

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. Laura Ferrugiari, Attorney
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. Marino, seconded by Mr. Jean-Pierre, the Board of Education adjourned for an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Upon a motion by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Henkel, the Board of Education reconvened at 8:00 p.m. into Open Session (and livestream) and continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

APPROVAL
OF
MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Marino, seconded by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, the Board of Education made the necessary corrections and moved for the approval of the Minutes from the Open Meeting of January 19, 2021 and the Work Session of February 9, 2021.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION:



February Staff Recognition

Ms. Alexis Tyson, May Moore Teaching Asst.

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**Students who participated in the**  
**First Black History Month Extravaganza (2020)**

Ariana Smith  
Jemima Pierre-Louis  
Imani Todd  
Sierra Kornegay  
(HS Graduates)

Nicole Borgella, Co-Vice President  
Christian Jean-Pierre, Co. Vice-President  
Troy Cofie, Historian  
Ms. Forbes, Advisor

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**Budget Statement (attached) read by
Ms. Jimenez, Asst. Superintendent of Business & Ops**
Maximum tax levy increase 1.25%, a 2.26% increase over the 20-21 budget
Budget workshops will be livestreamed on March 9 & 23

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MONETARY  
DONATIONS  
TO JOHN F.  
KENNEDY  
SCHOOL**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the following donations be deposited into the JFK Spirit Account:

- \$121.50 donation from Mr. & Mrs. Punger for the sensory box at JFK
- \$42.10 from Box Tops

**APPROVAL  
OF  
SCHEDULES**

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

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

**Nicholas Glancy**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Lifeguard  
Salary/Step: \$14/hour  
Effective Date(s): 2/1/2021

**Emma Rocchetta**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Lifeguard  
Salary/Step: \$14/hour  
Effective Date(s): 2/1/2021

**Nathanael Santillana**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Lifeguard  
Salary/Step: \$14/hour  
Effective Date(s): 2/1/2021

**Giuseppina Tumminello**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Attendance Aide  
Salary/Step: \$22,050  
Effective Date(s): 1/25/2021  
Salary prorated at \$9,583.27

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

**Marie Untener**  
District Wide  
Position: Substitute Non-Instructional Aide  
Salary/Step: \$14/hour  
Effective Date(s): 1/22/2021

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

**Rosemarie Alvarado**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Office Assistant  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/29/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**John Bennett**  
Memorial  
Position: Maintenance Mechanic II  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Andrew Cuniowski**  
Memorial  
Position: Office Applications Specialist  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/7/2022  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Gary Fricke**  
Memorial  
Position: Maintenance Mechanic II  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 7/15/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Emmeline Gaare**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Lifeguard  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2021  
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

**Susan Gaskin**  
District Office  
Position: Account Clerk  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Robert Loy**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Night Custodian  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Leidy Munoz**  
John F Kennedy Intermediate School  
Position: Non-Instructional Teacher Aide  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 2/8/2021  
Resignation in order to accept the position of Teaching Assistant

**Salvatore Shaner**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Lifeguard  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2021  
Resignation as Lifeguard ONLY (in order to accept position of permanent substitute custodian)

**Marie Untener**  
John Quincy Adams School  
Position: Cafeteria Aide  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/22/2021  
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

**Lionel Victor**  
Memorial  
Position: Maintenance Crew Leader  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 2/1/2022  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Walter Wojnarowski Sr.**  
Position: Custodian  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 2/22/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT. No outstanding obligation to the district

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

**Samuel Algarin**  
Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: Chief Custodian  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/30/2021 - 2/26/2021  
Extension of Paid Medical LOA

**Jeanne Bosenbeck**  
Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: Attendance Aide  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/14/2021 - 1/21/2021  
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

**Susan Carrano**

Transportation

Position: Bus Aide

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 1/20/2021 - 2/12/2021

1/20/21-2/10/21 Paid Medical LOA (FMLA) 2/11/21-2/12/21 Unpaid Medical LOA (FMLA)

**Steven Gassert**

Transportation

Position: Bus Driver

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 1/23/2021 - 2/13/2021

Unpaid Medical LOA (FMLA)

**Anne Gisbert**

Transportation

Position: Bus Aide

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 1/15/2021 - 2/25/2021

Extension of Unpaid Medical LOA (WC)

**Danielle Kerr**

John F Kennedy Intermediate School

Position: Cafeteria Aide

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 1/31/2021 - 2/12/2021

Extension of Unpaid Medical LOA (WC)

**Richard Korwan**

Transportation

Position: Bus Driver

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 1/8/2021 - 2/1/2021

1/8/21 (half day) + 1/11/21 Paid Medical LOA (FMLA) 1/12/21-2/1/21

Unpaid Medical LOA (FMLA)

**Eileen Lock**

Transportation

Position: Bus Driver

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 1/25/2021 - 6/30/2021

Unpaid LOA

**Mirna Santiago**

Transportation

Position: Bus Driver

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 2/3/2021 - 2/5/2021

Unpaid Medical LOA (WC)

**Ernest Smith**

May Moore School

Position: Security Guard

Salary/Step:

