

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
2024-2025-13

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Donna Marie Elliott, President
Mr. Al Centamore
Ms. Donna Gulli Grunseich
Mr. Anthony Henkel
Mr. Jerry D. Jean-Pierre
Mrs. Mahwish Yaqoob

EXCUSED: Mrs. Kristine Rosales, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. James Cummings, Superintendent
Ms. Marguerite Jimenez, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Alicia Konecny, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Dennis O'Brien, Attorney
Ms. Lisa Brennan, District Clerk

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon a motion by Mrs. Yaqoob, seconded by Mr. Centamore, the Board of Education adjourned for an Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. The Board of Education reconvened at 8:00 p.m. into an open session and continued with the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL
OF
MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Mr. Centamore, seconded by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, the Board of Education made the necessary corrections and moved for the approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of December 17, 2024 and the Work Session of January 7, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS:

Staff Appreciation

Mr. Dan Stevens – HS Athletic Trainer

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**Presentation of the District Audit Report  
By Mr. David Tellier, Nawrocki Smith**

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NEW BUSINESS:

**DONATION
TO IQA
FROM
BOX TOPS**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the donation of \$39.80 from Box Tops for Education. This donation will be deposited into the IQA donations account and will be used for educational purposes.

**DONATION
OF FUNDS
FROM THE
DEER PARK
SEPFC**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the donation of \$7,500 which will be divided evenly with each building receiving \$1,500 to be used for projects and/or items in Special Education classes. This donation was funded by the Gala Fundraiser.

**2025-2026
SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
CALENDAR**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 school holiday calendar.

**2025-2026
CSEA PAID
HOLIDAY
CALENDAR**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 CSEA paid holiday calendar.

INCREASE
2024-25
GENERAL
FUND
BUDGET –
CVA Claim

Upon a motion by Mr. Henkel, seconded by Mr. Jean-Pierre, the Board of Education unanimously approved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Deer Park Union Free School District has approved the payment of a settled claim resolving litigation commenced against the District pursuant to the New York Child Victims Act pending in Supreme Court, Suffolk County, bearing index number 610540/2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education heretofore authorized the appropriation of \$2,250,000 therefor, in addition to insurance proceeds in the amount of \$1,000,000 paid directly by its insurance carrier and the issuance of \$2,250,000 serial bonds of the District to finance the balance of said appropriation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes an increase to the 2024-25 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,250,000 as a result of the foregoing appropriations, which amounts shall be recorded in the appropriate line item revenue and expenditure codes within the voter approved budget, upon the appropriation and payment of said proceeds in connection with said CVA claim.

APPROVAL
OF
SCHEDULES

Upon a motion by Mr. Centamore, seconded by Mrs. Yaqoob, the Board of Education unanimously approved the following schedules collectively:

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

SCHEDULE -- CS --CHANGE OF SALARY/ STATUS (Non-Instructional)

Laura Dudley
District Office
Position:Office Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 7/28/2025
Change of Retirement Date

SCHEDULE -- NN --APPOINTMENTS (Non-Instructional)

Ruth Evans
Transportation
Position:Transportation Aide
Salary/Step: \$22.02/hr
Effective Date(s): 1/22/2025

Tania Gill
Deer Park High School
Position:6 hr. Non-Instructional Aide
Salary/Step: \$20.02/hr
Effective Date(s): 1/8/2025

Jefferson Giraldo Rivera
Transportation
Position:School Bus Driver
Salary/Step: \$29.52/hr
Effective Date(s): 1/6/2025

Sherese Robinson
Transportation
Position: School Bus Driver
Salary/Step: \$29.52/hr
Effective Date(s): 1/13/2025

SCHEDULE -- OO -- RESIGNATIONS / RETIREMENTS / REMOVALS / TERMINATIONS (Non-Instructional)

Brenden Burns
Transportation
Position: School Bus Driver
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/7/2025
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

Joseph Orecchio
District Wide
Position: Mobile Security Guard
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/31/2025
Resignation

SCHEDULE -- QQ -- LEAVES OF ABSENCE (Non-Instructional)

Laura Arato
Deer Park High School
Position: Office Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/27/2025 - 3/14/2025
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Kerryann Higgs
Transportation
Position: School Bus Driver
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 9/4/2024 - 3/14/2025
Extension of Unpaid Medical (1/7-3/14)

Charles Ortiz
Memorial
Position: Maintenance Mechanic IV
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 11/4/2024 - 1/28/2025
Extension of Paid Medical LOA (WC) (1/6-1/28)

Jennifer Rivela
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: 3 hr. Non-Instructional Aide
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 9/1/2024 - 5/28/2025
Extension of Unpaid Medical LOA (1/6-5/28)

Raihanul Swarna
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: 6 hr. Non-Instructional Aide
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 12/12/2024 - 2/28/2025
Change of LOA dates; Unpaid Maternity LOA (FMLA)

