### July 2, 2013

The annual reorganization meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and District Clerk, who also led in the pledge of allegiance. The purpose of the meeting was for the annual reorganization meeting.

Those present were: Mr. Ronald J. Ellerbe, Trustee

Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Trustee Mr. Anthony Miller, Trustee Ms. Debra Mulé, 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 and District Clerk

Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were: Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director for Business

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 14.

### Organization of the Board

#### Administration of the Oath of Office to the Elected Trustee

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Anthony Miller and Mr. Michael Pomerico, elected School Board Members, by Dr. Mary Bediako, District Clerk.

At 7:34 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the Board adjourned to Executive Session for one specific matter of personnel. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 7:48 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Ms. Lancaster the Board returned from Executive Session to open session. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

#### Nomination and Election of Officers and Oath of Office - President

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Pomerico, Debra Mulé was nominated and elected for the office of President of the Board. There were no other nominations.

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

The clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected President.

#### Nomination and Election of Officers and Oath of Office - Vice President

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico, Vilma Lancaster was nominated for the office of Vice-President of the Board. There were no other nominations. All members present voted, the results were:

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

The President administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Vice-President.

## **Appointment of Officers**

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the following Officers to the Board for the 2013-2014 year in accordance with Education Law. These appointments shall be in effect from July 1, 2013 and shall terminate on June 30, 2014:

- a. District Treasurer: Debra Ferrugia
- b. Deputy Treasurer: Lisa Bonacci
- c. Clerk of the Board: Mary R. Bediako
- d. Central Treasurer, Extra Classroom Activities Account: Betsy Funch
- e. Records Access Officer: Mary R. Bediako
- f. Environmental Safety Officer: **Thomas Fucci**
- g. Purchasing Officer: **James Robinson**, in his absence Assistant Business Manager
- h. Records Management Officer: **Denise Elmore**
- i. Attendance Officer: Maria Duran
- j. Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response (AHERA) Local Educational Agency (LEA) designee: Thomas Fucci
- k. Title IX/Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer(s): Jonathan Bloom/Alice Kane
- l. Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth: Pam Maltese
- m. Chemical Hygiene Officer: Thomas Fucci

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the motion carried and the vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Ms. Mulé, President of the Board of Education, administered the oath of office to the appointed Officers.

## Appointment of the Auditors

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolutions for adoption:

# **Appointment of External Auditors**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the official external auditors of the District for the Year 2013-2014 shall be the firm of:

Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP

Certified Public Accountants

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to sign any Letter of Engagement.

## **Appointment of Internal Auditors**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the official internal auditors of the District for the 2012-2013 school year shall be the firm of:

Nawrocki Smith, LLP

Certified Public Accountants

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to sign any Letter of Engagement.

# **Appointment of Internal Claims Auditors**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the official internal claims auditors of the District for the 2013-2014 school year shall be the firm of:

Deans Archer & Company

#### **Certified Public Accountants**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to sign any Letter of Engagement.

## Appointment of Accounting Firm

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the following firm for the purposes of preparing the financial statements for the 2013-2014 school year:

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D'Arcangelo & Co., L.L.P. Certified Public Accountants

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to sign any Letter of Engagement.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster, the motion carried and the vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

## Appointment of School Attorneys and Advisors to the Board

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolutions for adoption:

#### General and Labor Counsel

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the firm **Ingerman Smith**, **LLP** is hereby appointed as general and labor counsel to the District for the 2013-2014 year and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to sign any Letter of Engagement.

#### **Bond Counsel**

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the firm of **Hawkins, Delafield, and Wood,** shall be appointed as bond counsel to the District for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to sign any Letter of Engagement.

#### Financial Advisors

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that **New York Municipal Advisors Corporation** be appointed at the financial advisors to the District for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to sign any Letter of Engagement.

#### Architects

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the firm of **BJLJ Engineers and Architects**, **P.C.**, for the purpose of providing architectural and engineering services for the 2013-2014 year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to sign any Letter of Engagement.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the motion carried and the vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

## Appointment of the Committees on Special Education

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the amended appointments to the Committees on Special Education shall be in accordance to Education Law and shall be effective for the year 2013-2014;

- 1. <u>Central CSE Committee</u>: Chairperson/Administrator Alice Kane, Glenn Stewart; School Building Psychologist, Parent Representatives Dianne Clark, Yvette Gaynor, Katherine Brophy, Donna Rafael, Kathleen Santamaria, Doree Seiver, Angelica Crespo, Physician Dr. Denise Robinson or alternate appointed by the Board; All special education teachers on staff, and the child's teacher.
- 2. <u>CSE Subcommittee / Columbus</u> Administrator Anne Marie Hudley-Simmons; Chairperson/Psychologist Jennifer Lopez Castaldo; All special education teachers on staff; Nurse/ Teacher Linda Wittick; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
- 3. <u>CSE Subcommittee / Archer</u> Administrator Paula Lein; Chairperson/Psychologist - Lissette Santiago; All special education teachers on staff; Nurse/ Teacher –Mary Ann Seitz; the child's teacher, and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
- 4. <u>CSE Subcommittee / Bayview</u> Administrator Odette Wills; Chairperson/Psychologist – Maria Vasquez-Wright; All special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurse/ Teacher – Lisa Rabinowitz; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
- 5. <u>CSE Subcommittee /Giblyn</u> Administrator Amanda Muldowney; Chairperson/Psychologist - Matthew Sether; All special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurse/ Teacher – Agnes Burgess; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.

