

**February 13, 2013**

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 13, 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

Also absent were: Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of  
Operations

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 32.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kuncham thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and introduced the Student Government, who, under the direction of Mr. Josh Levitt, presented their report on the activities at Freeport High School.

The Superintendent informed everyone that the "Arrive Alive" program which every Senior must participate in has attracted a lot of publicity from Newsday and CBS. The program covers drinking and texting while driving.

Superintendent Kuncham continued his report with the following remarks:

- Nassau County Legislature has approved the \$500,000 funding towards our Synthetic Turf Field with Lighting.
- New Visions School Principal, Mrs. Renee Crump-Dedmon has been honored for her accomplishments by Long Island University's Student Government Association as an African-American Leader in Education.
- The month of February's Celebrating Success honoree is Ms. Susan Johnson, Art Teacher, at New Visions School, for demonstrating innovation and creativity.
- Betsy Mulé has received LICCA's top honor, the Michelle Fisher Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000.

- Jonathan Greenwood has been ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in New York State in the Jr. Boys 600 meter race, and 2<sup>nd</sup> for his age nationwide in the same event.
- Mr. Bob DeBonis will be recognized by Senator Fuschillo on March 8, 2013 for the 300<sup>th</sup> win of his 24 year career coaching Boys Basketball.

### **2013-2014 Budget**

The Superintendent continued his report by giving an overview of the 2013-2014 budget and a Power Point presentation. He summed it up by saying we will need to wait a few weeks longer to see how things shape up. The Power Point Presentation is attached.

Dr. Kuncham also said that there will be a second proposition on the ballot to approve capital projects.

### **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: January 23, 2013 and February 6, 2013.

### **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:

**Christine Molnar**, Elementary Teacher, effective January 14, 2013 through June 30, 2013, for health reasons.

**Tiffany Leotaud-Shinkonde**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 28, 2013 through April 7, 2013, for child care.

**Christina Schwarz**, Elementary Teacher, effective January 29, 2013 through June 30, 2013, for child care.

**Jester Bates**, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 28, 2013 through June 30, 2013, for student teaching.

**Denise Fagan**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 2, 2013, through June 30, 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:

**Carlene Williamson**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 31, 2013 to accept a teaching position in another district.

**Patricia Stellato**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 29, 2013 to accept a teaching position in another district.

**Matthew Cellan**, Permanent Substitute, effective February 1, 2013, to accept a teaching position in the 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.

**Joseph Iannello**, English Teacher, (replacing A. Martinez, resigned) a temporary appointment effective January 25, 2013 through August 31, 2013. Compensation for this position is according to step 1-1B of the U3D Schedule at \$54,720. Assignment: FHS.

**Matthew Cellan**, Physical Education Teacher, (replacing B. McKenna, LOA) a temporary appointment effective January 25, 2013 through August 31, 2013. Compensation for this position is according to step 1-1B of the U3C Schedule at \$54,720. Assignment: Archer/Bayview.

**Jesse DiMartino**, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective February 4, 2013 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: FHS.

### **Appointment of Spring Coaching Staff**

**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 as coaches.

DiMartino, Jesse	Varsity Baseball Asst.	\$ 4,537.
Smar, Stephen	JV Baseball	\$ 5,281.
Holder, Shawn	Modified Baseball 7R	\$ 3,666.
Fiore, Christopher	Boys Varsity Lacrosse Asst.	\$ 5,665.
Mills, Randy	Boys Modified Lacrosse Head	\$ 4,558.

Scali, Carmen	Girls Varsity Softball Asst.	\$ 5,151.
Reid, Corey	Girls Varsity Track Asst.	\$ 4,537.

**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:

December 6, 10, 2012, January 4, 7, 11, 15, 16, 22, 24, 29, 30, 31, 2013.

**Other Items for Action**

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico 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:

**Mark Surval**, Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 27 years.

**Arthur Debin**, Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for 13 years.

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:

**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):

<i>Teacher(s)</i>			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Georgia Lambrinos	Dodd	Science	March 2, 2013
<i>Teaching Assistant(s)</i>			
Christine Myers	FHS	Teaching Assistant	March 11, 2013

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:

### **Approval of Consultants**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the 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.

Consultant	Schools	Services Provided	Total Cost	Funding Source
Cell Motion Laboratories (Bio Bus)	Columbus, Archer, Bayview, Giblyn, New Visions, Atkinson	Hands-on Science activities	Not to Exceed \$24,000	Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Grant funds
iTutor, Inc.	Dodd Middle School	Online tutoring for students in English language arts and mathematics	Not to exceed \$11,480	Title I funds

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:

### **Appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints Michael Lazan as the Impartial Hearing Officer in the matter of a Special Education Student #1006372.

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:

### **Approval of an Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign,

on behalf of the District, the Consulting and Participation Agreement with National Executive Service Corps (NESC).

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 to Approve Student Travel to New Paltz, NY, Binghamton, NY Schenectady, NY, Cortland, NY and Syracuse, NY.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to New Paltz, NY, Binghamton, NY, Schenectady, NY, Cortland, NY and Syracuse, NY from February 21<sup>st</sup> through February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 for the purpose of providing a college tour for students that will visit SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Cortland, Union College, and Syracuse University.

**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 Administration Procedures.

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:

**Authorization to Sign an Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute an agreement with Hofstra University for the 2013 Freeport High School Commencement to be held at the David S. Mack Sports Complex at Hofstra University on Wednesday, June 26, 2013.

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:

**Budget Transfer – General Fund - February 2013**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the attached Budget Transfer to the General Fund for February, 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 Scholarship – Millennium Honda Outreach**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude four scholarships to be known as the “Millennium Honda Outreach Scholarships” in the amount of \$250 each. These scholarships will be awarded to four students with an academic average between 75-80, that have demonstrated considerable educational growth and maturity, with plans to pursue higher education. This scholarship is made possible by Millennium Honda.

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:

**Acceptance of a Scholarship**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude the Blanck Family Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of Vern and Geraldine Blanck, longtime residents and supporters of the Freeport School District. The generous award will be in the amount of \$3,000 and will be presented to one student every year who has been accepted to a 4 year collage and is in the top 25% of his or her class. The recipient should also show evidence of curiosity, ambition, compassion, integrity and decency. This scholarship was established in 1986 and is being reinstated through the generosity of Mr. Bob Blanck, class of 1957.

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 8:49 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 Ms. Lancaster the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

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 Ms. Lancaster, 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