Effective Date(s): 2/22/2021 - 5/21/2021

Unpaid Medical LOA (WC)

**Lionel Victor**  
Memorial  
Position: Maintenance Crew Leader  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/26/2021 - 2/12/2021  
Extension of Paid Medical LOA (WC)

**INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

**Tracy Amtmann**  
May Moore School  
Position: .6 Leave Replacement Art Teacher  
Salary/Step: \$62,918 MA/Step 1  
Effective Date(s): 2/10/2021 - 4/9/2021  
Salary prorated at \$6,228.88

**Alessandra Johntry**  
Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: .6 Leave Replacement Business Teacher  
Salary/Step: \$62,981 MA/Step 1  
Effective Date(s): 1/25/2021 - 5/31/2021  
Salary prorated at \$16,044.09 (Locascio)

**Samantha Racano**  
Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: .4 Leave Replacement Art Teacher  
Salary/Step: 57,560 BA/Step 1  
Effective Date(s): 1/25/2021 - 4/9/2021  
Salary prorated at \$5,640.88 (Sarco)

**Samantha Racano**  
Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: .4 Leave Replacement Business Teacher  
Salary/Step: \$57,560 BA/Step 1  
Effective Date(s): 1/25/2021 - 5/31/2021  
Salary prorated at \$9,785.20 (Locascio)

**SCHEDULE -- NS --PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES (Instructional)**

**Tracy Amtmann**  
May Moore School  
Position: .4 Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Salary/Step: \$125/day  
Effective Date(s): 2/10/2021 - 4/9/2021  
Salary prorated at \$50/day

**Brian Frey**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Salary/Step: \$125/day  
Effective Date(s): 2/22/2021 - 6/30/2021

**Tara Gallagher**

Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Salary/Step: \$125/day  
Effective Date(s): 1/19/2021 - 6/30/2021

**Alessandra Johntry**

Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: .4 Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Salary/Step: \$125/day  
Effective Date(s): 1/25/2021 - 5/31/2021  
Salary prorated at \$50/day

**Olivia Mosca**

John Quincy Adams School  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Salary/Step: \$125/day  
Effective Date(s): 1/28/2021 - 6/30/2021

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

**Anne Marie Abeltin**

Deer Park High School  
Position: Special Education Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Joanne Bibow-Buck**

John F Kennedy Intermediate School  
Position: Art Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Lisa DiNardo**

John F Kennedy Intermediate School  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/29/2021  
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

**Laura Gerstenhaber**

John Quincy Adams School  
Position: Special Education Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Kathleen Leibow**

Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: School Media Specialist  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Karen Linkletter**

May Moore School  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Angela Macaluso**

Deer Park High School  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Christine Orto**

District Wide  
Position: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 2/1/2021  
Termination due to Expired Certification

**Anne-Marie Ponzio**

John F Kennedy Intermediate School  
Position: Reading Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 6/30/2021  
Resignation for the purpose of RETIREMENT

**Samantha Racano**

Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/25/2021  
Resignation as Permanent Substitute in order to accept Leave Replacement positions

**Kevin Whitaker**

Deer Park High School  
Position: Head JV Boys Basketball Coach  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/27/2021  
Resignation. No outstanding obligation to the district

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

**Karen Hyland**

John F Kennedy Intermediate School  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 2/5/2021 - 2/12/2021  
Paid Medical LOA (WC)

**Lauren Kalinowski**

Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: Math Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/16/2021 - 2/3/2021  
CHANGE of DATES for Paid Maternity LOA (Returned Early)



**Krista Militello**  
Deer Park High School  
Position: Health Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 1/29/2021 - 3/1/2021  
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

**Jennifer Paduano**  
May Moore School  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 12/24/2020 - 1/26/2021  
CHANGE of DATES for Unpaid Medical LOA (WC) Returning Early

**Vanessa Pizzo**  
John Quincy Adams School  
Position: ENL Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 2/1/2021 - 4/5/2021  
Paid Maternity Sick Leave (FMLA)

**Lori Sullivan**  
Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: Special Education Teacher  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 2/5/2021 - 2/12/2021  
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

**Suzanne Wright**  
John F Kennedy Intermediate School  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Salary/Step:  
Effective Date(s): 2/11/2021 - 2/26/2021  
Paid Medical LOA (FMLA)

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

**Leidy Munoz**  
May Moore School  
Position: Probationary Teaching Assistant  
Salary/Step: \$28,907.50  
Effective Date(s): 2/8/2021 - 2/7/2025  
Salary prorated at \$13,731.06

**SCHEDULE -- TTPA --TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT (Instructional)**

**Marcella Biordi**  
John Quincy Adams School  
Position: Mentor  
Salary/Step: \$1,200  
Effective Date(s): 9/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

**Denise Black**  
Robert Frost Middle School  
Position: Mentor  
Salary/Step: \$600  
Effective Date(s): 1/22/2021 - 2/28/2021  
Salary prorated at \$125

**Megan Boccard**  
 May Moore School  
 Position: Mentor  
 Salary/Step: \$1,200  
 Effective Date(s): 9/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

