

April 27, 2011

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, in the Cafeteria of Caroline G. Atkinson School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m., she then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were: Ms. Debra McQuillan, President
Ms. Debra Mulé, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee (arrived 7:39 p.m.)
Ms. Carmen Piñeyro-Mendoza, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee

Absent were: None

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for
Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk
Dr. Kenneth Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for
Business
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of
Operations

Also absent were: Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 40.

Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools welcomed everyone and thanked the 20 Year Employees for the service they have given to the children of Freeport. He went on to say that they have touched so many lives and they have helped create the future leaders of America. He then called on Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel who introduced the Principals of the various schools. The Principals spoke about the Employees being honored and gave a short overview of all their accomplishments and dedication to the children, their families and the District

Dr. Bediako along with the Board President and the Superintendent congratulated each employee celebrating 20 years with Freeport Schools. They were presented with a certificate and a pin from the District. Those employees were:

Aneesah Abdus-Shakur	Helena Inniss	Maureen Seymour
Patricia Belfi	Laurie Kolodny	Carol Smith
Teresa Carmen	Janine Martorano	Laurie
Lisa Chimeri	Cindy Misrock	Trujillo
Michele Grempe	Gisela Moise	Wendy Valasky
	Conception Rincon	Consuelo Velez

At 8:31 p.m. a short break was called to congratulate the 20 Year Employees. The meeting was called back into session at 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Kuncham then gave a quick update on the proposed school budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

Items for Action

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Personnel

Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants a request for leave of absence as listed below:

Tricia Stasi, Reading Teacher, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, childcare.

Christine Myers, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 9, 2011 through April 25, 2011, for health reasons.

Gina Rocker, Special Education Teacher, effective April 11, 2011 through May 23, 2011 for childcare.

Resignation of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation from the following staff member(s) as listed below:

Rachel Berg, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective March 25, 2011, relocating.

Robert Muratore, Science Teacher, effective August 31, 2011, personal reasons.

Susan Lembcke, Food Service Helper, effective April 5, 2011, to accept another position in the District.

Ellen Okin, English Teacher, effective August 31, 2011, for personal reasons.

Joseph Strasser, full-time teaching Assistant, effective April 15, 2011, relocating.

Appointment of Non-Instructional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals as listed, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Susan Lembcke, Assistant Cook, (replacing C. Valenti, termination) probationary appointment effective April 6, 2011 for a period of 26 weeks upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be according to the Food Service Contract on step 14 at \$21,545.64. Assignment: New Visions.

Appointment of Spring Community School Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individual(s) listed below as Community School Staff.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>2010-2011 Step</i>	<i>Semester Salary 2010-2011</i>
Additions for Spring 2011:			
Cellan, Russ	PE/Health (replacing Mulvey, D. from 3/28/11)	1*	3202.80
Note: * designates that a teacher will not receive his/her step until the spring semester.			

CSE/CPSE Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the following dates:

February 7, 15, 16, 17, 18, 2011.

March 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2011.

April 1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 2011

Other Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following item was approved:

Finance

BOCES Administrative Operations Budget Vote

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Nassau County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative Administrative Operations Budget for the 2011/2012 school year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2011/2012 school year in the amount of **\$18,947,178** be, and hereby is **APPROVED** by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following item was approved:

BOCES Trustee Election

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby casts one vote each for **three vacant seats** on the Nassau BOCES Board:

Deborah Coates East Meadow UFSD
 Eric Schultz Plainview – Old Bethpage CSD
 Stephen B. Witt Hewlett – Woodmere UFSD

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and a second by Ms. Mulé, the following item was approved:

Acceptance of the Barry Variello Memorial Scholarship

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a scholarship to be known as the “*Barry Variello Memorial Scholarship*”. This scholarship will be awarded to one male and one female who have been on the swim team for a minimum of two years, exhibit sportsmanship, enthusiasm, dedication and will be going on to higher education. Each student will receive \$200.00. This scholarship is made possible by the friends and family of Barry Variello and is to remember the work and life of Mr. Variello.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a second by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza, the following item was approved:

Acceptance of a the Joanne Beauford Scholarship

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a scholarship to be known as the “*Joanne Beauford Scholarship*”. Ms. Beauford was the driving force behind FHA PTSA Scholarships and has spent countless hours making sure students have the opportunity to attend a 4 year college. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be attending a four year college and will be majoring in education. This scholarship is being made possible by the Freeport High School PTSA.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico, the following item was approved:

Acceptance of the Risk Assessment Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the Risk Assessment Report pertaining to the Internet Controls of the District Operations, dated June, 2010, prepared by the District's Internal Control Auditors, Nawrocki Smith LLP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the District's Corrective Action Plan in response to the Risk Assessment Report recommendations.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

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 four minutes on any topic. There were no comments or questions from the public.

Executive Session

At 9:25 p.m. Ms. Mulé moved to adjourn to executive session for one specific matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and passed unanimously.

The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

At 10:20 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Piñeyro-Mendoza and a second by Ms. Mulé the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 10:21 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and seconded by Mr. Ellerbe, the Board adjourned the meeting. The vote was: Ellerbe, McQuillan, Mulé, Piñeyro-Mendoza and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed.D.,
District Clerk