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

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

January 8, 2002

The regular planning/action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2003, in the Library of the Caroline G. Atkinson School. Ms. Coward, 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. Sunday F. Coward, President
Dr. Joseph Cattano, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee
Ms. Carmen J. Pineyro, Trustee (arrived 8:27 p.m.)
Mr. Michael Raab, 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
Dr. Joshua Starr, Executive Director of Operations
Mr. Robert Harris, Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning
Mr. Spiro Colaitis, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Also absent were: none

Guests were: none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 14.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, asked Mr. Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business, to speak about the opening of the new New Visions School. Mr. Kuncham was pleased to announce the opening went smoothly and that the school was a dream come true. He then introduced Ms. Katherine Hynes, Principal of New Visions School. She described how beautiful and full of light the new school is. Mr. Kuncham expressed his thanks to all that worked to bring this project to fruition, and that it will have a positive impact on the Freeport community as well as the students.

Dr. Eversley reviewed with the Board the Atkinson/Administration Parking Lot Extension Project. Mr. Colaitis, Director of Buildings and Grounds, shared a rendering of the extension with the Board.

Dr. Eversley continued the discussion with the Board on the Board meeting format and the use, by the Board, of the "consent agenda." There will be a continued discussion on this issue at the next Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Eversley introduced Mr. Robert Harris, Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning, to the Board and public. Mr. Harris gave a presentation on "No Child Left Behind Legislation" as per the attached.

Questions on the Item for Action

At this time, the public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on items on the agenda. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board for 6 minutes.

The Board reviewed the tentative agenda for January 22, 2003.

Items for Action

Approval of CSE and PSE Meetings

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution for adoption:

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:

November 13, 2002, November 18, 2002, November 20, 2002, November 25, 2002, December 16, 2002

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

Termination of Staff

Dr. Cattano offered the following resolution for adoption: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby terminates the services of the following employee as listed in the following termination report: James Anson, Technology Teacher, effective February 8, 2003, pursuant to Education Law Section 3031.

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

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Eversley congratulated Mr. Ernest Kight, Assistant Principal of Dodd Middle School, for the 350 wins as a coach of the Girls Basketball Team.

Executive Session

At 9:17 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Raab to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing two matters of Personnel.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Cattano and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro and Raab.

At 12:05 a.m., Mr. Raab moved to adjourn to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pineyro and unanimously carried: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 12:06 a.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Pineyro, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro and Raab.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be an action meeting held on January 22, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bediako, Ed.D.
Clerk of the Board