- 6. <u>CSE Subcommittee / New Visions</u> Administrator Reneé Crump-Dedmon; Chairperson/Psychologist Ilona Fiola; All special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurse/ Teacher Antonia Pincus; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
- 7. <u>CSE Subcommittee / Atkinson</u>- Administrator Consuelo Velez; Chairperson/Psychologist – Dolores Lloves-Cid/Michael McGinn, All special education teachers on staff; Nurse/ Teacher – Mindy Wellen; the child's teacher, and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
- 8. <u>CSE Subcommittee / Dodd</u> Administrator Johane Ligonde; Chairpersons/ Psychologists – Magaly Raiehle/ Michael McGinn, All special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurse/ Teacher - Peggy Sameroff; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
- 9. <u>CSE Subcommittee / FHS</u> Administrator Linda Carter; Chairpersons/Psychologists - Glenn Clark, Esperanza Yepes, Elizabeth D'Aiello; All special education teachers on staff; the child's teacher, Nurses/ Teachers - Sarah Molese, Lorie Regan, Lorraine Quintanilla; and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
- 10. <u>CSE Committee / Out of District Students</u>; Administrator Alice Kane, Glenn Stewart, Chairperson Stephanie Metzger, Special Education teachers, General Education teachers and all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee.
- 11. <u>Committee on Preschool Special Education</u> Administrator TBD, Chairpersons, Alice Kane, Glenn Stewart, Jennifer Lopez Castaldo; Parent Representatives all parent representatives appointed for the Central CSE Committee, Evaluators/Teachers on staff at State Education Department approved preschool special education programs, evaluation sites, and County approved itinerant service providers; Professionals from Agencies serving child birth to two years all professionals on staff; Professional appointed by the County Antonia Della Veccia Monson or alternate County designee; and the surrogate parent will be named at a later date.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk shall canvass the list of impartial hearing officers who have expressed a willingness to conduct hearings in Nassau County in order to assess whether such hearing officers are willing to serve as hearing officers in connection with Freeport matters and to ascertain whether there is any conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety which would preclude a hearing officer from hearing a Freeport matter.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the motion carried and the vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# Appointment of the School Physicians

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the following physicians shall be appointed as school physicians for the 2013-2014 year:

Dr. Denise Robinson; Dr. David Klein: Dr. Suanne Kowal-Connelly

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster, the motion carried and the vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### Appointments to the Scholarship and Honors Board

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the following members to the Scholarship and Honors Board for the three year term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016:

Mr. Jorge Heras, Jr. and Ms. Valerie Montes

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the motion carried and the vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### Designation of Banks as Depositories

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that JP Morgan Chase Bank, Citibank, Bank of America, HSBC Bank, Capital One Bank, T.D. Bank, Municipal Investors Service Corporation (MBAI) Flushing Bank and NYLAF (Cadre Securities, Inc.) shall be designated as the depositories of the District for 2013-2014.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the motion carried and the vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# **Appointment of the Official Papers**

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that The Freeport/Baldwin Leader, and the Long Island Graphic, two papers with local distribution, shall be designated as the official papers for the purpose of placing legal advertisements; and

**THAT** Newsday shall be designated as the official alternate paper for the purpose of placing legal advertisements on an emergency and need basis.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and the motion carried unanimously: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Authorization of Petty Cash Accounts**

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that petty cash accounts be established for the 2013-2014 year. These accounts shall be established as follows:

- 1. District Clerk, District Clerks Office in the amount of \$100;
- 2. Senior Account Clerk, Business Office in the amount of \$100;
- 3. Senior Account Clerk, Business Office in the amount of \$100;
- 4. High School Principal in the amount of \$100;
- 5. Junior High School Principal in the amount of \$100;
- 6. Atkinson School Principal in the amount of \$100;
- 7. Archer Street School Principal in the amount of \$100;
- 8. Leo F. Giblyn School Principal in the amount of \$100;
- 9. Bayview Avenue School Principal in the amount of \$100;
- 10. New Visions School Principal in the amount of \$100;
- 11. Columbus Avenue School Principal in the amount of \$100; and
- 12. Cafeteria in the amount of \$100.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller, and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# **Authorization to Make Budget Transfers**

