

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
2021-2022-17

PLACE: DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL
1 FALCON PLACE
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
Mr. Jerry D. Jean-Pierre
Mr. Robert Marino

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was convened at 7:00 p.m. Upon a motion by Mr. Centamore, seconded by Mrs. Rosales, the Board of Education adjourned for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Henkel, seconded by Mr. Marino to adjourn and reconvene in open session with the pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Ms. Christine Sokol.

APPROVAL
OF
MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, seconded by Mr. Marino, the Board of Education made the necessary corrections and moved for the approval of the Minutes from the Open Meeting of January 25, 2022, the Work Session of February 1, 2022 and the Special Meeting of February 7, 2022.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION:

FEBRUARY STAFF RECOGNITION
Nicole Bjarnason – HS Spanish Teacher

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**Budget Statement was read by**  
**Ms. Jimenez, Asst. Superintendent of Business & Ops**  
maximum tax levy of 1.77%  
4.49% increase from the 21-22 budget  
proposed budget adopted on April 12, voted on May 17, 2022

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Mr. Cummings spoke about mask mandates and the resolutions that were on the agenda this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPDATED

REOPENING

MASK POLICY

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

WHEREAS, on or about November 24, 2021, the New York State Department of Health re-adopted emergency regulation, 10 NYCRR 2.60, which requires indoor masking under certain circumstances, as determined by the Commissioner of Health based on COVID-19 incidence and prevalence, as well as any other public health and/or risk factors related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 10, 2021, the New York State Acting Commissioner of Health issued "Commissioner's Determination on Indoor Masking Pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.60" which provided for "universal masking of teachers, staff, students and visitors to P-12 schools over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering/mask and regardless of vaccination status"; and

WHEREAS, said emergency regulation 10 NYCRR 2.60 expires February 21, 2022; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Deer Park Union Free District hereby declares that, upon the February 21, 2022 expiration of emergency regulation 10 NYCRR 2.60, or upon its earlier repeal or vacatur by a court of competent jurisdiction, and provided that no other law, rule, regulation or decision/order is subsequently adopted requiring mandatory face covering/masking in P-12 schools, it shall be the policy of the Board of Education that each individual Deer Park Union Free School District teacher, student, staff member and/or visitor will have the discretion to determine whether they will or will not wear a face mask while on District property unless that individual is under quarantine or isolation protocol pursuant to NYSDOH guidance which would necessitate the wearing of a mask. All members of the school community are expected to respect each individual's decision to wear or not wear a mask at such time as the mandate is lifted. Mask "shaming" of any kind will be considered in violation of the District's Code of Conduct, and the District's Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention policy. In accordance with current Federal guidelines mask wearing remains required on the school bus.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT, the Board of Education of the Deer Park Union Free District hereby rescinds any portion of the District's Re-Opening Plan 2021-22 regarding mandatory face masking that is in conflict with this Resolution.

REVISED

SCHOOL

REOPENING

PLAN -

TEST-TO-STAY

PROTOCOL

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the amended 2021-2022 school reopening plan to add the Test-To-Stay (TTS) protocol.

**DISPOSAL
OF EQUIPMENT
AT THE DPHS
AND JQA**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following equipment which is broken and beyond repair:

- Laminator - #106644 (JQA)
- Rockwell Vertical Band Saw, Rockwell Drill Press, Rockwell Saw, Reiner Rockwell, Large Grinder, Reiner/Rockwell Grinder and a Delta Rockwell Jointer (DPHS)

**APPROVAL
OF
SCHEDULES**

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

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

Anthony D'Attoma

Memorial

Position: Mail Clerk

Salary/Step: \$41,488 Step 1

Effective Date(s): 1/31/2022

Correction of Prorated Salary to \$17,393

Troy Tarzi

Deer Park High School

Position: Night Custodian

Salary/Step: \$50,198 Step 1

Effective Date(s): 1/27/2022

Change from Night Custodial Aide to Night Custodian. Salary prorated at \$21,430.70

Troy Tarzi

Deer Park High School

Position: Night Custodian

Salary/Step: \$50,449.02 Step 1

Effective Date(s): 1/27/2022

Correction of Salary. Prorated salary now \$21,537.85.

