

March 20, 2013

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, in the Cafeteria of Freeport High School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The NJROTC presented the colors and led in the pledge of allegiance.

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kishore Kuncham, read a statement to the assembled parents, students, teachers and residents, regarding recent disturbing events regarding the Principal of John W. Dodd Middle School.

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
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of
Operations
Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director for Business

Also absent were: Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 47. On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster an addition to the agenda was approved. The vote to add a resolution to “Approve an Interim Principal” passed unanimously and the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Kuncham thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and made the following remarks:

- The John W. Dodd Middle School will be under the leadership of Mr. Robert Micucci, who had retired after 37 years from Dodd and has now agreed to come back and fill the position of Interim Principal.
- The Spring Musical presented by Freeport High School, “**Once on this Island**”, was amazing and the talent was extraordinary.

The Freeport High School Madrigal Group, under the direction of Mr. Tim Warner, sang “**Bound for Jubilee**”. Their presentation was wonderful.

The Student Government, under the direction of Mr. Josh Levitt, presented their report on the activities at Freeport High School.

The top ten graduating students were then recognized and presented with pins from the School Board and the Central Administration.

The top ten students of the Class of 2013 are:

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| 1. Elizabeth Mulé | 6. Nicholas Brown |
| 2. Bianca Molina | 7. Oscar Arieta |
| 3. Jessica Ramos | 8. Jasmine Walker |
| 4. Brittany Gardner | 9. Lauren Workman |
| 5. Ashley Martin | 10. Orlando Flores |

A short break was taken at 8:43 P.M.

The meeting was called back in session at 8:58 P.M.

The Superintendent announced that a research paper submitted by Dr. Vincent Perrier, Science Coordinator, along with 2 students, to the "Physics Teacher" will be published in the May 2013 edition.

The Physics Teacher is a peer-reviewed journal published by the American Association of Physics Teachers.

2013-2014 Budget

The Superintendent gave a short overview and update on the issues facing Freeport and Public Education. He urged for the advocacy to continue.

Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director for Business, gave a power point presentation regarding the proposed Budget 2013-2014.

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: February 13, 2013, March 13, 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:

Elizabeth DeSalvo, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 21, 2013 through February 5, 2013, for health reasons.

Thomas Foley, Technology Teacher, effective March 11, 2013 and June 10, 2013 through June 28, 2013, for paid Military Leave.

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:

Marie Melgar, Math (Bilingual) Teacher, effective March 20, 2013, to accept another position in the District.

Shannon Engley, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective February 27, 2013, for personal reasons.

Samantha Torres, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 1, 2013, for personal reasons.

Lisa Vetter, Permanent Substitute, effective March 15, 2013, for personal reasons.

Susan Maddi, Assistant Business Administrator, effective April 12, 2013, 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.

Marie Melgar, ESL Teacher, (replacing A. Fleming, retired) a probationary appointment effective March 21, 2013 with an expected tenure date of March 21, 2016. Compensation will be on step 1-2F of schedule U3D at \$64,796.
Assignment: FHS.

Other Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster 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:

Peggy Miller, Principal, effective June 30, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 26 years.

Lawrence Sheridan, Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 33 years.

Diane Wahlers, Physical Education Teacher, effective July 1, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 30 years.

Mary Ann Ross, Administrative Assistant, effective April 30, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 27 years.

Ellen Frey, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective July 1, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 12 years.

Dolores Galgano, Food Service Worker, effective July 1, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 19 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. Ellerbe the following item was approved:

Stipulation of Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, having reviewed a certain Settlement Agreement concerning a non-instructional employee, hereby approves the terms of the Settlement Agreement and authorizes and directs the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

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

Approval for Student Travel to the All Eastern Honors Music Festival in Hartford Connecticut.

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 Hartford, Connecticut from April 4th through April 7th, 2013 for the purpose of rehearsing and performing in the All Eastern Honors Music Festival.

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:

Adoption of the 2013-2014 School Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the attached School Calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.

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:

Approval of Consultants

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approve the agreement between the following consultant 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.

