

MINUTES  
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DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
2024-2025-14

WORK SESSION MEETING  
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  
Ms. Donna Gulli Grunseich  
Mr. Anthony Henkel  
Mr. Jerry D. Jean-Pierre  
Mrs. Mahwish Yaqoob

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

**Committee Meetings:**

*Health & Safety 4:00 p.m., Technology 6:30 p.m., Facilities 7:00 p.m. (DE&I met 2/3/25 - virtually)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
DEER PARK  
SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
ENGEL BERMAN  
AND THE  
TOWN OF BABYLON**

*Upon a motion by Mr. Centamore, 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 duly held a board meeting on February 4, 2025 consistent with its bylaws, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a 2014 agreement between Engel Berman (EB) and the Deer Park Union Free School District (the "School District"), EB was to make a donation in the form of a certain parcel of land and \$675,000.00 ("the Donation") to the School District as more particularly described in the agreement between EB and the School District (the "Release Agreement," attached as Exhibit A in file).

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to permit the Donation to be made by EB to the Town of Babylon L.D. Corp. II (the "Town"), rather than to the School District, as more particularly described in the attached letter agreement between the Town and the School District (the "Letter Agreement" attached as Exhibit B in file).

WHEREAS, upon the Donation to the Town, the School District and EB will mutually release each other from liabilities and obligations, all as memorialized in the Release Agreement.

NOW, therefore, upon review of the Release Agreement and the Letter Agreement, and following a vote of the Board members, it is hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Deer Park Union Free School District approves the terms of the Release Agreement between Engel Berman and the School District, attached as Exhibit A, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Deer Park Union Free School District approves the terms of the Letter Agreement between the Town and the School District, attached as Exhibit B, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute said Agreements on behalf of the District.

**APPROVAL**

**OF**

**SCHEDULE**

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

**SCHEDULE D – BID/RESCIND**

*Bids for Bid # BDP25-001 Badminton and Volleyball Equipment & Supplies were received and opened at 11:00 am on January 7, 2025.*

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](http://www.BidnetDirect.com)

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Berntsen Atlantic Corp	\$29,900.00
BSN Sports/Passon’s Sports.	\$19,279.49
Priority Groups ESO Consultant LLC	\$42,723.20
Pyramid School Products	\$15,703.26
School Health Corporation	\$18,015.04

Present at bid opening: Concetta Bertelle, Purchasing Agent Eileen Homeyer, Recorder and Dominck Fontana, Director of Athletic/Health/PE for Deer Park UFSD. There were no vendors present.

It is recommended that the bid not be awarded to any of the bidding vendors. We wish to put this out for a re-bid pending the modification of the specifications.

*Bids for Bid # BDP25-004 Badminton and Volleyball Equipment & Supplies Re-Bid were received and opened at 11:00 am on January 31, 2025.*

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](http://www.BidnetDirect.com)

Bids were received from the following vendors:

BSN Sports/Passon’s Sports.	\$26,631.90
Laux Sporting Goods	\$18,263.81
Priority Groups ESO Consultant LLC	\$67,650.54
Pyramid School Products	\$18,361.17
School Health Corporation	\$12,498.99 Not All Items

Present at bid opening: Concetta Bertelle, Purchasing Agent and Eileen Homeyer. There were no vendors present.

It is recommended that the bid be awarded to the following vendor as the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications:

Laux Sporting Goods	\$18,263.81
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## **DISCUSSION**

- Committee meeting updates:

Health & Safety – *Employee safety training ongoing, High touch areas being cleaned to prevent illness, DPHS Fencing project on going, JFK new gate installed, MM has a new AED, discussion around Policy 5420*

Facilities – *HS new gym floor, pool should reopen soon. RF new fence by gas meter installed, MM closet enhancement, Memorial expanding parking lot, JQA gym floor sanding, may projects on-going*

Technology – *New Regulation – banning internet based handheld devices, Youtube will not be available to students on district issues devices, AI eyeglasses*

DE&I – *School building updates, MLK, Lunar New Year, JFK Career day*

- Student Rep on BOE – *working on a policy*
- Student Cell Phone ban – *waiting for guidance*
- Reminder DPAC Auction – March 14

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Rosales, seconded by Mr. Centamore to adjourn into an executive session to discuss a legal matter. At 8:55 p.m. the Board entered back into Open session and having no further business a motion was made by Mr. Henkel, seconded by Ms. Gulli Grunsiech, to adjourn.