

## February 6, 2013

The regular Planning/Action/Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 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  
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 29.

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that we will continue our conversation regarding the 2013-2014 School Budget.

### 2013-14 Budget Overview:

The Superintendent gave a power point presentation as attached.

Dr. Kuncham summarized the bad news with the fact that the gap is very large, the tax cap is causing havoc all over New York State and up to 100 School Districts, all over the State, are facing financial insolvency.

On a good note, the Superintendent informed everyone that the visitors from Freeport, Maine visited the High School and Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School. They brought school supplies, gift cards and donations. It was a wonderful visit and Freeport, Maine and Freeport, New York want to continue the relationship in the future.

## **Board Security Committee Report**

Mr. Ellerbe presented an overview of the Board of Education Security Committee meeting which took place on January 8, 2013.

## **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.

## **Item 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:

November 27, 29, 2012

December 5, 6, 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 22, 2012

January 4, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 2013

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

## **Executive Session**

At 8:56 p.m. Mr. Pomerico moved to adjourn to executive session for one matter of personnel.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and passed unanimously.

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

At 9:30 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, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

## **Adjournment**

At 9:31 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, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

## **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on February 13, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at the Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.  
District Clerk