

**October 17, 2012**

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, in the Cafeteria of the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 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. Anthony J. Miller, 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  
Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director 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 185.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kuncham welcomed everyone to the Board of Education Action meeting and informed the public that he was pleased to announce wonderful news. Freeport Public Schools have been awarded a grant for \$786,000 for the Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (STLE). Freeport is the only district in Nassau County and one of only 17 districts in New York State to receive this grant.

The Student Government gave a report on the events at Freeport High School. The students also thanked the Board and Cabinet for their support and for setting a great example.

**Unsung Hero**

The Superintendent introduced Ms. Odette Wills, Principal of Bayview Avenue School. Ms. Wills the program for Unsung Hero's was to recognize outstanding individuals in our community who contribute to our school community and were community partners. She introduced Pastor Eddie Justino, from 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Freeport. Ms. Wills stated that Pastor Justino and his congregation have been at Bayview all the time with school supplies, hats, warm coats and socks for children in need. Reverend Justino thanked everyone for the

humbling recognition and spoke about a member of his congregation who set him upon the path to fulfill the mission of the church. That member was a former teacher at Bayview Avenue School, the late Mrs. Jan Wisnowski. He also thanked the Superintendent for allowing him and his congregation to help.

The Superintendent then said New York State has declared October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup> as "School Board Recognition Week." As we always recognize the Board of Education at Board meetings at Bayview Avenue School we have decided to recognize the Board of Education at this meeting. He thanked the Board of Education for their extraordinary work and the vital role they play in the education of all Freeport children. The Board provides strong financial stewardship and ensures that all children are provided high quality curriculum leading to bright and successful futures for our students. He ended his comment by saluting the members of the Board for all that they do.

The Superintendent introduced Ms. Odette Wills, Principal of Bayview Avenue School. Ms. Wills also thanked the Board for their hard work. She then introduced the students of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Dual Language class who presented an original Broadway play in honor of the Board of Education. The play was enjoyed by all.

Dr. Kuncham then introduced the following individuals:

Ms. Sonia Dixon, President of the PTA Council. Ms. Dixon thanked the Board and presented each Board member with a gift from the PTA to thank them for their service and dedication to our children

Ms. Paula Lein, President of the Freeport Administrators Union informed the Board that a donation in their names had been made to Saint Jude's Hospital. She also thanked the Board for all they do for our students.

Mr. Stu Napear, Freeport Teachers Association President, also spoke of the Boards hard work and dedication to the students of Freeport. He announced that the FTA would donate \$250 to Sports Boosters in the name of the Board of Education.

Ms. Linda Weiner, representing the Teaching Assistants Association, thanked the Board for their hard work on behalf of the students and presented a gift to each Board member.

Ms. Arthalia Brown and Ms. Maria Coletta, representatives from FEOSA, expressed their thanks to the Board and informed them that a donation to the American Cancer Society.

The Superintendent also informed the Board that the Cafeteria and Security Union have sent a fruit arrangement with their thanks for all the Board of Education does for the Freeport Students.

The Board then thanked everyone for the accolades and thoughtful gifts.

A short break was called at 8:20 p.m.

The meeting was called back in to session at 8:36 p.m.

Superintendent Kuncham continued his report with the following remarks:

- The total enrollment in Freeport is up 250 students.
- Kindergarten is over capacity and has students waiting for placement.
- FHS Select Choral has been invited to sing at Madison Square Garden on December 4, 2012. Congratulations to Choral Teacher, Monique Retslaff.

### **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, Miller, 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: September 19, 2012; October 10, 2012.

### **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:

**Cornelia Harris**, Security Aide, effective September 1, 2012 through October 15, 2012, for health reasons.

**Ana Alves Lee**, Cleaner, extension of a leave, beginning July 5, 2012, now through October 30, 2012.

**Patricia Mullen**, Senior Typist Clerk, effective October 5, 2012 through October 19, 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:

**Michele Nicholas**, part-time Teaching Assistant, change of status from part-time to full-time Teaching Assistant probationary appointment (replacing K. Ramirez-Melara ), effective October 15, 2012 through October 14, 2015, with an anticipated tenure date of October 15, 2015. Compensation will now be \$19,072.70. Assignment: Bayview

### **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:

**Daniel Noviello**, Social Studies Teacher, effective October 14, 2012, for personal reasons.

**Marisol Banegas**, Permanent Substitute, effective September 14, 2012, for personal reasons.

**Arlene Martinez**, English Teacher, effective November 2, 2012, for personal reasons.

**Gina Silecchia**, Permanent Substitute, effective October 12, 2012, for personal reasons.

#### **Appointment of Staff - 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 - Temporary, 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.

**Mauricio Riveros-Villanueva**, Permanent Substitute, effective September 24, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Permanent Substitute Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Atkinson.

**Jessica Driscoll**, Permanent Substitute, effective October 15, 2012 through June 21, 2013. Compensation will be according to the Permanent Substitute Rate at \$125 per day. Assignment: Bayview.

**Wendy Lindner**, Coordinator for German Experience Program, a temporary appointment for the 2011-12 school-year. Compensation will be a stipend of \$3,500.

