

## **April 20, 2010**

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2010, in the gymnasium of the Archer Street School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:           Ms. Debra McQuillan, President  
  Mr. Michael Pomerico, Vice President  
  Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee  
  Ms. Debra Mulé, Trustee  
  Ms. Carmen Piñeyro-Mendoza, Trustee

Also present were:            Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools  
  Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel &  
  Special Projects  
  Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and  
  Instruction  
  Dr. Edward J. Price, Interim Assistant Superintendent for  
  Business  
  Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations  
  Ms. Nora Orlando, District Clerk

Also absent were:            None

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was approximately 150.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone and introduced three Student Government representatives, Carissa Roca, Victoria Mulé and Kianna Bierra-Anderson to give the monthly High School report from Freeport High School.

He then introduced Paula Lein, Principal of Archer School. Mrs. Lein welcomed everyone to Archer Street School and introduced her 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who performed songs they wrote themselves about "peace." After the performance, Ms. Lein recognized Mr. Paul Keller, who was nominated as the "Unsung Hero" for his dedication to the students to the Archer Street School. Ms. Lein read a letter from a student thanking Mr. Keller for the difference he made in her life.

At 8:30 p.m. Ms. McQuillan asked for a brief recess.

The meeting resumed at 8:36 p.m. and the Superintendent recognized the following individuals::

- o Diane Saunders, a Special Education Teacher from Dodd M.S., for being selected as "Employee of the Month."

- Mr. Ernest Kight, Ms. Ann-Marie Hudley Simmons and the Music Department for the wonderful musical performance of “Pippin.”
- Dr. Kuncham announced that due to the detection of near-Earth objects by Freeport students under the supervision of Dr. Vincent Pereira and the Science Department, Dodd Middle School and Freeport High School are listed on the NASA website.
- The students from New Visions will be attending the Cradle of Aviation Museum to interview Astronauts of Expedition 22 on June 10-11, 2010.
- He congratulated Dwayne George, Victoria Mulé and Nathan Rodriguez for receiving awards in the Science Research Competition.
- The Superintendent announced April 22<sup>nd</sup> as being celebrated as “Earth Day.”
- Freeport is having it’s first Annual Jazz Night on Friday, April 23, 2010, 7:30 p.m. at the Freeport High School Cafeteria.
- He congratulated DECA students, Jason Arya, Maria Diaz, Louis Urena, and Ashley Arya for competing at the International DECA Program in Louisville, Kentucky.
- The Superintendent announced that Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 a.m. there will be a “Peace March.” Everyone is encouraged to wear yellow as a symbol of hope for peace. There will be a Health and Wellness Fair at the end of the March.

The Superintendent gave a PowerPoint Presentation of the 2010/2011 Proposed Budget as attached.

### **Questions from the Public**

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on the Proposed 2010/2011 Budget for four minutes. The Board and Administration addressed the comments from the public.

The public was then given the opportunity to address the Board of Education. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board for four minutes on the Agenda items only. The Board and Administration addressed the comments from the public.

### **Items for Action**

#### **Acceptance of the Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe the following items were approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings as written:

March 24, 2010; April 7, 2010

## Personnel Actions

### 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:

1. **Mark Surval**, Elementary Teacher, effective March 13, 2010 through May 10, 2010, for health reasons.
2. **Meghan McCormack-Carney**, Enrichment Teacher, effective April 6, 2010 through June 30, 2010, childcare.
3. **Eddie Chavez**, Groundskeeper, effective April 12, 2010 through May 3, 2010, personal reasons.
4. **Mattie Gates**, Cleaner, effective March 29, 2010 through April 12, 2010, for family illness.
5. **Lisa Harris**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective February 24, 2010 through April 6, 2010, for health reasons.
6. **Rhonda Kilman**, Elementary Teacher, effective March 22, 2010 through June 30, 2010, for childcare.
7. **Desiree Palmer**, Social Studies Teacher, effective March 8, 2010 through June 30, 2010, for childcare.
8. **Barbara Perciballi**, 10 Month Clerk Typist, effective March 9, 2010 through April 26, 2010, for family illness.

### 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:

1. **Mary Ann Helfrich**, Food Service Helper, effective March 12, 2010, to accept another position in the District.
2. **Bridgette Ocasio**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2010.
3. **Kati Miano**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective April 6, 2010, to accept another position in the District.

### Appointment of Non-Instructional Staff

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals as listed, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

1. **Mary Ann Helfrich**, Assistant Cook, a probationary appointment for 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval, effective March 15, 2010. Compensation will be according to the Cafeteria Schedule at \$22,243.65. Assignment: Dodd.
2. **Joanne Cappelluti**, Typist Clerk, a probationary appointment for 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval, effective April 6, 2010. Compensation will be \$36,769 according to the Clerical Salary Schedule. Assignment: Administration.

