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

**Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of**  
**May 18, 2004**

The Annual meeting of the Freeport Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, for the purpose of the annual budget vote and trustee election. The polls were opened at 6:00 a.m. and were closed at 9:00 p.m. Immediately following, the results of the election were read. The meeting was called to order for the certification and acceptance of the results at 10:15 p.m. by Joseph Cattano, Board President. Dr. Cattano led in the pledge of allegiance.

Present were:

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

Also present were:

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

Public Present:

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## Certification of the Results of the School Budget Vote & Election

The Chairperson of the Election and the District Clerk of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, does hereby solemnly swear that I have canvassed the returns of the Inspectors of Election and the results were as follows:

- That at the School Budget Vote & Election, held May 18, 2004, the total number of votes cast for Proposition # 1, resolving that the School Budget of **\$112,772,779** be adopted and the necessary amount be raised by tax upon the taxable property located in Freeport Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Freeport, New York, for the year 2004-2005, was **2,125**
- That the total number of **yes** votes cast for **Proposition # 1** was: **999**;
- That the total number of **no** votes cast for **Proposition # 1** was: **1,126**; and
- That at said vote and election, the total number of votes cast for Proposition # 2, resolving that the Freeport Memorial Library Budget amount of **\$4,630,027** be adopted and the necessary amount be raised by tax upon the taxable property located in Freeport Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Freeport, New York, for the year 2004-2005, was: **2,057**;
- That the total number of **yes** votes cast for **Proposition # 2** was: **1,146**;
- That the total number of **no** votes cast for **Proposition # 2** was: **911**; and
- That at said election, the total number of votes cast for two offices of School Trustee, for a three year term to begin July 1, 2004, and end June 30, 2007, was:
  - That the total number of votes cast for **Michael Raab** was **933**;
  - \*That the total number of votes cast for **Joseph Cattano** was **922**;
  - That the total number of votes cast for **Debra McQuillan** was **1,148**;
  - That the total number of votes cast for **Steven Pouyat** was **894**

## Acceptance of the Results of the School Budget Vote & Election

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the results of the annual budget vote and trustee election held this date, May 18, 2004, as certified by the Chairperson of Election and the District Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Proposition #1, *School Budget* has been *defeated* by the registered voters of this District; and

That Proposition #2, *Freeport Memorial Library Budget* has been *approved* by the registered voters of this District; and

That *Debra McQuillan* and *Michael Raab* have been elected as trustees for a term of three years to begin July 1, 2004 and end June 30, 2007; and,

- Motion to accept: **Ellerbe**
- Second to motion: **Coward**

- Yes Votes: Coward, Ellerbe and Raab.
- No Votes: Cattano
- Abstention: Piñeyro
- Vote: Yeas - 3
- Nays - 1
- Abstention - 1
- Motion Carried

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:40 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raab, and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Piñeyro, and Raab.

## **Next Meeting**

Action Meeting – May 20, 2004 - 9:00 p.m., Caroline G. Atkinson School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bediako, Ed.D.  
District Clerk

Upon the request of a candidate for School Board Trustee a re-canvas of the vote was conducted on June 9, 2004 at the Nassau County Board of Elections headquarters at 400 County Seat Drive in Mineola . One absentee ballot vote for Mr. Michael Raab was found not to have been counted and that vote was added so that the total number of votes cast for **Michael Raab** was **934**.

The final results of the election were not affected.

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