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

Jamey Amador

Deer Park High School

Position: Lifeguard

Salary/Step: \$15/hour

Effective Date(s): 2/28/2022

Danielle Marano

John Quincy Adams School

Position: Cafeteria Aide

Salary/Step: \$18.37/hour

Effective Date(s): 2/10/2022

Zamani Simon
Deer Park High School
Position: Lifeguard
Salary/Step: \$15/hour
Effective Date(s): 2/28/2022

SCHEDULE -- NNPS --PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES (Non-Instructional)

Lauren McFarland
District Wide
Position: Per Diem Float Nurse
Salary/Step: \$150/day
Effective Date(s): 2/16/2022

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

Toni Ann Abbriano
District Wide
Position: Substitute Aide
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/8/2022
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district.

Debra Cook
Deer Park High School
Position: Office Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 8/12/2022
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Jennifer DeJoseph
May Moore School
Position: Non-Instructional Aide
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/18/2022
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

Joseph Denoyoir
Deer Park High School
Position: Lifeguard
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2022
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

Melissa Fisk
Deer Park High School
Position: Lifeguard
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2022
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

Esther Fullam
District Office
Position: Stenographer
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 9/30/2022
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Susan Gaskin

District Office
Position: Account Clerk
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 10/11/2022
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Kevin Kavanagh

Deer Park High School
Position: Sr Lifeguard/Recreation Specialist
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2022
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

John Pawelko

Deer Park High School
Position: Lifeguard
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2022
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

Andrea Schuyler

Transportation
Position: Transportation Aide
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/18/2022
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Lorraine Sears

Transportation
Position: School Bus Driver Coordinator
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 7/29/2022
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Christina Seem

Deer Park High School
Position: Lifeguard
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2022
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

Catherine Thompson

Deer Park High School
Position: Audio Visual Aide
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 9/30/2022
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Chris Ward

Deer Park High School
Position: Lifeguard
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2022
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

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

Donald Buhrmeister

Transportation
Position: Transportation Aide
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 12/21/2021 - 2/18/2022
12/23/21-1/7/22 Paid Medical LOA (FMLA) 1/8/22-2/18/22 Unpaid
Medical LOA (FMLA)

William Fitzgerald

John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Acting Chief Custodian
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/7/2022 - 2/14/2022
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Michael Fullam

John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Chief Custodian
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/5/2022 - 4/1/2022
Changed to Paid Medical LOA

Steven Gassert

Transportation
Position: Bus Driver
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/25/2022 - 6/30/2022
LOA 1/25/22-2/18/22 Extension of Unpaid Medical 2/19/22-6/30/22

Thomas Lowe

Transportation
Position: Bus Driver
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/3/2022 - 3/18/2022
Unpaid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Joseph Orecchio

John Quincy Adams School
Position: Head Custodian
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/4/2022 - 2/13/2022
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

SCHEDULE -- TRN --TRANSFERS (Non-Instructional)

Helen Basedow

Deer Park High School
Position: Office Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/25/2022
Transfer from JQA Main Office to HS Athletic Office

INSTRUCTIONAL

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

Timothy Dupuis
Deer Park High School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2022 - 4/1/2022
Correction of Dates for appointment

SCHEDULE -- L --PART-TIME APPOINTMENTS (Instructional)

Lorenzo Abbatiello
Robert Frost Middle School
Position: .8 World Language Teacher
Salary/Step: \$63,390 MA/Step 1
Effective Date(s): 1/26/2022 - 6/30/2022
Salary prorated at \$26,370.24

SCHEDULE -- LR --LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE / LEAVE REPLACEMENT (LR) APPOINTMENTS (Instructional)

Kimberly Myers
Deer Park High School
Position: Leave Replacement Speech Teacher
Salary/Step: \$63,390 MA/Step 1
Effective Date(s): 1/26/2022 - 6/30/2022
Salary prorated at \$32,962.80

SCHEDULE -- N --PROBATIONARY TEACHER (Instructional)