Barry Widelock
John Quincy Adams School
Position: Security Guard
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 9/1/2024 - 4/15/2025
Extension of Unpaid Medical (12/21-4/15)

INSTRUCTIONAL

SCHEDULE -- CSS --CHANGE OF STATUS / SALARY (Instructional)

Scott Cagnard

Deer Park High School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$175/day
Effective Date(s): 1/21/2025 - 3/28/2025
M. Gieck-Hays LOA

Scott Cagnard

Deer Park High School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$175/day
Effective Date(s): 1/6/2025 - 1/17/2025
Extension of salary for A. Lenio LOA; Budget Code: HS(.6) A2110.142-01 \$105;
RF(.4) A2110.142-08 \$70

Alexandra Checkers

Deer Park High School
Position: Probationary Social Worker
Salary/Step: No Change
Effective Date(s): 1/13/2025 - 1/12/2029
Effective start date; Salary prorate \$37,404.90

Dylan Cornelia

Robert Frost Middle School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: No Change
Effective Date(s): 2/10/2025 - 6/30/2025
Effective start date

Michael Vecchione

Robert Frost Middle School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$175/day
Effective Date(s): 11/13/2024 - 2/7/2025
M. Molfetto

SCHEDULE -- NS --PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES (Instructional)

Genna Johnson

John Quincy Adams School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$150/day
Effective Date(s): 1/21/2025 - 6/30/2025

Samantha Landhauser

John Quincy Adams School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$150/day
Effective Date(s): 1/8/2025 - 6/30/2025

Elizabeth Madey

Deer Park High School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$150/day
Effective Date(s): 1/16/2025 - 6/30/2025
College and Career Center

Rebecca Ricciardi
Robert Frost Middle School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$150/day
Effective Date(s): 1/13/2025 - 6/30/2025

SCHEDULE -- O -- RESIGNATIONS / RETIREMENTS / REMOVALS / TERMINATIONS
(Instructional)

Jason Cusa
Deer Park High School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/17/2025
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

SCHEDULE -- Q -- LEAVES OF ABSENCE (Instructional)

Jessica Auletta
Deer Park High School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 11/26/2024 - 2/28/2025
Extension of Unpaid Medical LOA (FMLA) (12/16-2/28)

Natalie Birnbaum
Robert Frost Middle School
Position: Science Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 4/11/2025 - 6/30/2025
Unpaid Child Rearing LOA (FMLA) (5/31-6/30)

Marissa Caruso
Deer Park High School
Position: Social Studies Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 6/8/2025 - 6/30/2025
Paid Maternity LOA (FMLA)

Christine Cummings
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 12/19/2024 - 1/29/2025
Medical LOA (WC) Paid 12/19-1/17; Unpaid 1/20-1/29

Keri Delargy
Deer Park High School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/23/2025 - 2/7/2025
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Briana Fayans
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Art Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/27/2025 - 4/11/2025
Paid Maternity LOA (FMLA)

Kristy Fitzgerald

John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position:Special Education Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/6/2025 - 4/11/2025
Correction of dates, Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Melissa Gieck-Hays

Deer Park High School
Position:Math Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/23/2025 - 3/23/2025
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Eric Gottesman

Robert Frost Middle School
Position:Music Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/14/2025 - 1/22/2025
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Steven Jaklitsch

Deer Park High School
Position:Science Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 9/1/2024 - 1/31/2025
Extension of Paid Medical LOA (1/6-1/31)

Olivia Johntry

Deer Park High School
Position:Science Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 4/17/2025 - 5/30/2025
Paid Maternity LOA (FMLA)

Amina Kennedy

Robert Frost Middle School
Position:English Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/31/2025 - 2/28/2025
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Annemarie Lenio

Deer Park High School
Position:Business Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 12/4/2024 - 2/23/2025
Extension of Paid Medical LOA (FMLA) (1/11-2/23) (HS/RF)

Annmarie Lenio

Deer Park High School
Position:Business Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 12/4/2024 - 1/10/2025
Extension of Paid Medical LOA (FMLA) (1/6-1/10) (HS/RF)

Cristina Mohr

Robert Frost Middle School
Position:Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 4/28/2025 - 6/20/2025
Paid 4/28-5/6; Unpaid 5/7-6/20 Maternity LOA (FMLA)

Kathryn Quinn
Deer Park High School
Position: English Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/31/2025 - 2/21/2025
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Lizette Ringel
Deer Park High School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/13/2025 - 2/14/2025
Unpaid LOA (FMLA)

Beth Ann Vahle
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Elementary Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/6/2025 - 1/10/2025
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

SCHEDULE -- TTPA -- TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT (Instructional)

Amina Kennedy
Robert Frost Middle School
Position: Yoga Club
Salary/Step: \$1,519.56 Step 5+/2 Units
Effective Date(s): 1/27/2025 - 6/30/2025
1/2 year

Kristen Lombardo
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Teacher Mentor
Salary/Step: \$720
Effective Date(s): 1/6/2025 - 6/30/2025
Music Teacher

Kelly Policastro
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Orchestra Director
Salary/Step: \$2,343.48 Step 1/4 Units
Effective Date(s): 1/6/2025 - 6/30/2025
1/2 yr.