## CSE/CPSE Minutes

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education for the following dates:

January 11, 2010; February 2, 3, 5, 8, 23, 25, 2010; March 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2010

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

## Other Items for Action

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the following motion was approved:

### Personnel

#### 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:

**Carol Basile**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective July 1, 2010 after serving the children of Freeport for more than 20 years.

**Alicia McLean**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2010 after serving the children of Freeport for more than 11 years.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the following motion was approved:

## BOCES Administrative Operations Budget Vote

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Nassau County (hereinafter “BOCES”) has proposed and presented its tentative Administrative Operations Budget for the 2010/2011 school year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011), now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2010/2011 school year in the amount of seventeen million nine hundred eighty four thousand six hundred dollars (**\$17,984,600**) be, and hereby is **APPROVED** by this Board.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and Seconded by Ms. Mulé, the following motion was approved:

**BOCES Trustee Election**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby casts one vote each for **three vacant seats** on the Nassau BOCES Board:

- Ronald Ellerbe, Freeport UFSD
- Douglas Pascarella, Plainedge UFSD
- Gale Ross-Srulevich, Sewanhaka CHSD
- Robert “B.A.” Schoen, Baldwin UFSD

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. McQuillan, the following motion was approved:

**Resolution to Adopt the 2010-2011 Proposed Expenditure Budget**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the proposed Expenditure Budget for the 2010-2011 School Year in the amount of **\$146,286,027** is hereby adopted.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza, the following was approved:

**Change Orders – Lighting Project – Columbus Avenue School and Archer Street School**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the following change orders for the Emergency Lighting Project at Columbus Avenue School and Archer Street Schools.

X101	Archer Street	(\$1,194)
X102	Archer Street	(\$2,000)
X101	Columbus Avenue	(\$2,497)
X102	Columbus Avenue	<u>(\$2,500)</u>
	TOTAL	(\$8,191)

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza, the following was approved:

**Budget Transfer – Within the Capital Fund**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District here by approves the Budget Transfers within the Capital Fund for March 2010 (As attached).

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Mulé, the following was approved:

**Resolution – Budget Transfer**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District here by approves the Budget Transfer for April 2010.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the following was approved:

**Transportation – Cooperative Transportation Bid**

**WHEREAS**, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) for pupil transportation services for the 2010/2011 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

**WHEREAS**, the public school district and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) for this purpose;

**WHEREAS**, the School District, is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

## Education

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the following was approved

### **Resolution to Approve Student Travel to the SUNY Maritime College in Bronx, NY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to the SUNY Maritime College at 6 Pennyfield Avenue, Bronx NY, 10465 from [April 16 through April 18, 2010](#) for the purpose of providing leadership training for students. Students will be housed on the SUNY owned ship *Empire State*. The ship will not sail.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said authorization is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High School's compliance with all insurance, health, safety and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administration Procedures.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

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

### **Resolution to approve student travel to DECA International Competition in Louisville, Kentucky**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes Freeport High School students to conduct a trip to Louisville, Kentucky, from April 23 through April 28, 2010, for the purpose of participation in the DECA International Competition.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said authorization is subject to the availability at chaperones and to Freeport High School's compliance with all insurance health, safety and financial guidelines, as indicated in the Administration Procedures.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Mulé, the following was approved:

### **Resolution to Approve Student Travel to Portugal and Spain**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Portugal and Spain from [April 14 through April 25, 2011](#) for the purpose of providing student practice in the language, learning about the local culture, and visiting historical sites studied in the curriculum.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said authorization is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High School's compliance with all insurance, health, safety and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administration Procedures.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the following was approved.

### **Resolution for Approval of Physical Education Plan**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Freeport Public Schools Physical Education Plan (as attached).

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the following was approved.

### **Resolution for Approval of Three (3) Year Technology Plan**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Three (3) Year Technology Plan for the years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 (as attached).

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

### **Board Comments:**

Members of the Board had a brief discussion on the first phase of the building tours. It was agreed that the second phase will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. More information will be given to the Board regarding this event.

### **Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Kuncham thanked Paula Lein and congratulated her for being a recipient of the "Educational Partner" Award from Nassau BOCES.

### **Executive Session**

At 10:00 p.m. Ms. Piñeyro moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for two (2) specific matters of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pomerico and unanimously carried. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, and Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, Pomerico.

At 10:59 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Mulé and seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the Board returned to public session. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, and Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, Pomerico.



## **Adjournment**

At 11:00 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza, and Pomerico.

## **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled Budget Workshop/Planning Action Meeting of the Board of Education will be on May 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at the Atkinson School.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nora Orlando  
District Clerk