
Freeport Public Schools
235 N Ocean Avenue
Freeport, NY 11520-2135

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of
February 23, 2004

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Monday, February 23, 2004 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 235 North Ocean Avenue, Freeport, New York. Dr. Cattano, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., and he led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Dr. Joseph Cattano, President
- Mr. Michael Raab, Vice President
- Ms. Carmen Piñeyro, Trustee
- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee

Absent was:

- None

Also present:

- Dr. Eric Eversley, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business (arrived 8:35 p.m.)
- Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board

Absent was:

- Mr. Robert Harris, Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning
- Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations

Guests were:

- None

There were 3 members of the public present at the opening of the meeting.

Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m., Ms. Coward moved to adjourn to executive session for two matters of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab, and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro, and Raab.

At 8:22 p.m. , on a motion by Mr. Raab and a second by Ms. Piñeyro, the Board returned to public session.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley informed the Board that he was recommending action to be taken on the employment agreements of the executive staff.

Items for Action

Mr. Raab made the following motion :

- **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the positions of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and the Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning, are hereby abolished, effective February 24, 2004, and in their place the Board hereby creates the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning, effective February 24, 2004, the Board hereby determines that the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning is corresponding and similar to the former position of Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning; Robert-Wayne Harris is hereby appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning effective February 24, 2004, without loss of tenure or seniority status from such former position.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Board, the annexed amended Employment Benefit Agreement between the Assistant Superintendent for Business and the District, which Amended Agreement shall be effective February 24, 2004; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Board, the annexed amended Employment Benefit Agreement between the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Special Projects, which Amended Agreement shall be effective February 24, 2004; and

- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Board, the annexed amended Employment Benefit Agreement between the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning, which Amended Agreement shall be effective on February 24, 2004.

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

- Yea: Cattano, Coward, Piñeyro and Raab.
- Nay: none.
- Abstention: Ellerbe.

Ms. Coward made the following motion :

- **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the President of the Board of Education is herewith authorized to execute on behalf of the Board a certain First Amendment to the May 24, 2001 employment agreement between the Freeport Union Free School District and Dr. Eric L. Eversley which First Amendment has been reviewed previously by the Board.

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

- Yea: Cattano, Coward, Piñeyro and Raab.
- Nay: none.
- Abstention: Ellerbe.

Adjournment

At 9:02 p.m., with no other business, Dr. Cattano moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro, and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
Clerk of the Board

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