

June 19, 2013

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, in the Gymnasium of New Visions School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, 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 95.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham congratulated Ms. Debra Mulé, Board of Education President, Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations and Mr. Joseph Chetti, Physical Education Teacher for their recognition by the Rotary Club for their Civic Leadership and service to the Community.

The Superintendent also made the following announcement:

- A \$1.2 million grant has been awarded to Freeport Schools and it will help fund the summer arts program and after school enrichment for the children. We hope that the grant will continue past the 2013-2014 school year.
- A new Principal has been selected for John W. Dodd Intermediate School, and I am recommending that the Board of Education approve the appointment tonight for Ms. Johane Ligondi.

Renee Crump-Dedmon, Principal of New Visions School introduced the "New Visions Idols." The children presented several songs in their version of a popular television show which was enjoyed by all.

The Superintendent recognized District staff members who were selected by their peers as outstanding individuals who personified the theme of their building for the “Celebrating Success Program.” As part of the District Goal, The Monthly Employee Recognition Program was designed to promote morale and recognize individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty. The Principals of each building presented each honoree. The honorees were:

- Linda Weiner, Columbus Avenue, Demonstrating Effective Leadership, October 2012
- Barbara Crespi, Archer Street, Demonstrating Pride for One’s Work, November, 2012
- Ruth Hindley, Bayview Avenue, Demonstrating Loyalty and Commitment, December, 2012
- Amy Lederer, Leo F. Giblyn, Promotes Learning to Full Potential, January 2013
- Susan Johnson, New Visions, Demonstrating Innovation and Creativity, February, 2013
- Nina Sasso, Carolyn G. Atkinson, Willingly Sharing Information, March 2013
- Jimmy Jones, Dodd Middle School, Pitching in to Help a Colleague/Parent, April , 2013
- Sarah Molese, Freeport High School, Promoting Teamwork , May 2013
- Jamie Reinke, Administration Building, Works Well Under Pressure, June 2013
- Clive De Souza, Buildings & Grounds, Good Work Ethics, June 2013

At 8:33 p.m. a short break was taken.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:49 p.m.

Dr. Kuncham spoke about the extraordinary challenges of the past year and thanked the community and staff for their support. He recognized High School Senior Kyle McCullough for his dedication and the Superintendent and Board President presented him with a pin of appreciation.

Amendment to the agenda

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe, a resolution was added to the agenda regarding an Administrative Appointment.

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

The Board accepted the Audit Committee minutes and the Audit Reports.

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: May 29, 2013, June 5, 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:

LuAnn Mayer, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective May 15, 2013 through May 23, 2013, for health reasons.

Jeffrey Glass, Social Studies Teacher, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, for personal reasons.

Robert Dancy, Cleaner, effective May 13, 2013 through June 2, 2013, for health reasons.

Pedro Burgess, Cleaner, effective April 8, 2013 extended through July 12, 2013, for health reasons.

Appointment of Supervisory 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 following individuals as Supervisors:

Supervisory Staff for 2013-2014

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STIPEND
Sarah Molese	Lead Nurse	Districtwide	\$3,338
Catherine Rode	Art Facilitator	Districtwide	\$3,338
Talonda Thomas	Music Facilitator	Districtwide	\$3,338
Donna Rusinek	Science Facilitator	Archer	\$3,338
Merily Masin	English Lang. Arts Lead Teacher	Archer	\$3,338
Linda Marino	Mathematics Lead Teacher	Archer	\$3,338
Michael Huisman	Science Facilitator	Bayview	\$3,338

