

April 20, 2005

The regular action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2005, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Debra McQuillan, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. Ms. McQuillan lead in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President (arrived 8:35 p.m.)

Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President

Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee (arrived 8:45 p.m.)

Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee

Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee

Absent were: none

Also present were: Dr. Eric L. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board

Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning (arrived 7:50 p.m.)

Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were: none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was more than 65.

### **Superintendent's Report**

The Freeport High School Student Congress report was given by Lyla Nadeem and Heidi Bonilla. They reported on the success of the "Increase the Peace" program and the Music Department's production of "Little Shop of Horrors". They also requested that the Board examine two issues regarding Advance Placement classes. The students are concerned with the rise in class size and the rise in fees required for the Advance Placement tests.

In honor of Library Media Month Freeport High School Library Media Specialists Rose Luna and Carol Gilliam made a presentation. The media specialists from all the schools were introduced, and certificates were given to all the students who won the Library Media Month contests in their school buildings. The contest projects were everything from works of art to poems to songs. It was pointed out that libraries are no longer merely collections of books but multimedia centers.

Dr. Eric Eversley, Superintendent of Schools briefly discussed the 2005-2006 BOCES Budget Vote and Trustee election.

Dr. Eversley spoke to the Board about the 55-64 Passing Option on Regents examinations for Local Diplomas.

The Superintendent then introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kuncham talked about the appointment of an Underwriter for the Refunding Bond.

Dr. Eversley then discussed the requirement from Albany known as the Uniform Violent Incident Report with the Board.

### **Questions 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 six minutes. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

At 9:00 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Coward and a second by Ms. McQuillan the Board adjourned to executive session for one matter of personnel. The vote was unanimous. Ellerbe, Coward, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 9:06 p. m., on a motion by Ms. Coward and a second by Ms. McQuillan the Board returned to open session. The vote was unanimous. Ellerbe, Coward, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

### **Items for Action**

#### **Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda**

1. On a motion by Ms. McQuillan and a second by Ms. Coward the following items, on a consent agenda, were approved unanimously. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

### **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:

March 9, 2005; March 16, 2005; March 22, 2005; March 29, 2005;  
March 31, 2005

### **Leave of Absence**

Be It Resolved that the Board hereby grants a request for leave for the following staff members as listed:

**Amanda McLean**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 29, 2005 through June 30, 2005, for FMLA, health and childcare.

**Mark Surval**, Elementary Teacher, effective March 7, 2005 through June 10, 2005, FMLA and health.

### **Change of Status**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby changes the status of the following individuals:

**Janice Vastola**, Assistant Director of Facilities, from provisional to probationary, effective March 18, 2005, for a period of 26 weeks, upon Civil Service approval.

**Gideon Huggins**, Teaching Assistant, from part-time to full-time Teaching Assistant, effective April 5, 2005. Probationary period will be April 5, 2005 through April 4, 2008.

**Kathryn Muldowney**, Elementary Teacher, change in status from a temporary to a probationary position. Effective March 30, 2005, probationary period will be March 30, 2005 through August 31, 2007

### **Retirement of Staff**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff member as listed:

**Felice Birdsall**, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2005, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 20 years.

**Evelyn Frierson**, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2005, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 35 years.

### **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 in the following Change of Status Report - Resignation.

**Jennifer Bauer**, Permanent Substitute, effective March 14, 2005.

**Melissa Koehler**, Permanent Substitute, effective March 30, 2005.

## Appointment of Staff Report

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 Appointment of Staff Report - Probationary, 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.

### Administrative Appointments

**Anthony Russo**, Social Studies Coordinator, (replacing H. Brodsky, retired) a probationary appointment effective May 2, 2005 through May 1, 2008. Compensation will be on step 4 of the Administrators Salary Schedule at \$91,047. Assignment: Districtwide.

### Instructional Appointments

#### Teaching Assistant Appointments

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 Appointment of Staff Report - Teacher Assistant Category, 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.

**Diana Sandoval**, full-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing L. Infante, resigned) a probationary appointment effective April 6, 2005 through April 5, 2008. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,073. Assignment: New Visions.