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Superintendent of Schools and his designee is hereby authorized to make budget transfers in accordance with the regulations as set forth by the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with the policy on budget transfers as set forth by the Board.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# **Authorization to Open Bids**

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board that the following employees be authorized to receive and open bid proposals for the 2013-2014 year:

Superintendent of Schools

Assistant Superintendents

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**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any three shall be present at all bid openings in accordance with Board Policy.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

#### **Establishment of District Rates**

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby establishes the following schedule of rates:

A. <u>Use of Facilities (Buildings) and Fields</u> shall be in

accordance with the regulations here attached and fee

schedule shall be as follows:

Auditorium: \$100 per hour

Cafeteria: \$35 per day Classroom: \$10 per day Gymnasium: \$35 per day

Custodial (Holidays & Weekends): \$45 per hour

Security: \$30 per hour

Audio Visual: \$45 per hour/Audio Visual Technician: \$10

per hour

Field Permit (July-August 8 weeks): \$300 (no charge for in

district non-profit groups)

- B. Authorized Reimbursable Travel Mileage Allowance shall be set the IRS rate.
- C. <u>Daily Meal Allowance</u> for Conferences shall be set at \$45.00 per day.
- D. School Breakfast and Lunch Prices shall be as follows: Pre-Kindergarten; Breakfast \$1.25; Lunch \$1.25 Elementary (K-6); Breakfast \$1.25; Lunch \$2.00 Middle School (7-8); Breakfast \$1.25; Lunch \$2.25 High School (9-12); Breakfast \$1.50; Lunch \$2.25 Milk & Chocolate Milk \$0.40
- E. Substitute Teacher, Teacher Assistant, Clerical Rates and Student Worker Rate shall be as follows:
  Daily Substitute Teacher rate \$100
  Permanent Substitute Teacher rate \$125
  Substitute Teacher Assistant rate \$10.00 per hour

Substitute Clerical rate - \$10.00 per hour Student Worker rate - \$8.25 per hour

F. District Rates for Poll Workers Head of Polls - \$10.00 per hour Poll Workers - \$8.50 per hour

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and the motion was unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# Designation of Authorized Signatures on Checks

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Treasurer be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the District for the period to begin July 1, 2013 and end June 30, 2014; and **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that in the absence of the Treasurer, the Deputy Treasurer shall be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the District for the period to begin July 1, 2013 and end June 30, 2014

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and the motion was unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Certification of Payrolls**

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee shall be designated as the authorized person to certify the payrolls of the District from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# **Authorization to Approve Conferences**

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Superintendent of Schools and his or her designee shall be designated as the authorized persons to approve employee requests to attend conferences for the school year 2013-2014.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# **Bonding of Employees**

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, that all the employees and officers of the Board shall be bonded and included within the blanket public employee dishonesty insurance policy purchased by the Freeport Union Free School District. The insurance policy covers all employees including the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Purchasing Agent, Payroll Clerk, Accounts Payable Clerk, Assistant Business Administrator, Central Treasurer for Extra Classroom Activity Fund, Internal Auditor and Internal Claims Auditor.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

## Acceptance of State and Federal Funds

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolutions for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Board accepts, as a necessary preliminary, any and all State and Federal funds that are to be used for the improvement of the Educational System of the Freeport Public Schools.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to apply for and accept all grants from governmental and private organizations.

The motions were seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Indemnification of School Board Members and Employees**

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution for adoption:

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York authorizes municipal corporations, including boards of education, to adopt supplemental defense and indemnification provisions to those contained in the Education Law; and

WHEREAS, the statute authorizes boards of education to defend, indemnify and save harmless, members of boards of education and officers, agents and employees of boards of education; authorized parent volunteers; members of school-based planning and shared decision making committees; and members of the district's audit committee, in connection with any claims, awards or judgments obtained against such board members, officers, agents or employees; authorized parent volunteers; members of school-based planning and shared decision making committees; and members of the district's audit committee in any State or Federal Court, in the amount of any

judgment, award or settlement of any such claim, provide the act or omission from which such judgment, award or claim arose or occurred while the board member, officer, agent or employee or authorized parent volunteer; member of a school-based planning and shared decision making committee; or a member of the district's audit committee was acting within the scope of his or her office or employment or authorized volunteer duties;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the supplemental defense and indemnification provisions contained in Section 18 of the Public Officers Law for its Board members, officers, agents and employees; authorized parent volunteers, members of school-based planning and shared decision making committees; and members of the district's audit committee. This coverage shall supplement and shall be in addition to the coverage available to such individuals under other enactments, including but not limited to the Education Law of the State of New York; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental hereto and as an additional perquisite to public office and employment, the Board hereby further extends the right to be defended and indemnified as provided in Public Officers Law, §18 to board members, school officers, agents and employees who are requested or are called to testify as a witness or to answer questions concerning their acts or omissions within the scope of their office, agency or employment before a grand jury, the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement official. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or require defense or indemnification to a board members, school officer, agent or employee who has been identified as a defendant in a pending criminal prosecution or where such individual, or the school district, has reason to believe that such individual is a target in a criminal investigation or prosecution by the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement entity.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and the motion unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# **Authorization of Board Memberships**