Lorenzo Abbatiello
Robert Frost Middle School
Position: Probationary World Language Teacher
Salary/Step: \$63,390 MA/Step 1
Effective Date(s): 1/26/2022 - 1/25/2026
Salary prorated at \$32,962.80

SCHEDULE -- NS --PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES (Instructional)

Lorenzo Abbatiello
Robert Frost Middle School
Position: .2 Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$125/day
Effective Date(s): 1/26/2022 - 6/30/2022
Salary prorated at \$25/day

Jason Cusa
Robert Frost Middle School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$125/day
Effective Date(s): 3/11/2022 - 6/30/2022
Certification: Social Studies 7-12

Amanda Fina
May Moore School
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step: \$125/day
Effective Date(s): 2/8/2022 - 6/30/2022

Caroline Mudge

Deer Park High School

Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher

Salary/Step: \$175/day

Effective Date(s): 2/7/2022 - 6/30/2022

Certification: TESOL

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

Lorenzo Abbatiello

Deer Park High School

Position: .8 World Language/2 Permanent Substitute Teacher

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 1/26/2022

Resignation as .8 World Language / .2 Permanent Substitute Teacher in order to become Probationary World Language Teacher

Cindy Adriaenssens

Robert Frost Middle School

Position: Family & Consumer Science Teacher

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 6/30/2022

Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Annette Armenti

John Quincy Adams School

Position: Special Education Teacher

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 6/30/2022

Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Stephen Bertelle

May Moore School

Position: Teaching Assistant

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 2/4/2022

Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

Robin Billings

Robert Frost Middle School

Position: Teaching Assistant

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 6/30/2022

Resignation of the purpose of RETIREMENT

Denise DeVivo (Vadala)

John Quincy Adams School

Position: Elementary Teacher

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 6/30/2022

Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Vanessa Langdon

Deer Park High School

Position: Social Studies Teacher

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 6/30/2022

Resignation as Teacher, in order to continue as Curriculum Associate

Dorothy Monteith
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2022
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

Dina Pannone
Deer Park High School
Position: Spanish Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2022
Resignation as Teacher, in order to continue as Associate Principal

Nicole Vecchione
District Wide
Position: Per-Diem Substitute Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/1/2022
Removal. Certification Expired. No outstanding obligation to the district

Daryl Woods
District Wide
Position: Special Education Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2022
(Our Lady of Guadalupe School) Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

SCHEDULE -- P --TENURE APPOINTMENTS (Instructional)

Catherine Cullen
Deer Park High School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/26/2018 - 2/25/2022
TENURE DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2022

Lizette Ringel
Deer Park High School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/26/2018 - 2/25/2022
TENURE DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2022

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

Jennifer Arella
John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Elementary Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/28/2022 - 4/29/2022
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Doreen Bellantoni
May Moore School
Position: Speech Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/17/2022 - 4/29/2022
CHANGE of Dates to: 2/17/22-4/12/22 Paid Maternity LOA (FMLA)
4/13/22-4/29/22 Unpaid Maternity LOA (FMLA)

Gail Dunne

John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 3/14/2022 - 4/8/2022
3/14/22-3/22/22 Paid Medical LOA (FMLA) 3/23/22-4/8/22 Unpaid
Medical LOA (FMLA)

Venus Joe

May Moore School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 12/27/2021 - 1/21/2022
CHANGE of Dates: Returned Early

Patricia Katz

John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Reading Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/7/2022 - 3/1/2022
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

Frances Marotta

John F Kennedy Intermediate School
Position: Elementary Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/4/2022 - 2/11/2022
Extension of Paid Medical LOA (FMLA) 2/4/22-2/8/22. Extension of Paid
Medical LOA (FMLA) 2/9/22-2/11/22.

