

MINUTES
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DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
2025-2026-11

WORK SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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, Trustee
Ms. Donna Gulli Grunseich, Trustee
Mr. Jerry D. Jean-Pierre, Trustee
Mrs. Mahwish Yaqoob, Trustee

EXCUSED: Mrs. Grace Heyne, Trustee

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 FOUR (4)
\$500.00 GRANTS
FROM JOVIA
CREDIT UNION**

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

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of Mr. Justin Uliano, Director of ELA, Reading and Library, the Board of Education approve four \$500.00 Teacher Grants from Jovia Credit Union which were awarded to the Deer Park High School (Mr. Evan DeNaro) and Robert Frost MS (Ms. Teresa Greco). These grants will be used to foster learning and to purchase supplies and furniture for student use.

**INCREASE
IN
MILEAGE
REIMBURSEMENT**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an *increase* in the mileage reimbursement rate to .72.5 cents per mile (IRS rate) effective January 1, 2026.

APPROVAL
OF
SCHEDULE

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

SCHEDULE 25-F-490 – CONTRACT REPORT

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Admin	G	Commercial Clearwater Co. Inc.	Bid No. BDP25-003 Pool Chemicals and Supplies	2/26/2026-2/25/2027	See Bid No. BDP25-003 2026-2027 Award Sheet
Admin	G	County of Suffolk Board of Elections	Lease of Voting Equipment	1/1/2026-9/30/2026	\$1.00
Admin	G	County of Suffolk Board of Elections	Donation of Voting Equipment	N/A	N/A
Admin	G	Pitney Bowes	Software Lease	1/18/2026-1/17/2030	\$224.07/month
Admin	G	Tortorella Autochem Corp.	Bid No. BDP25-003 Pool Chemicals and Supplies	2/26/2026-2/25/2027	See Bid No. BDP25-003 2026-2027 Award Sheet
Admin	G	Twin-County Swimming Pool Maintenance & Supply Co, Inc.	Bid No. BDP25-003 Pool Chemicals and Supplies	2/26/2026-2/25/2027	See Bid No. BDP25-003 2026-2027 Award Sheet
Spec Ed	G	East Islip UFSD	Health & Welfare Services	9/4/2025-6/30/2026	\$1,105.50 per student
Spec Ed	G	Huntington UFSD	Health & Welfare Services	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	\$995.00 per student
Spec Ed	F & G	South Huntington UFSD	Special Education Services	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	Approximately \$15,000.00 per student
Spec Ed	F & G	West Islip UFSD	Special Education Services	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	Approximately \$5,000.00 per student

DISCUSSION:

- Draft 2026-2027 Holiday Calendar – *will be approved on 1/20/26*
- Varsity Cheer Trip – *will gather more information*
- Brief Committee Meeting updates:

• Facilities

Completed projects: HS new lobby door closers, RF new gym curtains, JFK new heat coupler, MM new irrigation, JQA new tank sensor, Memorial all HVAC done, no grant for the pool; school districts are not eligible

• Technology

Verkada camera project at HS completed, updated screen savers on all computers, cybersecurity training for all staff started this year, Cyber nut campaign

• Wellness

Seasonal cleaning, incident tracking, new hire training

• Cultural Belonging (*held virtual on 1/5/26*)

MLK display, Black History Month, ENL Cultural night at JFK, Diwali mask contest, Lunar parade, NHS has 93 new members, 3/23 Women's Event

Upon a motion by Mr. Jean-Pierre, seconded by Mrs. Rosales the Board of Education adjourned at 8:20 p.m. into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. At 8:30 p.m. the Board of Education entered back into open session and having no further business a motion was made by Mrs. Rosales, seconded by Ms. Gull Grunsiech, to adjourn.