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Board agrees to and does hereby authorize membership in the following organizations related to education for the 2011-2012 school year: National School Boards Association

National School Boards Association New York State School Boards Association Nassau - Suffolk School Boards Association R. E. F. I. T. National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)

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New York State Magnet Schools National Caucus of Hispanic School Board Members NYS Caucus of Black School Board Members (NYSCBSBM) National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and the motion carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Authorization to Enter into Agreements**

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized and directed to enter into resolution agreements resolving impartial hearings on behalf of the Board of Education when in his or her judgment the proposed resolution is in the best interest of the District.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

### Appointment of Administrators to the Teacher Center Board

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints Gerard W. Poole and Pamela Maltese as Administrators to the Freeport Teacher Center Board for the 2013-2014 school year.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

## Appointment of the Board of Registration

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Board of Registration shall be appointed in accordance with Education Law, and shall serve until thirty days following the next Election; THE Board hereby appoints: Denise Elmore (Chairperson of Election); Janice Falco; Joann Cook; Ed Elmore; Joan Holland; Erika Elmore.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

#### Resolution for Conference Attendance and Reimbursement of Expenses

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District herewith approves the attendance by Board of Education Members at any conferences, workshops, training sessions, educational information sessions and any other presentations by the educational organizations and institutions set forth below for the 2013-2014 school year:

The National School Boards Association

The Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association

The New York State School Boards Association

New York State Education Department

Reform Educational Financing Inequities Today (R. E. F. I. T.)

New York State Magnet Schools

Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)

SCOPE

National Caucus of Hispanic School Board Members

NYS Caucus of Black School Board Members (NYSCBSBM)

National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Board members who want to participate in conferences, programs, workshops and training sessions sponsored by any other educational organizations or institutions should obtain prior approval from the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** and in keeping with our Mission and Vision Statements, the Board of Education is committed to the education of the children of Freeport and to that end, wishes to participate in any and all programs which will help our Board enhance, enrich and improve our students and help them become lifelong learners.

The Board has determined that attendance of Board Members at conferences, workshops, training sessions, educational information sessions and any other presentations by educational organizations and institutions is in the best interest of the District and therefore has determined to reimburse attending Board Members for all reasonable and appropriate expenses, which may be prepaid by the District if appropriate, including meal, transportation, and lodging costs and registration fees.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and the motion carried unanimously: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# Computer Equipment, Cellular Phones, Credit Cards, Meals And Refreshments

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolutions for adoption:

### Computer Equipment

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorize the district to provide computer equipment for home use by

school board members, the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents, and the Executive Director of Operations, where the computers remain the property of the district; where the computers are returned to the district at the expiration of the board member's term or retirement/resignation of the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents, or the Executive Director of Operations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the computers are to be used to enhance communication on school district matters.

#### Cellular Phones

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent or designee to issue a school district-owned cellular phone to a district employee when required by that employee's job duties.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the cellular phones are provided to the employees for business purposes and are not to be used by anyone other than a school district employee. Be it further resolved that the district will assure that it does not purchase a plan with a greater allowance than is reasonably necessary; the business office shall evaluate the cellular phone plan at least once a year.

#### **Credit Cards**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes issuance of credit cards to the Superintendent of Schools, the Deputy Superintendent of Schools/Purchasing Agent and the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel/District Clerk.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the credit cards are to be used for authorized, reimbursable, school business related expenses only.

#### MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education recognizes that from time-to-time it may be appropriate to provide meals and/or refreshments at District meetings and/or events which are being held for an educational purpose. Examples of authorized categories of expenditures include but are not limited to refreshments for staff on Teacher Orientation Day at the beginning of each year, staff recognition meetings, refreshments for Superintendent's Conference Days, community/district meetings, assessment day, grading of tests, receptions for volunteers, and other meetings at which district business is conducted.

The motions were seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolutions for adoption:

# **Appointment of Dignity Act Coordinators**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the following individuals as Dignity Act Coordinators in their respective schools as listed:

Elizabeth Biscotti Archer Street School Mary Gargiulo Archer Street School

Mariella Echegaray Ryan Atkinson Intermediate School Michael Fee Atkinson Intermediate School Nina Sasso Atkinson Intermediate School

Cindy Misrock Bayview Avenue School
Alma Rocha Bayview Avenue School

Linda Wiener Columbus Early Childhood Center Loretta McGaughey Columbus Early Childhood Center Liliana Lynch Columbus Early Childhood Center

Danielle Ballard
 Nancy Berg
 Felice Niland
 Gisselle Campbell Ham Freeport High School

