

**April 3, 2013**

The regular Planning/Action/Budget Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, April 3, 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 7:38 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 27.

On a motion from Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe two items were approved as additions to the agenda:

- A. 2. Appointment of an Interim Assistant Principal
- A. 3. Resolution to Uphold a Superintendent's Decision.

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

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting and made some announcements:

- PTA Founders Day has been set for April 24, 2013 at Freeport High School.
- The very popular College Awareness Day will be at Hofstra University on April 6, 2013.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PTA Scholarship Dinner Dance will be on April 12, 2013.

**2013-14 Proposed Budget:**

The Superintendent gave a brief overview and update on the proposed budget now that the State budget has been adopted on time with a small restoration of some

monies that had previously been withheld. Full-day Kindergarten has been saved for this year and 2 Librarian positions have been saved.

Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director for Business then gave a power point presentation with the updated information. (as attached)

The Superintendent reiterated the need for everyone to contact their government officials and advocate for the schools and children for next year. The single most harmful blow to the future of Public Education in New York State is the Tax Cap. It will, in the next few years, destroy education in New York State. The last few years have been very difficult and the next few years will also see many cuts with many districts facing educational and then fiscal insolvency.

The President of the Board of Education, Mrs. Mulé, added that Freeport is not experiencing a declining enrollment but rather an increase. For the 2012-2013 School Year, Freeport added two Kindergarten classes.

### **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. Miller and a seconded by Ms. Lancaster 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:

January 23, 24, 31, 2013

February 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 2013

March 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, 2013

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

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a seconded by Mr. Pomerico 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 Sharon R. McCabe to serve in the capacity of an Interim Assistant Principal, at John W. Dodd Middle School, effective April 8, 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 vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

**Resolution to Uphold the Superintendent's Decision**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby upholds the Superintendent's suspension of a student with the initials C. M.

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

**Adjournment**

At 8:39 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and seconded by Mr. Miller, 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 April 17, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at the Archer Street School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.  
District Clerk