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

**Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of**  
**August 11, 2004**

The regular planning/tax levy/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2004 , in the Board Room of the Administration Building , 235 North Ocean Avenue , Freeport , New York . Ms. Piñeyro, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. She then led in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

- Ms. Carmen J. Piñeyro, President
- Ms. Debra McQuillan, Vice President
- Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
- Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee (arrived 7:42 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
- Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Clerk of the Board
- Mr. Robert Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning
- 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 8.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, announced to the Board and the Public that New York State had finally announced the state aid for the 2004-2005 year. He was pleased to announce the District would be receiving more State Aid than was projected. This increase of \$744,528 was being used to reduce the tax rate. Dr. Eversley introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Mr. Kuncham discussed the reduction in the tax rate in more detail and explained that with the increase in state aid, the blended tax rate for all classes will drop from 9.07% to 8.98%

The Superintendent also spoke about the up-coming First Day celebration and Barbeque at Freeport High School on September 1, 2004. Everyone is invited to celebrate the opening of school. Dr. Eversley also spoke about the first day of school for students on September 7, 2004 and reminded everyone that all parents are invited to come to school with their children.

The Superintendent then spoke about the Officials Working Group and the progress they are making with raising the awareness of gang activities and gang violence in our community and the steps they are taking to prevent children from becoming involved in gangs.

### **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.

### **Board Committees**

The Board discussed various committees and which members of the Board would participate with each committee.

The Board also discussed the Finance/Budget Advisory Committee, and they would like to convene the group earlier in the budget process.

### **Items for Action**

#### ***Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings***

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings of the committees on special education and preschool special education for the following dates:

May 20, 2004; May 21, 2004; May 24, 2004; May 26, 2004; May 27, 2004; June 1, 2004; June 2, 2004; June 3, 2004; June 7, 2004; June 8, 2004; June 9, 2004; June 10, 2004; June 11, 2004; June 15, 2004; June 16, 2004; June 17, 2004; June 18, 2004; June 21, 2004; June 22, 2004; July 13, 2004.

The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

#### Establishment of the Tax Levy

Mr. Ellerbe offered the following resolution for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, that the following budget (Gross Amount) of the necessary claims and expenditures in FREEPORT UFSD (#9) in the Town of HEMPSTEAD School year 2004-2005, amounting to \$112,772,779 School Purpose, \$4,630,027 Library Purpose, for a total of \$117,402,806 be and the same is hereby accepted; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$68,866,496 School Purposes, \$4,486,312 Library Purposes, for a total of \$73,352,808 being the remainder of the budget adopted as above and the amount which must be RAISED BY TAXATION (NET AMOUNT) for FREEPORT UFSD (#9) of the Town of HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, New York for the year 2004-2005 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified to by the Board of Assessors for the school year 2004-2005; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District be and she is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Board of Assessors, Mineola, New York, on or before August 16th, 2004.

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

#### Acceptance of a Cooperative Bid

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York to bid jointly on Food And Food Service Suppliers for the 2004-2005 school year.

WHEREAS, The Freeport Union Free School District is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, section 119-o and,

WHEREAS, The Freeport Union Free School District wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby appoints the Long Island School Food Service Director's Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Freeport Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Freeport Union Free School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative bidding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Freeport Union Free School District Board of Education agrees (1.) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards ;(2.) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee ;(3.) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s)

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

The Board then reviewed the tentative agenda for the August 18, 2004 meeting.

At 9:50 p.m. , a motion was made by Mr. Raab to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel and Negotiations.

The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

At 11:05 a.m. , on a motion by Mr. Raab and seconded Mr. Ellerbe, the Board returned to open session. The vote was: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro and Raab.

### **Adjournment**

At 11:07 p.m. , with no other business, Ms. Coward moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. McQuillan and unanimously carried: Coward, Ellerbe, McQuillan, Piñeyro, and Raab.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting on August 18, 2004 .

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako  
District Clerk

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