Maria Duran

Rosemary Garcia

Robert Lordi

Joseph Mille

Clorinda Pawlak

Carmen Tarantino

Freeport Sr. High School

Freeport Sr. High School

Giblyn Elementary School

Giblyn Elementary School

Susan Deluca New Visions Elementary School
Diana Octave Boxill New Visions Elementary School

Michael Singleton District-wide

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

# Conclusion of the Reorganization Meeting

## Beginning of the Action Meeting

## Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent also made the following remarks:

- Congratulations to the Class of 2013. Graduation took place at Hofstra University and it was a beautiful venue for the 120<sup>th</sup> commencement of Freeport Public Schools.
- Freeport has received a \$30,000 grant in New York State Senate funding, through the efforts of Senator Charles Fuschillo, to help defray the cost of enhancing the schools security system.
- The Superintendent was invited to participate and present at a round table to discuss innovative efficiencies, led by Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, President of the New York State County Executives Association and the head of PAYGO NY. It was very informational and Freeport was able to contribute.
- Good news for taxpayers, the shift in base proportions which shifts the burden from the business side of the tax base to the homeowners side is now a decision made by local government and for 2015 will be limited to 1%.
- The Summer Arts Academy and the other summer programs for our students have begun and are all going very well.

## Amendment to the Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe four resolutions were added to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, the vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mule 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 the other items for action. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

On a consent agenda the following actions were approved on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. 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: June 19, 20013

#### 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:

Jahn Corbo, Elementary Teacher, effective May 30, 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 members as listed below:

**Juan Lopez**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 24, 2013, for personal reasons

**Claudia Hardes,** Supervisor of Transportation, effective July 17, 2013, for personal reasons.

Adrienne Hennawi, Library Media Specialist, effective August 31, 2013, for personal reasons.

#### **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:

April 5, 18, 2013; May 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 2013; June 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 2013.

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

#### Other Action

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

### **Resolution to Abolish Coordinator Positions**

WHEREAS, for reasons of reorganization, this Board has received a recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools for the abolition of the following positions effective July 1, 2013: Coordinator of English Language Arts, Coordinator of Mathematics and Technology, and Coordinator of Science.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Freeport Union Free School District to effectuate the said recommendation;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District herewith abolishes the positions of Coordinator of English Language Arts, Coordinator of Mathematics and Technology, and Coordinator of Science effective July 1, 2013.

#### **Resolution to Create Director Positions**

WHEREAS, for reasons of reorganization, this Board has received a recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools for the creation of the following positions effective

July 1, 2013: Director of English Language Arts, Director of Mathematics and Technology, and Director of Science.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Freeport Union Free School District to effectuate the said recommendation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District herewith creates the positions of Director of English Language Arts, Director of Mathematics and Technology, and Director of Science effective July 1, 2013.

BE IT RESOLVED that the incumbent of the position of Coordinator of Math & Technology, Nancy Schempp, is hereby appointed to the position of Director of Math & Technology effective July 1, 2013. The tenure area of said appointment is "Director of Math & Technology." In connection with the foregoing, the Board has determined that more than fifty percent (50%) of the duties of Nancy Schempp's current position of Coordinator of Math & Technology will be subsumed within the position of Director of Math & Technology. Therefore, based upon the Education Law of the State of New York, the incumbent of the position abovementioned, to wit, Nancy Schempp, is entitled to immediate appointment to the position of Director of Math & Technology. Further, based upon the past meritorious service of Nancy Schempp, she is herewith appointed with tenure to the position of Director of Math & Technology. The salary of Nancy Schempp upon the effective date of this appointment to the position of Director of Math & Technology shall be the salary closest to her current salary, but not lower than her current salary which is paid to Directors under the applicable collective bargaining agreement (\$126,998, Step 4). All accumulated leave credits standing to her credit on the date hereof shall be continued unabated.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that the incumbent of the position of Coordinator of English Language Arts, Pamela Maltese, is hereby appointed to the position of Director of English Language Arts effective July 1, 2013. The tenure area of said appointment is "Director of English Language Arts." In connection with the foregoing, the Board has determined that more than fifty percent (50%) of the duties of Pamela Maltese's current position of Coordinator of English Language Arts will be subsumed within the position of Director of English Language Arts. Therefore, based upon the Education Law of the State of New York, the incumbent of the position abovementioned, to wit, Pamela Maltese, is entitled to immediate appointment to the position of Director of English Language Arts. Further, based upon the past meritorious service of Pamela Maltese, she is herewith appointed with tenure to the position of Director of English Language Arts. The salary of Pamela Maltese upon the effective date of this appointment to the position of Director of English Language Arts shall be the salary closest to her current salary, but not lower than her current salary which is paid to Directors under the applicable collective bargaining agreement (\$126.998. Step 4). All accumulated leave credits standing to her credit on the date hereof shall be continued unabated.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the incumbent of the position of Coordinator of Science, Vincent Pereira, is hereby appointed to the position of Director of Science effective July 1, 2013. The tenure area of said appointment is "Director of Science." In connection with the foregoing, the Board has determined that more than fifty percent (50%) of the duties of Vincent Pereira's current position of Coordinator of Science will be subsumed within the position of Director of Science. Therefore, based upon the Education Law of the State of New York, the incumbent of the position abovementioned, to wit, Vincent Pereira, is entitled to immediate appointment to the position of Director of Science. Further, based upon the past meritorious service of Vincent Pereira, he is herewith appointed with tenure to the position of Director of Science. The salary of Vincent Pereira upon the effective date of this appointment to the position of Director of Science shall be the salary closest to his current salary, but not lower than his current salary which is paid to Directors under the applicable collective bargaining agreement (\$116,298, step 1). All accumulated leave credits standing to his credit on the date hereof shall be continued unabated.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to execute certain agreements between the District and the following individuals effectuating the foregoing: Nancy Schempp, Pamela Maltese, and Vincent Pereira.