Amy Pellegrino

Deer Park High School
Position: ENL Teacher
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 2/5/2022 - 3/25/2022
Extension of Paid Maternity LOA (FMLA)

SCHEDULE -- TA --PROBATIONARY TEACHING ASSISTANT (Instructional)

Julia Matera

May Moore School
Position: Probationary Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step: \$29,293.84
Effective Date(s): 2/14/2022 - 2/13/2026
Salary prorated at \$12,596.42

SCHEDULE -- TR --TRANSFERS (Instructional)

Nicoletta Skoljarev

Robert Frost Middle School
Position: Teaching Assistant
Salary/Step:
Effective Date(s): 1/31/2022
Transfer from MM to RF to fill an IEP driven student need

SCHEDULE -- TTPA --TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT (Instructional)

Lorrie Cook

May Moore School
 Position: Extra Care Stipend
 Salary/Step: \$4,227/year
 Effective Date(s): 2/7/2022 - 6/30/2022
 Payment prorated to \$2,007.83

Cristina Parisi

May Moore School
 Position: Extra Care Stipend
 Salary/Step: \$374
 Effective Date(s): 9/1/2021 - 9/30/2021
 17 days @ \$22/day

Nichole Thone

District Wide
 Position: Curriculum Writing & Professional Resource Development
 Project for ABA ~ Applied
 Salary/Step: \$257.11/day
 Effective Date(s): 2/1/2022 - 4/30/2022

Brittany Verdichhio

District Wide
 Position: Curriculum Writing & Professional Resource Development
 Project for ABA ~ Applied
 Salary/Step: \$257.11/day
 Effective Date(s): 2/1/2022 - 4/30/2022

SCHEDULE 22/BP-842 – SCHEDULES OF BILLS PAYABLE

General*	# 35	2/28/2022
Federal*	# 15	2/28/2022
School Lunch*	# 15	2/28/2022
Capital*	# 9	2/28/2022
WORKERS' COMP.*	Daily Check Register	1/18/2022
WORKERS' COMP.*	Daily Check Register	1/20/2022
WORKERS' COMP.*	Daily Check Register	1/21/2022
WORKERS' COMP.*	Daily Check Register	1/25/2022
WORKERS' COMP.*	Daily Check Register	1/26/2022
General	# 32	1/31/2022
General	# 36	2/28/2022
Federal	# 16	2/28/2022
School Lunch	# 14	1/31/2022
School Lunch	# 16	2/28/2022
PR Liability General Fund	# 31	1/31/2022
WORKERS' COMP.	Daily Check Register	1/28/2022
WORKERS' COMP.	Daily Check Register	1/31/2022
WORKERS' COMP.	Daily Check Register	2/4/2022
WORKERS' COMP.	Daily Check Register	2/9/2022
WORKERS' COMP.	Daily Check Register	2/12/2022

SCHEDULE D – BID AWARD

Bids for Bid # BDP21-018 Reach-In Commercial Refrigerators Re-Bid were received and opened at 11:00 AM on February 2, 2022.

Bids were advertised in Newsday. Forms and specifications were processed in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law and bids were solicited on the Empire State Purchasing Group website at www.BidnetDirect.com.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Pueblo Hotel supply Inc. DBA Grady's Food Service Equipment Supply	\$21,474.18
Sam Tell & Son, Inc	\$11,021.52

Present at bid opening: Concetta Bertelle, Purchasing Agent and Tracy McGarty, Recorder. There were no vendors present.

It is recommended that the bid be awarded to the following vendors as the lowest responsible bidder(s) meeting specifications:

Sam Tell & Son, Inc	\$11,021.52
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SCHEDULE 22-E-464 – TRANSFERS

T20, T21 & T22

SCHEDULE 22-F-412 - CONTRACT REPORT

SCHEDULE 2-H-22 – HOME TEACHING (regular & S/E)

(confidential)

SCHEDULE 2-S-22 – SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION

(confidential)

SCHEDULE 2-SE-22 - COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (confidential)

PUBLIC BE HEARD

- Anthony Paduano – mask mandates
- Jennifer Castellano – mask mandates
- Nico Bruni – mask mandates
- Lauren Cornelius – mask mandates

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS, Board of Education

- The first budget meeting will be on March 8 at District Office

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Mrs. Rosales, seconded by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, the Board of Education adjourned at 8:40 p.m. and entered into Executive Session to discussion contract negotiations. At 9:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Henkel, seconded by Ms. Gulli Grunseich to adjourn.

