

**DEER PARK UFSD  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 21, 2025  
OPEN MEETING AGENDA- 7:00 PM \*  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**



**If you would like to speak during the Public Be Heard portion of the meeting, please fill out the form in the book at the Board table. This must be done PRIOR to 8:00 p.m. Speaking time is limited to five minutes. Thank you.**

*\*Please note that it is anticipated that the Board will adjourn for an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m., at the conclusion of which, **the Board will reconvene in public session at approximately 8:00 p.m. to begin conducting business.***

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Roll Call, Members, Board of Education.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommend that the Board of Education make the necessary corrections and move for the approval of the Minutes from the Open Meeting of December 17, 2024 and the Work Session of January 7, 2025.

IV. **PRESENTATIONS:**

**Staff Appreciation**

*Mr. Dan Stevens – HS Athletic Trainer*

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**Student Recognition**

*Emily Rodriguiz – RF student*

Runner-Up in the

2024 Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest

“The Most Colorful Time in Ecuador”



**Presentation of the District Audit Report**  
**by Nawrocki Smith**

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V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. DONATION TO JQA FROM BOX TOPS**

*Recommend that the Board of Education approve 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 JQA donations account and will be used for educational purposes.

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

*Recommend that the Board of Education approve 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.

**3. 2025-2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

*Recommend that the Board of Education approve the following Resolution:*

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

**4. 2025-2026 CSEA PAID HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

*Recommend that the Board of Education approve the following Resolution:*

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

## 5. INCREASE 2024-25 GENERAL FUND BUDGET - CVA Claim

*Recommend that the Board of Education approve 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.

## VI. APPROVAL OF SCHEDULES

*Recommend, that the Board of Education approve 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)

VII. **RECEIPT OF SCHEDULES**

*Recommend that the Board of Education approve 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.	

VIII. **DISCUSSION**

VIII. **PUBLIC BE HEARD**

X. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS, Board of Education**

XI. **ADJOURN**

# DEER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026 School Holiday Calendar

AGENDA ITEM

## JULY 2025

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

July 4 Independence Day Observed

## AUGUST 2025

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	{27}	{28}	29

(+2)  
August 27 & 28 **Supt. Conf. days**

## SEPTEMBER 2025

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

(19)  
September 1 Labor Day  
2 **First day of School**  
23-24 Rosh Hashanah

## OCTOBER 2025

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
{20}	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

(20+1)  
October 2 Yom Kippur  
13 Columbus Day  
20 Diwali /**Supt Conf. Day**

## NOVEMBER 2025

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

(16)  
November 4 Election Day  
11 Veterans Day  
27-28 Thanksgiving Recess

## DECEMBER 2025

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

(17)  
December 24-31 Winter Recess

## JANUARY 2026

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

(19)  
Jan. 1-2 Winter Recess  
19 Martin L. King Day

## FEBRUARY 2026

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

(15)  
February 16-20 Mid-Winter Recess

## MARCH 2026

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

(21)  
March 20 Eid al Fitr

## APRIL 2026

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

(15)  
April 2-10 Spring Recess

## MAY 2026

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	{27}	28	29

(19+1)  
May 25 Memorial Day  
26 Potential School Closing  
27 Eid al-Adha /**Supt. Conf. Day**

## JUNE 2026

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

(19)  
June 19 Juneteenth  
26 **Last Day of School**



Schools Closed



Conference Day

TOTAL 180 + 4

The DPBOE reserves the right to revise this calendar if an emergency school closing during the school year requires additional teaching days. Contingency snow days will be used for this purpose if days of attendance fall below 180. **Four snow days are included in calendar.** In the event additional instructional day(s) are needed due to emergency closings, that day(s) will shift to remote instruction if approved by NYSED.