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

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

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolution for adoption:

# Adoption of the Revised Code of Conduct

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the revised Code of Conduct for 2013-2014 School Year.

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

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

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution for adoption:

## Authorization to Participate in Various Cooperative Bids

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the school district to participate with other school districts in the joint biding of the various commodities, supplies, equipment, etc. as authorized by the General Municipal Law.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that, the recommendations of the Purchasing Steering Committee, where applicable, will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said commodities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the district purchasing agent is authorized to participate in various other Cooperative Bids as necessary and in the best interest of the school district

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that** the Freeport School District agrees to participate in the following cooperative bids, as attached. Nassau BOCES Bids

#### Nassau BOCES Bids

Abatement & Removal of Asbestos and

Lead Materials Arts & Crafts Athletic Uniforms Audio Visual Supplies Auto Body Supplies Auto Mechanic Supplies

Automotive air Conditioning Repairs Boiler, Duct and Kitchen Exhaust

Cleaning

Building and Grounds Equipment Carpentry/Cabinetry/Building Supplies

Carpeting and Installation Cesspool Maintenance Services

Chain Link Fencing

Computer

Hardware/Software/Networking/Supplies

and Parts

Fax & Photocopy Systems, Supplies &

Maintenance

Financing & Leasing Of Capital

Equipment

Fire Extinguishers and Service

Fitness Equipment

Floor Tiles and Installation Food and Beverage Supplies

Food Prep: Paper & Plastic Supplies

Food Service Equipment

Fuel Oil

Furniture: Classroom and Office

General Safety Supplies

General School and Office Supplies

Gymnasium Floor Refinishing

Hazardous Material Handling, Removal,

Transportation & Disposal

**HVAC** Equipment

HVAC Maintenance and Installation Industrial Arts and Welding Supplies Interscholastic Athletic Supplies

Library Supplies

Licensed Uniformed Unarmed Guard

Service

Medical and Dental Supplies Musical Instrument Rentals Musical Instrument Repairs

Musical Instruments and Supplies
Net Tc Classroom Display Systems and

Audio Visual Equipment

Paper: Xerographic, Fax & Computer Passenger Cars, Vans and Trucks

Photography Supplies

Physical Education Supplies and

Equipment

Plumbing and Heating Supplies

Plumbing Services

Reconditioning of Athletic Equipment Repair and Maintenance of Asphaltic and Cement Concrete Pavement

Repair and Maintenance of Irrigation

Systems

Repair, Maintenance and Installation of Interior & Exterior Doors, Frames &

Hardware

Roof Maintenance and Repairs

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School Bus Air Conditioning Installation

Maintenance and Repairs School Bus and Auto Parts

Science Supplies

Smartboard Accessories and Software

Snack Vending Service Subscription Services Supplemental Computer

Hardware/Software/Networking Supplies

& Parts

**Teaching Aids** 

Tools: Power and Hand Uniforms – General

Venetian Blinds and Shades

# **School Districts Cooperative Bid**

A/C & Refrigeration Service

Burners and Boiler Service

Carpet Tile & Installation Custodial Equipment Repair

Custodial Supplies and Trash Bags

Drag Mops

**Electrical Supplies** 

**Electrical Service** 

Elevator Maintenance

Emergency Generator Service

Fence Installation & repair

Field Maintenance

Fire Extinguisher Service

Floor Sanding

Fuel Tank Pressure Test

Geese Dog Service

Grounds Equipment Repair

Gym Folding Door and Stage Rigging

Irrigation

Kitchen Equipment Repair

Lumber & Masonry

PA, Intercom & Master Clock Services

Paint & Paint Supplies

Painting

Pest Control Services

Plumbing Service

Plumbing supplies

Pneumatic Systems

Pump Repair

Roof Repair

Scoreboard Repair, Electric Partition,

Gym Equipment

Signs

Site Work, Asphalt, Concrete, Lot

Sweeping

Split AC Units

Steam Traps and Parts

Storm Drains

Suspended Ceiling

Theatrical Lighting

Tree Cutting & Pruning

Uniforms

Venetian Blinds

Welding

Wireless Clocks

# Island Cooperative Bid/Educational Data Services

Air Conditioning Units Service and

Repair

Air Duct Cleaning

Automatic Temperature Control System

Boiler Inspection Cleaning and Repair

(Annual)