Andrea Parisi	English Lang. Arts Lead Teacher	Bayview	\$3,338
Wendy Valasky	Mathematics Lead Teacher	Bayview	\$3,338
Therese Casoria	Science Facilitator	Giblyn	\$3,338
Lorraine Brown	English Lang. Arts Lead Teacher	Giblyn	\$3,338
Mary Kelly	Mathematics Lead Teacher	Giblyn	\$3,338
Michael De Gennaro	Science Facilitator	New Visions	\$1,669
Carol Cartinella			\$1,669
Constance Malcolm-Grant	English Lang. Arts Lead Teacher	New Visions	\$3,338
Allan Brimer	Mathematics Lead Teacher	New Visions	\$3,338
Karen Weckler	Science Facilitators- 5 th grade	Atkinson	\$1,669
Matthew Yatsyla	Science Facilitators- 6 th grade		\$1,669
Diane Notti	Special Education Lead Teacher	Atkinson	\$3,338
Kerri Sparacia	Team Leader, 5 th Grade	Atkinson	\$3,338
Jennifer Ferrarelli	Team Leader, 5 th Grade	Atkinson	\$3,338
Karen Weckler	Team Leader, 5 th Grade	Atkinson	\$3,338
MaryAnne Keane	Team Leader, 5 th Grade	Atkinson	\$3,338
Karen Heins	Team Leader, 6 th Grade	Atkinson	\$3,338
Jeanne Sanders	Team Leader, 6 th Grade	Atkinson	\$3,338
Donna Librizzi	Team Leader, 6 th Grade	Atkinson	\$3,338
Thesla Bongiorno	Team Leader, 6 th Grade	Atkinson	\$3,338
Michael Filaski	7 th Gr. Team Leader	Dodd	\$3,338
Antony Aniano	7 th Gr. Team Leader	Dodd	\$3,338
Shelly Scully	7 th Gr. Team Leader	Dodd	\$3,338
Judith Summers	7 th Gr. Team Leader	Dodd	\$3,338
Carol Byrne	Mathematics Lead Teacher	Dodd	\$1,669
Annette Jones			\$1,669
Shelly Scully	Social Studies Lead Teacher	Dodd	\$3,338
Thomas Doyle	Science Lead Teacher	Dodd	\$3,338
Lori Cohen	English Lead Teacher	Dodd	\$3,338
Bridget Zamot-Bing	World Languages Department Lead Teacher	Dodd	\$3,338
Nancy Berg	Special Education Lead Teacher	Dodd	\$3,338
James Wandzilak	Technology & FACS Lead Teacher	Dodd	\$3,338
Andrea Kane	English Department Chair	FHS	\$5,393
Peggy Parigoris	Science Department Chair	FHS	\$5,393
Patricia Duffy	Special Ed. Department Chair	FHS	\$5,393

Jacqueline Matos	Mathematics Department Chair	FHS	\$5,393
Linda Hendrickson	Social Studies Department Chair	FHS	\$5,393
Emma Perdomo	Guidance Department Chair	FHS	\$5,393
Gleni Peña	World Languages Department Chair	FHS	\$5,393
Richard Johnson	Technology/Business Lead Teacher	FHS	\$3,338
Betsy Funch	Student Org. Controller	FHS	\$5,393

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: March 22, 2013; April 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 26, 29, 30, 2013; May 2, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 2013.

Other Items for Action

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

Acceptance of Donations

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with heartfelt gratitude the donation of \$1,694 from the Arts Angels of North Shore Schools, to be used by the Music Department to assist with the recovery, in the aftermath of super storm Sandy.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with deep gratitude a donation of \$500 from the Uniondale High School Music Tri-M Department to aid in the loss to the Freeport Music Department from super storm Sandy.

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

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

Budget Transfer – General Fund – June, 2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the attached Budget Transfer within the General Fund for June, 2013.

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

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

Disposal of Computer Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes that the computer equipment on the attached list be declared obsolete and recycled by Green Chip Recycling, at no cost to the district.

The vote was unanimous, 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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the scholarship to be known as “The Superintendent’s Scholarship-In Memory of Venkat Ratnam Kuncham.” This scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000 and will be given to a graduating senior who exemplifies scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. The student should be someone who demonstrates academic excellence; has held a leadership position in extracurricular activities or student government; has shown a commitment to community service; and possesses qualities of character, compassion, integrity, sportsmanship, optimism and ambition; and plans to pursue his/her education in the field of Business, Science, Engineering or Social Sciences at an accredited college, university or military academy. This scholarship is made possible and is funded by Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Freeport Schools.

The vote was unanimous, 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 the Internal Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the Internal Audit Reports.

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

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

Transfer of Funds to Reserves

Capital Reserve Fund (Facilities Improvement Program)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the transfer up to \$1,500,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund from the District’s existing fund balance to finance Capital Reserve Fund (Facilities Improvement Program) – Freeport Public Schools, for the purpose of building renovations.

