

**April 4, 2012**

The regular Planning/Action/Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, in the cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School. Debra McQuillan, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 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  
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, 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. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Dr. Kenneth Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for  
Business  
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were: none

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 21.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone. He made the following remarks:

- The State has adopted its Budget. In the final process, some aid was restored by the State however we still have a shortfall of \$400,000 on the revenue side.
- The FTA has presented a new proposal which the Superintendent has accepted. The teachers will vote on the new proposal on April 16, 2012. If the proposal is ratified, the Superintendent will present it to the Board for ratification. This will restore 27 teaching positions including Enrichment and full-day Kindergarten.
- Italian will be phased out, however those students taking Italian will be able to continue with the subject and complete their sequence.
- Several Capital projects have been put off and that money will be used to restore Summer School for students in grades 8 through 12.
- The Summer Arts Academy will continue through grant funding.
- The budget will be adopted at the April 17, 2012 meeting.

### **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. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

### **Items for Action**

On a motion by Ms. Mulé and a seconded by Ms. Lancaster the following item was approved:

### **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 committees on special education and preschool special education for the following dates:

January 27, 2012

February 2, 3, 8, 9, 14, 16, 17, 28, 29, 2012

March 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 2012

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, McQuillan, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a seconded by Mr. Ellerbe the following item was approved:

### **Finance**

#### **Bid Award Recommendation for Cafeteria Equipment Bid 2011-12 (#557) for Modifying Serving Lines Opened on March 28, 2012**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby awards the bid on an individual item basis to Bar Boy Products, Inc., for drop-in steam well units and installation services for the Cafeteria Equipment Bid 2011-12 Modifying Serving Lines for the Archer and Bayview Schools in the amount of 9,843.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, McQuillan, Mulé and Pomerico.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:31 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn to executive session for one specific matter of negotiations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and passed unanimously.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, McQuillan, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 9:19 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Ms. Mulé the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, McQuillan, Mulé and Pomerico.

**Adjournment**

At 9:20 p.m. with no other business on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Ms. Lancaster, the Board adjourned the meeting.

The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, McQuillan, Mulé and Pomerico.

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Action meeting of the Board of Education will be on April 17, 2012, 7:30 p.m., at Archer Street School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Bediako, Ed. D.  
District Clerk