#### Temporary Instructional Appointments

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.

**Melissa Koehler**, Elementary Teacher, (replacing K. Muldowney, LOA) a temporary appointment effective March 31, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be on step 3-2A of the U6D Schedule at \$57,616. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Michael Whalen**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing M. Koehler, resignation) a temporary appointment effective March 31, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Ferri Yedin**, Permanent Substitute, (replacing J. Bauer, resignation) a temporary appointment effective March 29, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the

Substitute Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Giblyn.  
Marie Raffa, full-time Teaching Assistant (replacing Y. Valentin, LOA) a temporary appointment effective April 6, 2005 through June 30, 2005. Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$12,073. Assignment: New Visions.

#### Civil Service Category Appointments

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals as listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Civil Service, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulation.

**Kyle Thomas**, Supervising Security Aide, (replacing C. Tevlin, resigned) a probationary appointment effective April 11, 2005 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be \$28,000. Assignment: Districtwide.

#### 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:

February 7, 2005; February 14, 2005; March 2, 2005; March 10, 2005; March 14, 2005; March 16, 2005; March 17, 2005; April 1, 2005; April 4, 2005; April 5, 2005.

#### Acceptance of Gifts

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a generous donation of \$1,000 from North Fork Bank to be used for the Early College Awareness Day.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$100 from Rand & Paseka Mfg. Co., Inc. to be used for the Early College Awareness Day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$300 from New York Community Bank to be used for the Early College Awareness Day.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$200 from RE/MAX Action Reality to be used for the Early College Awareness Day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$200 from Washington Mutual to be used for the Annual Science and Engineering Fair.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$300 from Keyspan to be used for the Annual Science and Engineering Fair.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$100 from Stony Brook Foundation to be used for the Annual Science and Engineering Fair.

### **Adoption of the 55-64 Passing Option for Local Diplomas**

Mr. Ellerbe made the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby extends the 55-64 low pass option on required Regents exams to earn a local diploma in order to give our schools more time to make the changes necessary for all students to achieve the proficiency standard of 65 or higher. This provision will be in effect for all students in high school and for those entering 9th grade in the fall of 2005 and until such time that the Commissioner of Education requires that all students, unless otherwise indicated in their I.E.P., achieve a minimum score of 65 on Regents exams to meet New York State graduation requirements

The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and passed. The vote was:

Yeas: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro

Nays: none

Abstention: Raab

### **BOCES Administrative Operations Budget Vote and Trustee Election**

Mr. Raab made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Nassau County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative administrative operations budget for the 2006/2006 school year (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006), now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2005/2006 school year in the amount of fifteen million eight hundred forty one thousand two hundred seventeen dollars (\$15,841,217) be, and hereby is APPROVED / by this Board.

**BE IT FURTHER 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:

Robert E. Lupinski, Glen Cove CSD

Eric B. Schultz, Plainview Old Bethpage CSD

Stephen B. Witt, Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and passed unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, Coward, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

### **Appointment of an Underwriter for Refunding Bonds**

Ms. Coward made the following motion:

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2005, the Freeport Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called "District"), adopted a resolution announcing the intention of the District to accept proposals for the refunding of all or a portion of certain serial bonds of the District which have heretofore been issued and remain outstanding and unmatured (the "Outstanding Bonds");

Now therefore,

The Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, Hereby Resolves (by a majority vote of all members of said Board) as follows:

Section 1. The District has received two (2) proposals for the refunding of the Outstanding Bonds of the District and such proposals received have been discussed at the meeting of the Board of Education held this 20th day of April, 2005.

Section 2. Following such discussion, and based upon the recommendation received from the District's Financial Advisor, New York Municipal Advisors Corp., it is hereby determined that the proposal of RBC Dain Rauscher, Inc. is hereby accepted.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and passed unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, Coward, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

### **Executive Session**

At 9:50 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. McQuillan, the Board adjourned to executive session for three matters of Personnel. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 10:35 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously passed. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

### **Adjournment**

At 10:36 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. Coward and seconded by Ms. McQuillan, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary R. Bediako  
Clerk of the Board

