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DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
2018-2019-15

WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLACE: ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
1881 DEER PARK AVENUE
DEER PARK, NY 11729

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. John Gouskos, President (left at 9:30 p.m)
Mrs. Donna Marie Elliott, Vice President
Mr. Al Centamore
Ms. Donna Gulli Grunseich
Mr. Robert Marino
Mr. Keith Rooney
Mrs. Kristine Rosales

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

MONETARY DONATION
TO LIFE SKILLS
FALCON FUEL
PROGRAM AT
THE
HIGH SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a monetary donation of \$195.00 from an anonymous patron of Starbucks to benefit the Life Skills Falcon Fuel Program. The money will be used to replenish supplies and add additional goods to their program.

Mr. Gouskos opened the budget discussion with a few points:

- Tonight is the first of our Budget sessions, within overall process that will conclude on 5/14 with our public hearing, followed by the 5/21 Budget Vote.
- As stated in years past, the overall objective is to identify realistic opportunities, allowing us to present a budget that falls within state guidelines that would have minimal impact to programs, class sizes and staffing.
- As we progress through the process it is important to use this as a benchmark for the proposed changes, as programs, class size, and personnel are 3 of our driving factors.
- What is presented at these sessions are proposals.
- The opportunity exists to change any of the items, now until April 9, prior to adoption of budget.
- Input is welcome during discussions. It is OK to 'agree to disagree'. Margie will pause periodically through out to obtain feedback. It is important we have one speaker at a time, respecting any difference of opinion.
- For those that may be participating for the first time, it is also important to note that Deer Park is one of the few districts that goes into their budget process with solutions readily in hand for review, not seeking out options for the first time in these forums.
- For those that have participated in years past, you will see once again that our budget process is not typical of others, as it is the exception...a direct reflection of the of time, effort, and experience displayed on behalf of Eva/Margie/Jim.
- We are confident we will achieve all of our 3 benchmark targets.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Jimenez discussed the following 2019-2020 Budget Codes:

- Fringe Benefits, Capital, Debt Service (9000), BOE, Central Admin
- Finance (1010-1399)
- Revenue and Tax Levy
- Legal Services, Personnel (1420-1499)
- Central Services, Building and Grounds (1620-1989)
- Supervision/Instructional (2010-2020)/ Instructional (2110-2170)

Upon a motion by Mr. Rooney, seconded by Mrs. Rosales, the Board of Education adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and entered into an Executive session to discuss the future Superintendent position. At 10:05 p.m. the Board entered back into Open Session and having no further business, adjourned at 10:05 p.m.