Boiler Repair: Emergency

Carpet Cleaning Repair and

Replacement

Cesspool, Waste line, Sewer jet Repair

and Replacement

Clock and Intercom Services

Electric Motor Repair

Electrical Repairs and Services

Elevator Services Inspection and Repair

Fencing Repair

Fire Extinguisher and Smoke Detector

Repair and Replacement

Floor Tile Repair and Replacement

Folding Doors Repair and Replacement

General Construction and Carpentry

Graffiti Removal

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**HVAC Services** 

Landscape Services

Locker Repair

Locksmith Services

Masonry, Concrete and Macadam

(Repaying)
Painting

Pest Control

Plumbing (Commercial and Industrial)

Pump Repair

Refinish Stage and Gym Wood Floors

Roof Repair and Replacement

Scoreboard and Gym Equipment Repair

Stage Curtains and Draperies

Vehicle Repairs

Venetian Blinds Repair & Replacement

Welding Services

Window Glazing & Glass Replacement

Window Shade Repair and Replacement

## **Nassau County Contract**

Office of Purchasing Bids

#### **New York State Contracts**

Air Conditioners

Audio Visual Equipment Elevator Maintenance Green Cleaning Products

Industrial Commercial Supplies &

Equipment

Heavy Equipment Rental

Pest Control

Playground Equipment

Floor Machines

Furniture – All Types

Fuel Oil/Heating

**Natural Gas** 

# New York State Industries for the Disabled

Air Filters Ice Melt

**Custodial Supplies** 

Paper Towels/Toilet Tissue

Trash Bags

# Village of Freeport

Electricity

Fuel (District vehicles)

Water/Sewer

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

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

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

## Resolution to Establish the Tax Levy

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the following budget of the necessary claims and expenditures in FREEPORT UFSD (#9) in the Town of HEMPSTEAD for the School year 2013-2014, amounting to \$156,362,834 School Purpose, and the amount of \$5,895,591 for Library Purpose, for a total of \$162,258,425 is hereby accepted; And;

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the sum of <u>\$86,484,192</u> for School Purposes, and <u>\$5,624,960</u> for Library Purposes, for a total of <u>\$92,109,152</u>, being the remainder of the budget adopted as above and the amount which must be RAISED BY TAXATION

(\$92,109,152) for FREEPORT UFSD (#9) of the Town of HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, New York for the year 2013-2014

be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified to by the Board of Assessors for the school year 2013-2014; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk of this School District be and she is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Board of Assessors, Mineola, New York, on or before August 15th, 2013.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

#### Extension of a Contract for Universal Pre-K Services

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby extends the contract for Universal Pre-Kindergarten services with St. Joseph's College for the 2013-2014 School Year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolution for adoption:

# Implementation of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires the Freeport Union Free School District to determine full-time status of ongoing employees in order to establish eligibility for health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, eligibility must be determined prior to the start of the health plan year in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed regulations under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act allow for look-back measurement periods to be used for ongoing employees to determine whether an employee is a full time employee; and

WHEREAS, the Freeport Union Free School District desirers to establish a look-back standard measurement period and stability period for its ongoing employees; and

WHEREAS, the Freeport Union Free School District provides a health plan and is a participating municipality under the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport Union Free School District's health plan year is a calendar year which runs from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the standard measurement period for ongoing employees shall be a period of 6 months to be measured from May 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the administrative period for ongoing employees shall be a period of 60 days to be measured from November 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the stability period for ongoing employees, determined to have averaged at least 30 hours of service per week during the standard measurement period, shall be a period of 6 months to begin immediately after the administrative period on January 1, 2014 and to continue until June 30, 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the stability period for ongoing employees, determined not to have averaged 30 hours or more per week during the standard measurement period, shall be a period of 6 months to begin immediately after the administrative period on January 1, 2014 and continue until June 30, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution for adoption:

### Authorization of a Cafeteria Co-op Agreement

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2013-14 school year.

