
Freeport Public Schools
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Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of
April 14, 2004

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2004 , in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson School . Dr. Cattano, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. He then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Dr. Joseph Cattano, President
- Mr. Michael Raab, Vice President
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee (arrived 7:42 p.m.)
- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, Trustee (arrived 7:48 p.m.)
- Ms. Sunday F. Coward, Trustee

Absent were:

- None

Also present were.:

- Dr. Eric L. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning
- Mr. Michael Singleton, Interim Executive Director of Operations
- Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board

Also absent were:

- None

Guests were:

- Members of the Finance/Budget Advisory Committee.
- The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 20.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, commented on the second annual Early College Awareness Program that took place on March 27, 2004.

About 410 students, parents and guardians participated in the event. Dr. Eversley thanked all members of the planning committee. This event was in partnership with the Harvard Club of Long Island and S.U.N.Y. Old Westbury.

On the 2004-2005 Budget, the Superintendent introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Mr. Kuncham introduced the members of the Finance/Budget Advisory Committee, and thanked them for the work they did in helping shape the budget for the next school year. The Co-Chairs of the advisory committee, Mr. Robert Tucker and Ms. Joyce-Lorraine Lisi, presented the recommendations from the committee to the Board (as attached).

The Superintendent and the Board also thanked the committee for its diligent work.

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.

Items for Action

Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings

Ms. Piñeyro offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the meeting of

February 10, 2004; February 25, 2004; February 27, 2004; March 1, 2004; March 8, 2004; March 11, 2004; March 12, 2004; March 16, 2004; March 18, 2004; March 22, 2004; March 24, 2004; March 25, 2004; March 29, 2004; March 31, 2004; April 1, 2004.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

The Board then reviewed the tentative agenda for the April 27, 2004 meeting.

Board Comments

Mr. Raab informed the other Board Members and the public that on April 28, 2004 , from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. , Wendy's Restaurant, will donate 20% of it's sales from the Baldwin and the Merrick stores, to the District. This is made possible through a national program.

Adjournment

At 9:35 p.m. , with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded by Ms. Coward, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be a Budget Workshop Meeting on April 21, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako
District Clerk

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