Suffolk County Archaeological Association	Leo F. Giblyn	In-school field trip linking colonial times to various disciplines including reading, writing, math and science	\$1,400	Title I
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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:

Authorization to Execute an Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute an agreement with Adelphi University for services in connection with the Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness grant.

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 an Interim Principal

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves Robert Micucci to serve in the capacity of an Interim Principal, effective March 21, 2013, at a per diem rate of \$750; 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 Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico, the following item was approved:

RESOLUTION – BUDGET TRANSFER-GENERAL FUND – MARCH, 2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District here by approves a Budget Transfer within the General Fund for March, 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:

Acceptance of a Donation – MSG Varsity

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a generous donation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from MSG Varsity to be used at the District's discretion.

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 Capital Reserve Fund Projects and Type II Actions

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District desires to embark upon certain capital reserve fund projects, to wit:

HVAC upgrade to boilers/burners at the John W. Dodd Middle School.
District-wide toilet renovations, district-wide ceiling replacements, and security and safety upgrades/enhancements to the following buildings:

Archer Street School
Bayview Avenue School
Caroline G. Atkinson Elementary School

Columbus Avenue School
John W. Dodd Middle School
Freeport High School
Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School
New Visions School
Administration Building

WHEREAS, said capital reserve fund projects are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, maintenance or repairs involving no substantial changes in existing structures or facilities are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (1)); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (2)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital reserve fund projects and has determined that the capital reserve fund projects for:

- HVAC upgrade to boilers/burners at the John W. Dodd Middle School.
- District-wide toilet renovations, district-wide ceiling replacements, and security and safety upgrades/enhancements to the following buildings:
 - Archer Street School
 - Bayview Avenue School
 - Caroline G. Atkinson Elementary School
 - Columbus Avenue School
 - John W. Dodd Middle School
 - Freeport High School
 - Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School
 - New Visions School
 - Administration Building

are classified as Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQRA pursuant to Section 617.5 (c) (1) and 617.5 (c) (2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between the New York State Education Department (SED) and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) in connection with its request for approval of the above-described projects from the New York State Education Department.

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

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

Approval of a Proposition to Use Capital Reserve Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby authorizes the following proposition to be submitted to the voters of the Freeport Union Free School District on May 21, 2013:

The Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$1,300,000 representing monies from the capital reserve fund established in March 2009 for the following purposes:

HVAC upgrade/replacement of Boilers/Burners at the J. W. Dodd Middle School; Security and Safety upgrades and enhancements District-wide; Bathroom Renovations District-wide; Ceiling Tile Replacements District-wide, including all ancillary and incidental work required to be performed in connection with said projects.

Since the funds to be expended hereunder are from the Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the district.

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 a Scholarship – Brea Baker Give Back Scholarship

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude a scholarship to be known as the “Brea Baker Give Back Scholarship” in the amount of \$300. This scholarship will be awarded to a Senior who is in Select Choral, has excelled academically (a top 10 student) and will be attending a four year college in the fall of that school year. This scholarship is made possible by Brea Baker, Freeport High School alumni.

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 a Scholarship – Gershow Recycling Environmental Conservation Scholarship

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude a scholarship to be known as the “Gershow Recycling Environmental Conservation Scholarship” in the amount of \$1,000. This scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in either environmental science or engineering and is made possible by Gershow Recycling.

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.

Adjournment

At 10:01 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



Freeport Public Schools 2013-2014 School Calendar

August	28 & 29	Teachers Report – Supt. Conference Days
September	2	Labor Day
	3	First Day of School for Students
	5 & 6	Rosh Hashanah – school closed
October	14	Columbus Day – school closed
November students	5	Superintendent Conference Day – no school for
	11	Veterans Day – school closed
	28-29	Thanksgiving Recess
December -January	23-3	Holiday Recess
January	20	Martin Luther King Day – school closed
February	17-21	Winter Recess
April	14-22	Spring Recess
May	23-27	Memorial Day Recess
June	27	Last Day of School for Students

If no snow days are used, school will be closed on May 23 and May 27.

If 1 snow day is used school will be open on May 27 and closed on May 23.

If 2 snow days are used, school will be open on May 23 and May 27.

Dates of Parent/Teacher Conferences to be announced.

Additional Emergency Make-up Days will be used during February and/or April recess.