

**July 18, 2013**

A special Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Thursday, July 18, 2013, in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

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

Absent were: Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for  
Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk  
Mr. Gerard Poole, 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 3.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Mr. Gerard Poole, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, to his first official Board of Education meeting. He then asked Mr. James Robinson Executive Director for Business, to discuss and inform the Board of the need for an emergency repair resolution regarding steam pipes at Freeport High School.

### **Items for Action**

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, 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: July 2, 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:

**Clarissa Espinal**, Typist-Clerk, effective July 8, 2013 through October 6, 2013, for childcare.

**Erika Elmore**, Typist-Clerk, effective June 4, 2013 through June 26, 2013, for health reasons.

### **Resignation of Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation from the following staff member(s) as listed below:

**Robyn Schmitt**, Stenographer, effective July 12, 2013, will be relocating upstate.

### **Appointment of Instructional Staff - Probationary**

**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.

**Gina DiPalo**, Science Teacher, (replacing L. Sheridan, retired) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2013 with an expected tenure date of September 1, 2016. Compensation will be on step 1 of the Masters Schedule at \$63,301. Assignment: FHS.

**Katelyn Salisbury**, Social Studies Teacher, (replacing D. Ballard, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2013 with an expected tenure date of January 2, 2016. Compensation will be on step 2-2A of the Masters Schedule U4D at \$65,976. Assignment: Dodd.

### **Appointment of Non- Instructional Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints **Jamie Reinke** as Bus Dispatcher, (replacing Claudia Hardes, resigned), a probationary appointment for 26 weeks under Civil Service Law, effective July 15, 2013. Annual compensation will be \$66,000.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign individual benefits agreement on behalf of the School District and **Jamie Reinke**.

### **Approval of ESL Summer Project Based Learning Academy**

**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 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, from July 1, 2013 through July 25, 2013, for 61 hours, at the rate of \$51.93 per hour.

Melissa Pfeiffer	\$3167.73
Josephine Velez	\$3167.73
Donna Rusinek	\$3167.73
Gabriella Farruggio	\$3167.73
Luz Fernandez	\$3167.73
Mauricio Riveros Villanueva	\$3167.73
Dulce Rosario	\$3167.73
Pauline Craig	\$3167.73

### **Appointment of Summer Academy of the Arts/Enrichment Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed 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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Ruth Breidenbach	Teacher/Coordinator	\$4,933.35
Karen Lettsome	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Michael Young	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Shanequa Thompson	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Ronald Federici	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Adam Rubin	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Catherine Beck	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Jennifer Skelly	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Talonda Thomas	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Shannon Abramovitz	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Geraldine LaPenne	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Jeannie Rodriguez	Teacher	\$3,946.68
Vida Brizill	TA 1:1	\$1,038.92
Alcita Zellner	TA 1:1	\$1,038.92
Agnes Ford-Burgess	Nurse	\$3,015.68

### **Approval of Summer School Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the individual clerical and security staff listed below for the Secondary Summer School Program.

Ein	Mindy	Clerical	\$2,604.80
Zambrano	Thelma	Clerical	\$2,604.80
Armstrong	Demetrius	Security	Hrly.
Beckett	Peggy	Security	Hrly.
Bradshaw	Shawan	Security	Hrly.
Bratcher	Michael	Security	Hrly.
Creighton	Nyron	Security	Hrly.
Floyd	Brenda	Security	Hrly.
Hall	Robert	Security	Hrly.
Jefferson	Rick	Security	Hrly.
Lester	Arthur	Security	Hrly.
Sorto	Henry	Security	Hrly.
Taylor	David	Security	Hrly.
Harris	Cornelia	Security	Hrly.

**Acceptance of a Change of Retirement Date**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the request of Sheila Walsh, hereby rescinds its prior resolution accepting the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Ms. Walsh effective July 31, 2013, and accepts her resignation, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 30, 2013.

**Abolishment and Title Change of a Position**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the position of Director of Magnet Programs and Grants is abolished effective immediately.

**WHEREAS**, for reasons of economy and reorganization, the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District (hereinafter “Board”) has received a recommendation from the Superintendent to change the title of the position of Director of Adult and Community Education to Director of Adult, Community Education, and Grant Funded Programs, and

**WHEREAS**, said recommendation has been occasioned as a result of the abolition of the position of Director of Magnet Programs and Grants, certain of the duties of which will be assigned to the incumbent of the position of Director of Adult and Community Education, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to approve and implement the recommendation of the Superintendent, and to change the title of the position of Director of Adult and Community Education to Director of Adult, Community Education, and Grant Funded Programs to accurately reflect the duties of the incumbent of said position, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined based upon the representations of the Superintendent that the re-titling of said position does not constitute a change in tenure area of the incumbent of the position, Estelle Weiss, whose service shall continue unabated in the tenure area of “Administrator”,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the title of the position of Director of Adult and Community Education is herewith changed to Director of Adult, Community Education, and Grant Funded Programs.

### **Approval of an Emergency Repair**

**WHEREAS**, on or about February, 2013, the Administrative and Custodial staff at Freeport High School determined that there was an unknown adverse condition under the floor in the cafeteria of the High School which was creating excessive heat on the floor surface and would require further examination and action to properly remedy to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the students and staff in the building and to preserve the building and functionality of this cafeteria space; and

**WHEREAS**, to determine the nature and extent of the condition existing under the floor in the cafeteria, a portion of said floor was required to be removed to expose the adverse condition; and

**WHEREAS**, upon removal of the floor, it was determined that the heating pipe under the floor in the cafeteria was deteriorated causing excessive heat and water infiltration in the flooring; and

**WHEREAS**, to preserve the building and the functionality of the cafeteria space, said pipe is required to be replaced.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District declares the repair/replacement of the heating pipe in the cafeteria of the High School to be an emergency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the repair/replacement of said heating pipe as an ordinary contingent expense and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, to execute the necessary steps to effectuate the needed repairs/replacement prior to the start of the new school year.

### **Adjournment**

At 5:11 p.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.

The Board immediately convened for their Board Retreat.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mulé,  
Clerk Pro Tem