Kelly Policastro
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Chamber Orchestra Director 4/5th Grade
Salary/Step: \$1,171.74 Step 1/2 Units
Effective Date(s): 1/6/2025 - 6/30/2025
1/2 yr.

Sandra Polichron
Deer Park High School
Position: Teacher Mentor
Salary/Step: \$720
Effective Date(s): 1/1/2025 - 6/30/2025

Oscar Villalobos
District Wide
Position: Document Translator
Salary/Step: \$80.88/hr
Effective Date(s): 1/1/2025 - 5/31/2025

SCHEDULE 25/BP- 876 – SCHEDULE OF BILLS PAYABLE

PR Liability General Fund*	# 23	11/30/2024
General*	# 30	12/20/2024
Federal*	# 13	12/20/2024
School Lunch*	# 12	12/20/2024
Workers’ Comp.*	Daily Check Register	12/10/2024
Workers’ Comp.*	Daily Check Register	12/10/2024
Workers’ Comp.*	Daily Check Register	12/17/2024
Workers’ Comp.*	Daily Check Register	12/17/2024
Workers’ Comp.*	Daily Check Register	12/19/2024
Workers’ Comp.	Daily Check Register	12/19/2024
PR Liability General Fund*	#28	12/31/2024
General	# 29	12/31/2024
Federal	# 14	12/31/2024
Workers’ Comp.	Daily Check Register	1/6/2025
Workers’ Comp.	Daily Check Register	1/8/2025
Workers’ Comp.	Daily Check Register	1/14/2025
General	# 32	1/17/2025
Federal	# 15	1/17/2025
School Lunch	# 13	1/17/2025

SCHEDULE 25-F-470 & 471 – CONTRACT REPORTS

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Admin	F	Consulting that Makes a Diff	Professional Development	10/1/2024-6/30/2025	\$20,000.00 - see rate sheet in file
Admin	F	Reading Writing Project Net LLC	Professional Development	1 day during the 2024-2025 sc year	\$2,500.00
Admin	G	Rohan Murphy	Performance of Fantabulous Emancipati One Rohan Murphy	2/27/2025	\$3,000.00
Admin	G	Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band	Graduation Ceremony	6/26/2025	\$600.00
Special Ed	F & G	Henry Viscardi School	Special Ed Services	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	NYSED Rates - see file
Special Ed	F & G	Pro Care Therapy	Special Ed Services	1/15/2025-6/30/2025	WSB RFP 22-23-04P-E51-LH
Special Ed	F & G	South Huntington UFSD	Special Ed Services	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	Approximately \$10,000
Admin	G	ABC Custom Sales, Inc.	RFP #BDP23-009 School and Facilities S Sweatshirts and Jackets	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	See attached RFP #BDP23-009 2025 Sheet in file
Admin	G	Empire Printing LLC	RFP #BDP23-009 School and Facilities S Sweatshirts and Jackets	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	See attached RFP #BDP23-009 2025 Sheet in file

SCHEDULE 1-H-25 – HOME TEACHING (regular & S/E)
(confidential)

SCHEDULE 1-S-25 – SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION
(confidential)

SCHEDULE 1-SE-25 - COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
(confidential)

RECEIPT
OF
SCHEDULES

Upon a motion by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, seconded by Mr. Henkel, the Board of Education unanimously approved the following receipt of schedules collectively:

SCHEDULE 25-A-537 - TREASURERS REPORT

Statement of Revenues -	General Fund -	July-November
	Federal Fund -	July-November
	Special Revenue Fund -	July-November
	School Lunch Fund -	July-November
Treasurer's Report	July-November	
Cash Flow	July-November	
Claims Audit Report	November 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	

SCHEDULE 25-B-856 - APPROPRIATION BUDGET STATUS REPORT

Appropriation Budget Status Report	General Fund -	July-November
	Capital Fund -	July-November
	Federal Fund -	July-November
	Special Revenue Fund -	July-November
	School Lunch Fund-	July-November
Extra-Classroom Activities Funds	High School -	November
	Robert Frost -	November
Trial Balance (July - November)	General School Lunch Special Revenue Fund Workers' Comp & Unemployment Federal Capital Capital Energy Cons. Proj.	

PUBLIC
BE
HEARD

No residents signed up to speak

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS, Board of Education

- Approved calendar will be posted on the website
- HS Musical – 1/24 and 1/25, DPAC Auction 3/14/25

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, seconded by Mr. Henkel, the Board of Education adjourned at 8:20 p.m.