**Kevin Cogan**  
 Deer Park High School  
 Position: JV Boys Basketball Coach  
 Salary/Step: \$5,614.40 8 Units  
 Effective Date(s): 2/1/2021 - 2/28/2021

**Annemarie Kennedy**  
 District Wide  
 Position: Fully Virtual Teacher Mentor  
 Salary/Step: \$1,200/yr  
 Effective Date(s): 9/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

**Jean Martine**  
 John Quincy Adams School  
 Position: Mentor  
 Salary/Step: \$1,200  
 Effective Date(s): 9/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

**Meredith Telese**  
 Robert Frost Middle School  
 Position: Mentor  
 Salary/Step: \$600  
 Effective Date(s): 1/23/2021 - 6/30/2021

**Marie Tortorici**  
 John F Kennedy Intermediate School  
 Position: After School Social Skills Club  
 Salary/Step: \$39/hour  
 Effective Date(s): 1/4/2021 - 6/30/2021

**Paul Wilders**  
 Deer Park High School  
 Position: JV Head Football Coach  
 Salary/Step: \$7,018 10 Units/Step 5+  
 Effective Date(s): 3/1/2021 - 5/1/2021

**SCHEDULE 21/BP-831 – SCHEDULES OF BILLS PAYABLE**

|                 |                      |           |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| General*        | # 34                 | 2/28/2021 |
| Reserve*        | # 6                  | 1/31/2021 |
| WORKERS' COMP.* | Daily Check Register | 1/19/2021 |
| WORKERS' COMP.* | Daily Check Register | 1/22/2021 |
| General*        | # 32                 | 1/31/2021 |
| General*        | # 36                 | 2/28/2021 |
| Federal*        | # 15                 | 2/28/2021 |
| School Lunch*   | # 16                 | 1/31/2021 |
| Capital*        | # 7                  | 2/28/2021 |
| WORKERS' COMP.* | Daily Check Register | 1/28/2021 |
| WORKERS' COMP.* | Daily Check Register | 1/28/2021 |
| WORKERS' COMP.* | Daily Check Register | 1/29/2021 |
| WORKERS' COMP.* | Daily Check Register | 1/29/2021 |
| WORKERS' COMP.* | Daily Check Register | 2/5/2021  |

**SCHEDULE 21-F-391 & 392 - CONTRACT REPORTS**

**SCHEDULE 2-H-20 - HOME TEACHING (regular & S/E)**  
(confidential)

**SCHEDULE 2-S-20 - SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION**  
(confidential)

**SCHEDULE 2-SE-20 - COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (confidential)**

**RECEIPT**  
**OF**  
**SCHEDULES**

*Upon a motion by Mr. Henkel, seconded by Mr. Centamore, the Board of Education approved the following receipt of schedules collectively:*

**SCHEDULE 21-A-499 - TREASURERS REPORT**

|                       |                                    |         |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Statement of Revenues | General Fund                       | January |
|                       | Federal Fund                       | January |
|                       | School Lunch                       | January |
| Treasurer's Report    | July/January                       |         |
| Cash Flow             | July/January                       |         |
| Claims Audit Report   | January 1, 2021 - January 31, 2021 |         |

**SCHEDULE 21-B-824 - APPROPRIATION BUDGET STATUS REPORT**

|                                    |                              |              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation Budget Status Report | General Fund -               | July-January |
|                                    | Capital Fund -               | July-January |
|                                    | Federal Fund -               | July-January |
|                                    | School Lunch-                | July-January |
| Extra-Classroom Activities Funds   | High School -                | January      |
|                                    | Robert Frost -               | January      |
| Trial Balance                      | General                      |              |
| July-January                       | Worker's Comp & Unemployment |              |
|                                    | Federal                      |              |
|                                    | Capital                      |              |
|                                    | Capital Energy Cons. Proj.   |              |
|                                    | Trust & Agency               |              |
|                                    | Private Purpose Trust        |              |
|                                    | Flexible Benefits            |              |
|                                    | School Lunch                 |              |

## **DISCUSSION**

- **2021-2022 School Holiday Calendar**

The calendar will be approved at March board meeting and posted on website. The first day of school will be Wednesday, September 1

## **PUBLIC BE HEARD**

No residents emailed any comments/questions

## **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS, Board of Education**

Mr. Jean-Pierre – there will be a virtual D&I event on March 3 at 6:00p.m.

Mrs. Elliott – read to classes at JQA and received lovely thank you letters from the students

Mr. Cummings - In regard to spectators at sporting events we must adhere to Section XI regulations

Getting students back into school is a priority. A survey will be going to homes of secondary students. A reopen plan will be released next week for students in grades 6, 9 and 12. Transportation is a major issue.

Our DPTA/CSEA/TA/Admin. unions have all been very supportive and have adapted and worked well together.

## **ADJOURN**

Upon a motion by Ms. Gulli Grunseich, seconded by Mr. Henkel, the Board of Education adjourned at 8:40 p.m. into an Executive Session to finish discussion of a personnel matter. At 8:50 p.m., upon a motion by Mr. Marino, seconded by Ms. Rosales, the Board of Education entered back into Open session and having no further business, adjourned.