WHEREAS, Freeport Public Schools, is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and,

**WHEREAS**, Freeport Public Schools, wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of Freeport Public Schools, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative

Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Freeport Public Schools Board of Education authorized the above-mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Freeport Public Schools Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Freeport Public Schools Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

## **Approval of Amendments to Contracts**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby approves the first amendments to the Wage and Benefit Agreements of the following employees:

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Special Projects; Michael Singleton, Executive Director for Operations; James Robinson, Executive Director for Business; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby approves the second amendment to the Superintendent's Employment Agreement dated June 8, 2011, as amended by First Amendment to said agreement dated December 19, 2012.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, herewith authorized the President of the Board to execute on behalf of the Board of Education the said agreements.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution for adoption:

Approval of a Carrier for Dental Coverage for Clerical and Teacher Assistant Bargaining Units WHEREAS, the District is enrolled in the Sun Life Dental Insurance Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Sun Life has advised the District that said Plan will no longer be offered by it; and

WHEREAS, Ameritas Dental Insurance Plan provides a substantially similar benefit to the District's current dental insurance plan at the same and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to enroll in the Ameritas Dental Insurance Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the District's enrollment in the Ameritas Dental Insurance Plan upon mutually acceptable terms and conditions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, to execute the necessary paperwork to effectuate said enrollment.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

#### Extension of a Contract for Universal Pre-K Services

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby extends the contract for Universal Pre-Kindergarten services with St. Joseph's College for the 2013-2014 School Year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

Approval of Excess Worker's Compensation Insurance Renewal for Fiscal Year 2013/2014

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints Star Insurance Company, for Excess Worker's Compensation Insurance carrier, at a cost of \$55,105 for one year.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution for adoption:

# Approval of the OMNI 403(b) Contract

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the contract for the District to participate in the Omni Preferred Provider Program \$3,228.00 for 2013-14 school year.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

## **Approval of Stipends**

WHEREAS, the position of the secretary to the Superintendent of Schools warrants additional compensation, and,

WHEREAS, said additional compensation has been determined to be granted based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education, and,

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has indicated to the Board of Education his reliance upon the assistance of his secretary, including the performance of executive assistant responsibilities and requires confidentiality of all information,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves effective July 1, 2013 the grant of an annual stipend of \$5,000 to be paid to the incumbent of the position of Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, Joan Classi, and also effective July 1, 2013 the award of five (5) additional vacation days to said employee, and effective July 1, 2013 the employee shall be permitted to elect to cash in the per diem value of up to 5 unused vacation days. Said election shall be made in and about June 1st of each school year, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all of the terms and conditions of employment for said employee set forth in a certain resolution of the Board of Education adopted February 6, 2011, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect, except to the extent that the aforesaid \$5,000 stipend shall replace the existing stipend in the amount of \$1050 provided for in the February 6, 2011 resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolution for adoption:

# Approval to Participate in the Nassau County Natural Gas Aggregation Program

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Freeport UFSD is authorized to participate in cooperative purchases with the County of Nassau pursuant to the New York State General Municipal Law §103; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau has instituted the Nassau County Natural Gas Aggregation Program (NCNGAP), a shared services initiative for natural gas for interested political subdivisions; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau is seeking Letters of Authorization from participants for the contract period commencing September 1, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport Union Free School District has determined that it is in its best interest to participate in the Nassau County Natural Gas Aggregation Program (NCNGAP), for the term commencing on September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport UFSD hereby authorizes the School District to participate in the NCNGAP for the supply of natural gas for the term of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to submit the Letter of Authorization to the County of Nassau for purposes of participating in the NCNGAP; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board of Education President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate the NCNGAP Agreement for the 2013-2014 terms of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

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 motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Mr. Pomerico offered the following resolution for adoption:

## 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 Naviha Ponce-Paz, to the position of Assistant Principal (replacing Connie Velez, resigned), as a probationary employee effective July 3, 2013 with an anticipated tenure date of July 3, 2016. The tenure area in which Ms. Ponce-Paz shall serve is "Assistant Principal," a district wide tenure area. Compensation will be paid pursuant to step 1 of the Middle School Assistant Principal Salary Schedule at \$115,392. Naviha Ponce-Paz shall be assigned to the Caroline G. Atkinson School.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Ms. Lancaster offered the following resolution for adoption: **Designation of an Agent for Service of Notice of a Claim** 

**WHEREAS,** the New York State Senate has passed, and the New York State Governor has signed into effect, the Uniform Notice of Claim Act (hereinafter the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of the Act amends the General Municipal Law by adding a new Section 53, effective June 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law Section 53 (2) requires all public corporations, who are entitled to service of a Notice of Claim as a condition precedent to commencement of an action or proceeding shall file a Certificate with the Secretary of State designation the Secretary of State as agent for service of a Notice of Claim;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby directs and empowers the District Clerk to submit to the New York State Secretary of State a Certificate pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 53 designating the Secretary of State as agent for service of a Notice of Claim as described above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport

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Union Free School District hereby designates the District Clerk as the individual to whom the Secretary of State will forward any notices of claim; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the District Clerk to take any and all other actions required to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried, the vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

#### **Executive Session**

At 9:05 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and seconded by Ms. Lancaster the Board adjourned to executive session for one legal matter. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 9:46 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Lancaster, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

## Adjournment

At 9:48 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, Mulé and Pomerico.

**Next Meeting** 

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on August 28, 2013, at Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bediako, Ed. D.
District Clerk