-Norman, Account Clerk, (replacing P. Hettich, retired) effective November 26, 2012, for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation for this appointment is according to the Clerical Salary Schedule at \$38,646. Assignment: FHS.

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:

October 4, 15, 18, 29, 2012; November 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2012;
December 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 2012.

Other Items for Action

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

Granting of Tenure

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants tenure status to the following individual(s):
Dr. Vincent Pereira, Science Coordinator, effective January 11, 2013.

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

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

Acceptance of a Resignation from the Scholarship and Honors Board

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the resignation of Anthony J. Miller from the Scholarship and Honors Board, effective December 11, 2012, due to his appointment to the Freeport Union Free School District Board of Education.

The motion carried. The vote was:

Yeas: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Miller

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

Appointment to the Scholarship and Honors Board

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the following individual to the Scholarship and Honors Board for the term beginning December 19, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 (to replace the unexpired term of Anthony J. Miller, resigned):

Valerie Montes

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

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

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 investigative services; and

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

Consultant	Schools	Services Provided	Total Cost	Funding Source
Global Investigations, Inc.	Residency investigations for all District Schools	Investigation and documentation of suspected out of district residency cases. Observe, report, provide visual documentation of cases for exclusion from the Freeport Schools. Determine association with out of district utilities to which we do not have access.	\$50 per hour, plus \$.555 per mile Not to exceed \$5,000	2805 00519 Residency Verification Consultant
Emerald Investigation	Residency investigations for all District Schools	Investigation and documentation of suspected out of district residency cases. Observe, report, provide visual documentation of cases for exclusion from the Freeport Schools. Determine association with out of district utilities to which we do not have access.	\$50 per hour, plus \$.555 per mile Not to exceed \$5,000	2805 00519 Residency Verification Consultant

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

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

Approval of an Interim Assistant Principal

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints Robert Micucci to serve in the capacity of an Interim Assistant Principal, at John W. Dodd Middle School, effective January 2, 2013, at a per diem rate of \$600 per day, not to exceed \$30,000; and

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

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

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

Approval of Student Travel to Orlando, Florida

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 the city of Orlando, Florida, scheduled for February 7th through February 11th, 2013 for the purpose of the Freeport HS Cheerleading Team's participation in the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships.

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 Procedure for overnight, off-Long Island, field trips.

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

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

Acceptance of Donations – Jericho School District

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, 5 violins, one snare drum set and a number of method books from the Jericho School District. These generous donations are made to the Music Department for the children affected by Hurricane Sandy.

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

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

Acceptance of Donations- Heart of America and Cablevision

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby acknowledges, with gratitude, the donations of 310 “Buddy Packs” from The Heart of America Foundation and Cablevision, valued at \$15, 500. These “Buddy Packs” are to be distributed to children affected by Hurricane Sandy.

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

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

Acceptance of Donations – Bob’s Discount Furniture Store \$1,000

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a donation of \$1000 from Bob’s Discount Furniture Store to be given to the Caroline G. Atkinson School to be used in any way the school deems necessary.

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

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

Approval of Amendments to Employment Agreements

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Amendments to the Employment Agreements between the Board of Education and the following Central Office Administrators:

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Dr. Mary Bediako, Dr. Wafa Westervelt, and Mr. James Robinson, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to execute said amendments to employments agreements on its behalf.

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

Executive Session

At 8:32 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for one matter of negotiations and one matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and passed unanimously.

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

At 9:42 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, Mulé and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 9:43 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, Mulé and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.
District Clerk