

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
2024-2025-7

PLACE: ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
1881 DEER PARK AVENUE
DEER PARK, NY 11729

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Donna Marie Elliott, President
Mrs. Kristine Rosales, Vice President
Mr. Al Centamore
Ms. Donna Gulli Grunseich
Mr. Anthony Henkel
Ms. Mahwish Yaqoob

EXCUSED: Mr. Jerry D. Jean-Pierre

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. James Cummings, Superintendent
Ms. Marguerite Jimenez, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Alicia Konecny, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Lisa Brennan, District Clerk

NEW BUSINESS:

**ACCEPTANCE
OF MONETARY
DONATION FROM
DICK'S SPORTING
GOODS**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Rosales, seconded by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, the Board of Education unanimously approved the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a \$5,000.00 grant from Dicks's Sporting Goods which will be used towards the purchase of additional athletic uniforms and supplies. Thank you to Jemima Pierre-Louis, a 2020 Deer Park Grad, who is an employee at Dick's and made this possible.

**EMERGENCY
REPAIRS AT
THE DEER
PARK HIGH
SCHOOL**

Upon a motion by Mr. Henkel, seconded by Mrs. Yaqoob, the Board of Education unanimously approved the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Deer Park Union Free School District is required to maintain a safe environment for students and staff in the buildings;

Whereas, due to a broken underground pipe at the Deer Park High School, there is water damage in the pool hallway and gymnasium.

Whereas, such conditions represent a material threat to the health and safety of the students and staff of the Deer Park Union Free School District;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, the Board of Education hereby declares these conditions to be an emergency affecting public buildings, public property and the health and safety of students and staff, which requires immediate action to repair the underground pipe with district emergency repair funds and start an insurance claim to repair the damage caused by the broken pipe.

APPOINTMENT

OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Upon a motion by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, seconded by Mrs. Rosales, the Board of Education unanimously approved the following Resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board appoint Andrew Lewner, Esq, Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharestein, LLP., to serve as special counsel to the Board to advise the Board concerning insurance coverage regarding certain ongoing litigation, in accordance with the terms of an engagement letter dated October 8, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President be authorized to execute said letter of engagement on behalf of the Board.

AGENDA/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- DECA Trip – Rochester NY – March 4-7, 2025 - APPROVED
- DECA Trip – Orlando, FL – April 25-30, 2025 - APPROVED
- Music in the Parks – Hershey, PA – May 30-31, 2025 – APPROVED
- Committee Meetings re-cap:
 - DE&I - met on Monday, October 7 - 7:00 p.m. Virtual
 - Job fairs, calendar of events to avoid conflicts, next meeting 11/18
 - Facilities – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Ongoing paint projects, HS stage stained, pipe leak by HS Gym, RF heat exchanger &, no climb chain link fence installed, JFK new fuel system, JQA abatement, MM new gym wall curtain, several on going projects in all the buildings
 - Technology – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 - New PA Systems & walkie talkies, phones in classrooms, new chromebooks
- HS pool – more information and discussion needed
- Students on school boards – more information to follow
- Building Walk-through dates – Mr. Cummings will make a schedule for Board members to visit all buildings

Upon a motion by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, seconded by Mr. Henkel, the Board of Education adjourned at 8:25 p.m.