**Richard Sells**, Coordinator for German Experience Program, a temporary appointment for the 2011-12 school-year. Compensation will be a stipend of \$3,500.

#### **Co-Curricular Appointments**

**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 below, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers or other staff in the public schools of New York.

#### 2012- 2013 CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS ADVISORS

ADVISOR	CLUB	SCHOOL	STIPEND
Noreen Puppò	Young Managers of Tomorrow	Archer	1,785

Karen Lettsome Valerie Smith	Dance/Step Club	Archer	1,215
			1,215
Ellen Larkin	Art Club	Bayview	1,011
Michael Huisman	Science Club	Bayview	1,011
John Corbo		Giblyn	892.50
Therese Casoria	Yearbook Club		892.50
Carla Monell	AM Sports Club	New Visions	533
Nina Sasso	Step/Drill Team	Atkinson	1,308
Allison Caldwell	Mathletes - Grade 5	Atkinson	1,785
Matthew Yatsyla	Mathletes - Grade 6	Atkinson	1,785
Kerri Sparacia Karen Weckler	Drama Club	Atkinson	1,070
			1,070
Thelsa Bongiorno	Odyssey of the Mind – Team #1	Atkinson	2,509
Carrie Frederick- Muchnick	Odyssey of the Mind – Team #2	Atkinson	2,509
Nancy Hanrahan	Future Problem Solving– Team #1	Atkinson	2,509
Lisa DeVito	Future Problem Solving– Team #2	Atkinson	2,509
Alison Leone Amanda Mizel	Dodd Yearbook	Dodd	1,873
			1,873
Robert Fallot Diane Saunders	Co-Student Council	Dodd	1,873
			1,873
Carol Byrne	Mathletes	Dodd	2,509
Maryclaire Dumas- Landisi	Future Problem Solvers	Dodd	2,509
John Wildermuth Vida Brizill	Odyssey of the Mind	Dodd	1,254.50
			1,254.50
Nancy Berg	Student Fund Treasurer	Dodd	1,785
Adam Rubin	Jazz Ensemble	Dodd	1,785
Sherill Spruill	Select Chorale	Dodd	1,785
TBA	Select Orchestra	Dodd	1,785
Denise Lloyd	Dodd Respect	Dodd	1,442
Vashti Burke	Ladies Club of Dodd	Dodd	1,322
Thomas Doyle	Science Club	Dodd	1,011
Desiree Zamot	Foreign Language Club	Dodd	1,011
	Photography Club	Dodd	1,011
Michele Haimes Felice Niland	A.M. Announcement Club	Dodd	505.50
			505.50
William Behrens Robert Fallot	Environmental Club	Dodd	505.50
			505.50

Nicholas Alberti	Art Club	Dodd	1,011
Danielle Ballard Annette Jones	National Honor Society	Dodd	505.50 505.50
Nancy Berg	Peer Mediation	Dodd	1,011
Mario Salcedo	Tae Kwon Do Club	Dodd	1,011
Linda Salzer	Service Corps/Future Corps	Dodd	1,011
Sean Holder	GENTS Club	Dodd	593
Melissa O'Hara Michael Farrell	Flashings	FHS	2,497.50 2,497.50
Tom Alma	Yearbook	FHS	4,995
Michael LaSorsa	Marching Band Director	FHS	4,639
Adam Rubin	Marching Band Asst. Dir.	FHS	2,140
Jennifer Volta Mark Spanier	Vintage	FHS	1,932.50 1,932.50
Joshua Levitt	Student Congress	FHS	3,746
Ana Rosa	Senior Class Advisor	FHS	3,746
Melissa O'Hara	Assistant Senior Class Advisor	FHS	2,509
John Dugan	Junior Class Advisor	FHS	2,509
Christopher Dressler	Assistant Junior Class Advisor	FHS	1,785
Zoraya Bussey	Sophomore Class Advisor	FHS	1,785
Kristen Anisis	Freshman Class Advisor	FHS	1,785
Richard Genzone	WFHS Communications	FHS	2,509
Joseph D'Agostino	Mathletes	FHS	2,509
Speros Vartelatos	Mathletes Asst. Advisor	FHS	1,011
Angela Wheat	Future Problem Solving -Team #1	FHS	2,509
Lauren Calvo	Future Problem Solving - Team #2	FHS	2,509
TBD	Masque & Wig Director	FHS	2,509
Robert Yarmola	Masque & Wig Asst. Director	FHS	1,785
Kevin LaBarr	Masque & Wig Set Designer	FHS	1,129
Nela Hawthorne	DECA	FHS	2,509
Ana Rosa	Odyssey of the Mind – Team #1	FHS	2,509
Cara Reiss	Odyssey of the Mind – Team #2	FHS	2,509
Lolita Beathea	Key Club	FHS	2,509
Lolita Beathea Claretha Richardson	Renaissance Club	FHS	1,254.50 1,254.50
Ellen Schultis	National Honor Society	FHS	2,081
Michele Aliani	Peer Leadership Advisor	FHS	1,844
Angela Wheat Danielle Byrnes Richard Sells	Peer Leadership (3 Assistant Advisors)	FHS	1,596.33 1,596.33 1,565.33
Vashti Burke	FHS She-Devils Colorguard & She-Devils Heat Kickline	FHS	2,026
Timothy Mcshan	NJROTC Drill Team	FHS	1,844

