

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

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

March 26, 2003

The regular action meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, in the Library of the Caroline G. Atkinson School, 58 West Seaman Avenue, Freeport, New York. Ms. Sunday Coward, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and she 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
- Mr. Michael Raab, Trustee

Absent were:

- none

Also present were:

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

Also absent was:

- none

Guests were:

- Nela Hawthorne and the members of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America)

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was approximately 30.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eversley, Superintendent of Schools, gave a hearty congratulation to the Freeport High School winners of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Regional Competition. Held at Nassau Community College on January 8th, 2003. These students will advance to compete in the New York State Competition in Rochester. Dr. Eversley introduced Ms. Nela Hawthorne, Advisor to the group. She gave a presentation about the club and introduced three students who assisted her with the Presentation. Her assistants were Kevin Scales, Jessica L-lucanlano and Joey Falco. The following students won awards at the Regional Competition.

Renee Allenye	Apparel and Accessories
Jodi-Ann Blair	Business and Marketing
Whitney Collins	Apparel and Accessories
Raquel Corona	Retail Merchandising
Steven Gonzalez	Retail Merchandising
Kristen Harleston	Sales Demonstration
Amanda Kistela	Apparel and Accessories
Keith Lewis	Business and Marketing Law
Jessica L-lucanlano	Wholesale Selling
Naimah Mohammad	Job Interview
Daniel Okobi	Marketing Management
Jessica Ramirez	Retail Merchandising
Aisha Rouse	Apparel and Accessories Management
Kevin Scales	Quick Serve Restaurant Management
Steven Singh	Full Service Restaurant Management
Deniqua Smith	Marketing Management
Javier Smith	Food Marketing

Dr. Eversley then turned the meeting over to Mr. Robert Harris, Executive Director for Curriculum, School Improvement, Professional Development and Planning. Mr. Harris discussed the school improvement plan and the goals that have been set forth for the improvement plan. The Superintendent thanked Mr. Harris.

At this time a short discussion was held to change the order of the meeting and allow the public to ask their questions or express their concerns.

Questions from the Public

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board for 6 minutes. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

The Superintendent continued with his report to the Board and he introduced Mr. Kishore Kuncham, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Mr. Kuncham discussed the 2003 – 2004 Budget.

Dr. Eversley thanked Mr. Kuncham and reported to the Board that a proposition has been submitted to the Board for inclusion on the May ballot. Dr. Eversley also discussed with the Board the effect the heightened security alert has had on any field trips our students may take and that decisions would be made on a case by case basis for all trips.

Items for Action

On a motion by Ms. Pineyro and a second by Dr. Cattano the following items, on a consent agenda, were approved:

Acceptance of the Minutes

Resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the following meetings as written:

February 5, 2003; February 12, 2003; February 26, 2003; March 12, 2003

Leave of Absence

Resolved that the Board hereby grants a request for leave as listed in the following:

- Jeanne Dipolito, full-time Teaching Assistant, extension of a leave of absence to March 30, 2003, for health reasons.
- Linda Huestis, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective January 27, 2003 through April 1, 2003, for health reasons.
- Gerald Wilson, Elementary Teacher, extension of a leave of absence to June 30, 2003, for health reasons.
- John Liadakis, Maintenance-Painter, effective December 12, 2002 through December 12, 2003, as per section 71 of Civil Service Law.
- Melba Marsh, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 28, 2003 through July 1, 2003, for health reasons.

- Ruth Muniz, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective February 13, 2003 through March 17, 2003, for health reasons.

Change of Status

Resolved that the Board of Education for the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants a request for an change of status as listed in the following Change of Status Report

- Lloyd Burkett, from temporary to probationary Technology Teacher effective February 10, 2003 through February 9, 2005.

Termination of Staff

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.

- Jean Francis, Security Aide, effective March 21, 2003.

Resignation of Staff

Resolved that the Board of Education the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation from the following staff members as listed:

- Maria Solomon, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 7, 2003.
- Celina Shavuo, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 21, 2003.
- Laurie Trujillo, Elementary Teacher, effective February 23, 2003.
- Lauren First, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 3, 2003.
- William Vazquez, 10 Month Cleaner, effective January 28, 2003.
- Belarminio Peralta, Security Aide, effective March 17, 2003.

Retirement of Staff

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letters of retirement from the following staff member:

- McArthur McKinnon, Physical Education Teacher, effective February 26, 2003, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 28 years.

Appointment of Staff

Probationary

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Probationary, in

accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York:

- Laurie Trujillo, Reading Teacher, (replacing S. Beauchamp, retired) a probationary appointment effective February 24, 2003 through February 24, 2005. Compensation will be on step 5-2A of the U3D Schedule at \$56,853. Assignment: New Visions.
- Betsy Colagiacomio, Reading Teacher, (replacing C. Varsalona, resigned) a probationary appointment effective March 10, 2003 through March 9, 2005. Compensation will be on step 7-2A of the U3D Schedule at \$61,165. Assignment: Archer.