Retirement Contribution Reserve

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the transfer up to \$1,000,000 to the Retirement Contribution Reserve from the District's existing fund balance to finance retirement contributions to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System.

Worker's Compensation Reserve

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the transfer up to \$1,000,000 to the Worker's Compensation Reserve from the District's existing fund balance to finance worker's compensation claims to employees.

Unemployment Reserve

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the transfer up to \$200,000 to the Unemployment Reserve from the District's existing fund balance to finance unemployment claims to employees.

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

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

Acceptance of a Consent and Assignment Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Consent and Assignment Agreement between the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, SMC Construction Corp. and the Westchester Fire Insurance Company in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Consent and Assignment Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Consent and Assignment Agreement.

The vote was unanimous, 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 for Administrative, Instructional and Other Technology Upgrades

WHEREAS the use of the Equipment and the Freeport Union Free School District's participation in the Learning Technology Project Planning and Financial Management Services project are essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of its education program to be supported by the Equipment, and is necessary to maintain the District's educational program and;

WHEREAS the expenses arising under this Agreement constitute ordinary contingent expenses necessary for providing educational services, and the transaction is in the best financial interests of the Freeport Union Free School District because it enables the District to utilize the equipment in a cost effective and economic manner, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the Superintendent or his designee to sign all agreements with Nassau BOCES with regard to Administrative, Instructional and other technology upgrades.

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

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

Nomination for the NYSSBA Area 11 Director

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby nominates Susan Bergtraum as Area 11 Director of the New York State School Boards Association.

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

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

Acceptance of the First Reading of the Revised Code of Conduct

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts as a first reading, the revised Code of Conduct for 2013-2014 School Year.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller 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:

Lucretia Valerie-Randazzo, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective July 1, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 11 years.

Vito DiSpigno, Security Aide, effective June 30, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 12 years.

Martha Calidonio, Assistant Cook, effective June 22, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 27 years.

Catherine Donohue, Clerk Typist (10 Month), effective July 1, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 14 years.

Patricia Belfi, Elementary Teacher/Teacher on Special Assignment, effective August 21, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 23 years.

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

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):

<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCHOOL</i>	<i>TENURE AREA</i>	<i>TENURE DATE</i>
<i>Teacher(s)</i>			
Martha Bermeo	Bayview	Elementary	September 1,2013
Dolores Miller	Atkinson	Elementary	September 1, 2013
John Duggan	FHS	Social Studies	September 1, 2013
Lisa Zabala	Bayview	Special Education	September 1, 2013
Shannon Abramovitz	Giblyn	Music	September 1, 2013
Juliette Mason	Giblyn	Art	September 1, 2013
Sean Caldwell	Atkinson	Special Education	September 1, 2013
Amanda Mizel	Dodd	Speech	September 1, 2013
Ilona Fiola	NV	School Psychologist	September 1, 2013
William Behrens	Dodd	Science	September 1, 2013
Samantha Tasso	Atkinson	Reading	September 1, 2013
Karen Cole-Onaifo	FHS	Science	September 1, 2013
Christopher Farrell	Bayview	Special Education	September 1, 2013
Angela Woodside	FHS	English	September 1, 2013

Hallie Sherman	Atkinson	Speech	September 1, 2013
Danielle Polo	Atkinson	Reading	September 24, 2013
Teaching Assistant(s)			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Diane Anhouse	Dodd	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2013
Kaitlin Haggerty	Archer	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2013
Florence Feldman	Archer	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2013
Diana Eilam	Dodd	Teaching Assistant	September 27, 2013

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

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

Administrative Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints **Johane Ligonde**, to the position of Principal (replacing J. O’Mard, terminated), as a probationary employee effective July 15, 2013 with an anticipated tenure date of July 15, 2016. The tenure area in which **Johane Ligonde** shall serve is “Principal”, a district wide tenure area. Compensation will be paid pursuant to step 1 of the Junior High Principal Salary Schedule at \$138,574. **Johane Ligonde** shall be assigned to the John W. Dodd Middle School.

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 any topic.

Executive Session

At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Miller moved to adjourn to executive session for ten specific matters of personnel, two matters of negotiations, one student matter and two legal matters.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and passed unanimously.

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

At 12:01 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the

Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

At 12:02 a.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Pomerico 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
Clerk of the Board