Cynthia Certain	Latin Dance Salsa Team	FHS	1,844
Angela Wheat	Peer Tutoring	FHS	1,785
TBD	Human Relations/Spanish Heritage /Human Rights/Black History Assembly	FHS	
Danielle Sekesan	Gay Straight Alliance	FHS	1,609
Wendy Lindner	Interactors/Rotary Club	FHS	1,665
Michael LaSorsa	Jazz Ensemble	FHS	1,546
Reginald Carolina	Mock Trial	FHS	1,249
Kerry McCarthy	"It's Academic"	FHS	1,249
Sally Ann Schrader	Freeport Sports Leadership Club	FHS	1,249
Michael LaSorsa	Brass Ensemble	FHS	1,249
Tim Warner	Ninth Grade Select	FHS	1,249
Christopher Mancuso	Chess Club	FHS	1,249
Yolette Latortue	African American Bowl	FHS	1,249
Sarah Molese	HOSA	FHS	1,191
Linda Hedrickson	Devils Pride	FHS	1,191
Maria Rivera	Foreign Language Club (French/Italian/ESL)	FHS	1,011
Linda Hendrickson	Horticulture/ Beautification Club	FHS	1,011
Cathy Rodes	Art/Fashion Club	FHS	1,011
Richard Johnson	Computer Repair Club	FHS	1,011
Alicia Brennis	SADD/Challenge Leaders	FHS	1,011
Felice Niland	AIDS Awareness Group	FHS	1,011
Alicia Brenneis	Peer Mediation	FHS	1,011
Daniel Moran	Science Club/Science Olympiad	FHS	505.5
Karen Cole-Onaifo			505.5
Monique Retzlaff	Director	FHS	3,450
Robert Yarmola	Producer	FHS	1,725
Tim Warner	Orchestra Prep	FHS	1,129
Monique Retzlaf	Musical Director	FHS	1,129
Mahendra Morales	Choreographer	FHS	1,129
Cathy Rode	Costume Designer	FHS	1,129
Kevin LaBarr	Stage Designer	FHS	1,129
Kevin LaBarr	Set Constructor	FHS	1,129
Doug Martines	Technical Director	FHS	1,129
Tim Warner	Conductor	FHS	593
Tim Warner	Accompanist	FHS	593

**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:  
September 18, 19, 21, 25, 28, 2012; October 2, 3, 4, 2012.

**Other Items for Action**

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

**Granting of Tenure**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants tenure status to the following individual(s):

Teaching Assistant(s)			
NAME	SCHOOL	TENURE AREA	TENURE DATE
Kevin Shea	Atkinson	Teaching Assistant	November 2, 2012
Catherine Willis	Dodd/FHS	Teaching Assistant	November 9, 2012
Eileen Skinner	Dodd/NV	Teaching Assistant	November 18, 2012
Eileen Carter	Giblyn	Teaching Assistant	November 18, 2012
Mary Cranmore	Giblyn	Teaching Assistant	November 19, 2012

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

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a second by Mr. Miller, 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; 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



M. Roger Holland II	Choral and Instrumental Staff at all schools	Tone, Timbre and Transformation – Building the Choral Sound for All Students – Workshop to be provided on Superintendent Conference Day – November 6, 2012	\$250.00	Staff Development Funds
Urbintel, Inc.	FHS	Eight performers/facilitators to perform pieces focused on developing students’ literacy and communication skills through poetry writing and performance. Facilitators will conduct workshops on creative writing and theater.	\$8,000	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

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

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

**Approval of Student Travel to New Paltz, NY, Binghamton, NY Schenectady, NY, Cortland, NY and Syracuse, NY.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to New Paltz, NY, Binghamton, NY, Schenectady, NY, Cortland, NY and Syracuse, NY from November 15 through November 17, 2012 for the purpose of providing a college tour for students that will visit SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Cortland, Union College, and Syracuse University.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said authorization is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High School’s compliance with all insurance, health, safety and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administration Procedures.

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

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

**Resolution to Approve Student Travel to Rochester, NY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Rochester, NY from November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 so students who were selected through audition can perform at the NYSSMA All State Conference.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said authorization is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High Schools' compliance with all insurance, health, safety and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administrative Procedures.

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

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

#### **Authorization of Board Memberships**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District that the Board agrees to and does hereby authorize membership in the following organization related to education for the 2012-2013 school year: National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)

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

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

#### **Disposal of Computer Equipment**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes that the computer equipment on the attached list be declared obsolete and recycled by CRT Recycling, at no cost to the district.

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

#### **Executive Session**

At 9:00 p.m. Mr. Miller moved to adjourn to executive session for three matters of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellerbe and passed unanimously.

The vote was: Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 10:14 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Ellerbe and a second by Mr. Miller the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was;

Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

**Adjournment**

At 10:15 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, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

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