Temporary Assignment

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Teacher Category, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York:

- Alexis Cilento, Elementary Teacher, (replacing G. Wilson, LOA) a temporary appointment effective February 25, 2003 through June 30, 2003. Compensation will be according to step 1-1A of the U3C Schedule at \$41,163. Assignment: Atkinson.

Teacher Assistant and Permanent Substitutes

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Teacher Assistant Category, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York:

- Jossy Quito, Permanent Substitute, (special circumstances) a temporary appointment effective March 10, 2003 through June 30, 2003. Compensation will be at the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Giblyn

Teacher Assistant

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Teacher Assistant Category, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

- Sean Caldwell, part-time Teaching Assistant, (replacing L. First, resigned) a temporary appointment effective March 3, 2003 through June 30, 2003.

Compensation will be according to the FTAA Contract at \$6,899. Assignment: Archer.

Appointment of Non-Instructional Staff

Resolved that the Board of Education hereby appoints the individuals as listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Civil Service, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations:

- Leonora Goetchius, Stenographic Secretary, (replacing C. Sullivan, resigned) a probationary appointment effective March 17, 2003 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Clerical Contract at \$45,000. Assignment: FHS.
- Luis Medina, 10 Month Cleaner, (replacing W. Vasquez, resigned) a probationary appointment effective January 29, 2003 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Custodial Contract at \$14,677 Assignment: New Visions.
- Thomas Anderson, Security Aide, (replacing T. Smallwood, resigned) a probationary appointment effective March 10, 2003 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Security Contract at \$14,640. Assignment: FHS.
- Thomas Hirtzel, Custodian, (replacing R. Bennett, retired) a probationary appointment effective March 24, 2003 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Custodial Salary Schedule at \$29,638. Assignment: FHS.

CSE/CPSE Minutes

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:

February 3, 2003; February 12, 2003; March 7, 2003; March 11, 2003; March 12, 2003; March 13, 2003; March 14, 2003; March 20, 2003.

Extra Duty / Co-Curricular and Supervisory Appointments

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the Extra Duty / Co-Curricular and Supervisory assignments as listed in the EXTRA DUTY/CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS as attached.

2003 FHS MUSICAL

Position	Stipend	Advisor
Director	\$2,696	Stephen Pagano

Producer	1,348	Robert Yarmola
Orchestra Prep	883	Peter Martin
Musical Director	883	Stephen Pagano
Choreographer	883	Kathleen Pagano
Costume Designer	883	Virginia Santo
Stage Designer	883	Kari Martin
Artistic Advisor	883	Kari Martin
Technical Director	883	Douglas Martines
Conductor	464	Peter Martin
Accompanist	464	Ellen Schutt

Bid Award Submarine/Hero Sandwiches Bid #517

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby awards the following bid as listed in the Bid Award Report and as recommended in the attached bid recommendation, accepting the lowest responsible bid as per bid specifications, and reserving the right to increase or decrease quantities of each item as needed. (attached)

The motions carried unanimously: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro, and Raab.

Individual Action Items

Granting of Tenure

Mr. Raab made a motion to table the resolution to grant tenure. Dr. Cattano seconded the motion. The vote was:

- Yea; Cattano, Raab.
- Nay; Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro.
- Abstentions; 0

The motion was defeated.

(There was no discussion on the motion to table.)

Mr. Ellerbe made the following motion;

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants tenure status to the following individuals:

- Director: Mark Stine, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, effective May 1, 2003
- Teacher: Frances Jonza Clark, Elementary Teacher, April 21, 2003

Ms. Pineyro seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The vote was:

- Yea; Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro.
- Nay; 0
- Abstentions; Cattano, Raab.

Memorandum of Agreement with The Association Partnership Ms. Pineyro made the following motion;

Whereas, the Freeport Union Free School District is dedicated to developing leadership, improving instruction for all students, and strategic planning, and

Whereas, The Association Partnership can provide expertise in these areas from nationally recognized experts, at no cost to the district, through December 10, 2005, by the Freeport Public Schools becoming a Pilot Site, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Board of Education, the Freeport Union Free School District agrees to become a Pilot Site and collaborate with The Association Partnership on strategic planning, leadership development and the improvement of instruction for all students. (attached)

Mr. Ellerbe seconded the motion and the motion passed. The vote was:

- Yea; Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro, Raab.
- Nay; 0
- Abstentions; Cattano.

Proposition to Increase the Number of Trustees

Dr. Cattano made the following motion;

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby directs the District Clerk to amend the legal notice for the District's Annual Meeting to reflect proposition #3 as follows:

"That the number of School Board Trustees be increased from five (5) to nine (9) trustees."

Ms. Pineyro seconded the motion and the motion passed. The vote was:

- Yea; Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro, Raab.
- Nay; 0

- Abstentions; Cattano.

Executive Session

At 10:20 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Coward to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular matter of personnel and matters leading to the appointment of a particular corporation.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Cattano, and the motion passed.

The vote was: Cattano, Coward, Ellerbe, Pineyro and Raab.

Adjournment

At 11:38 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Ms. Coward and seconded by Dr. Cattano 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 a planning/action meeting, held on April 9, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bediako, Ed.D.
Clerk of the Board

