

August 21, 2012

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, in the Distance Learning Center at Freeport High School. Debra Mulé, 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 Mulé, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, 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
Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director 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

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kishore Kuncham, welcomed everyone to the Board of Education Action meeting and announced that earlier in the evening Summer School Graduation took place. He further informed the public that he was very pleased to announce that we had reached the highest rate of graduation in many years and he wanted to congratulate the teachers and Administrators for making it happen for the students.

Dr. Kuncham was also excited to announce that Standard and Poors again re-confirmed the District's AA rating, one of the highest in New York State.

The Superintendent also made the following remarks:

- The Synthetic Turf Field and Lighting will have a grand opening and dedication on September 7, 2012. It will be the 1st evening game with the new flood lights on. Everyone is invited.
- Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director for Business, reviewed the guidelines for the new track and the Synthetic Turf Field.
- Congratulations to our new PTA Council President, Sonia Dixon.
- Superintendent Conference Days are scheduled for August 29 & 30, 2012. All staff will meet in the Auditorium of Freeport High School for the Superintendents Convocation and the Board President will also speak.

- There will be a full day of SLO (Student Learning Objectives) training of staff on August 30, 2012.
- The first day of school for all students is September 4, 2012.

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 the Agenda only. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

Acceptance of the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the following meetings as written: July, 9, 2012; July 11, 2012; July 31, 2012; August 6, 2012.

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:

Fanny Hermida, Cleaner, effective July 5, 2012 through September 3, 2012, for health reasons.

Makeva Elliott, part-time Typist Clerk, effective June 11, 2012 extended through August 5, 2012, for health reasons.

Change of Status

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the following change of status as listed below:

Susan Camille Trenkle, Typist Clerk, change of status from 10 month to 12 month, effective July 1, 2012, compensation will now be \$36,617.

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:

Nicole Rivelli, Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2012, to accept another position in the District.

Danielle Sekeson, Permanent Substitute, effective July 18, 2012, to accept another position in the District.

Caitlin Donovan, Music Teacher, effective August 31, 2012, for personal reasons.

Elizabeth Vuolo, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 8, 2012, for personal reasons.

Kristen Osa, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective August 14, 2012, for personal reasons.

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.

Danielle Baldwin, Occupational Therapist, a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2012 for a 26 week period upon Civil Service approval. Compensation will be \$53,000 and benefits consistent with FTA Members. Assignment District Wide.

Temporary

BE IT 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

Marisol Banegas, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Atkinson.

Eric Ligon, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Atkinson.

Jillian Onorato, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Atkinson.

Nicole Rivelli, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Columbus.

Katelyn Salisbury, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd.

Lisa Vetter, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Atkinson.

Kathryn Hoffman, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Bayview.

Danielle Sekesan, Social Studies Teacher, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. Compensation will be on step 1-1C of the U3C Schedule at \$58,347. Assignment: FHS.

Matthew Cellan, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: Dodd

Nicholas Kenney, Permanent Substitute, a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Substitute Pay Rate of \$125 per day. Assignment: FHS.

Appointment of Fall Coaching Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, hereby appoints the individuals for coaching positions as attached. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as coaches in the public schools of New York.

Coaches Names	Position	Step	Salary
Cotter, Victoria	J.V. Cheerleading	3rd	\$ 3,098.00
Ramirez, Luis Fernando	Boys' J.V. Soccer	1st	\$ 4,652.00
Martelo, Jose	Boys' Varsity Volleyball Head	2nd	\$ 5,997.00
Delgado, Roberto	Varsity Baseball Head	2nd	\$ 6,958.00

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:

June 11, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 2012; July 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 2012; August 1, 7, 8, 9, 2012.

Other Items for Action

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

Retirement of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff member as listed:

Pamela DiMaio, Special Education Teacher , effective October 15, 2012, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 19 years.

Patricia Hettich, Senior Account Clerk, effective August 31, 2012 after serving the children of Freeport for more than 10 years.

Robin Spirn, Special Education Teacher, effective October 11, 2012 after serving the children of Freeport for more than 32 years.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Approval of Consultants

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves agreements between the following consultants and the Freeport Union Free School District, as per the following list for the 2012-2013 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute said agreements on its behalf.

Consultant	Schools	Services Provided	Total Cost	Funding Source
Premier Gymnastics and Cheerleading	FHS	Providing our FHS cheerleading program with Choreography mirrors for choreography and Elite tumbling individualized and team instruction and Elite stunting tumble track training	\$2,070.00	General Fund
Developmental Systems, Inc.	Atkinson, Dodd and FHS	Conduct evaluation of 21 st Century Community Learning Centers Program including insuring program meets all reporting requirements.	\$30,000.00	21 st Century Community Learning Centers
Peter Hayes	Pre-K-K and 1 st grade students at Archer, Bayview, Giblyn and New Visions	Consulting services for student assignments to the four magnet schools	\$1,000	Title IIA

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Acceptance of Bid Award for HVAC Upgrades at Archer Street School and Columbus Avenue School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby awards the contract for the HVAC Upgrades at the Archer Street School, Base Bid, at a cost of \$197,000 to Central Air Corp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby awards the contract for the HVAC Upgrades at the Columbus Avenue School, Base Bid, at a cost of \$209,000 to Central Air Corp.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Approval of an Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeport Union Free School District hereby retains the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC to challenge the system of financing public education, including the disparate impact on low wealth school districts of the Tax Cap law, the supermajority requirements of the Tax Cap law and unfunded mandates that impose a barrier to the District providing a sound public education to our students as 21st Century learners.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Retainer Agreement with Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC shall provide for a cap on its hourly rate at \$245.00 per hour for partners, \$185.00 per hour for associates and a cap on its total fees of \$15,000.00 provided that at least nine other school districts join in the litigation. If nine other school districts do not join in the litigation, Bond, Schoeneck & King has agreed to perform legal services above an aggregate of \$100,000.00 on a *pro bono* basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

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

Appointment of a Board Member

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law of the State of

New York herewith appoints **Anthony Miller** as a trustee and member of the Freeport Union Free School District Board of Education to fill a certain vacancy on the Board of Education for a term commencing on August 22, 2012 and terminating on May 21, 2013.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé 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.

Adjournment

At 9:02 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and seconded by Mr. Pomerico, the Board adjourned the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Mulé and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

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