

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 23, 2015

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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MINUTES**

The special meeting of the Hempstead Public School Board of Education was held in the high school little theater, 201 President Street, Hempstead, NY 11550. The purpose of the meeting was to address issues challenging the eligibility of a candidate for Board Trustee. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 P.M. All of the board members were present, Trustee Brazley arrived at approximately 8:30 during executive session.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LaMont E. Johnson	President
JoAnn Simmons	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Ricky A. Cooke, Sr.	Secretary
Shelley Brazley	Trustee
Maribel Touré	Trustee

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Susan Johnson	Superintendent of Schools
Regina Armstrong	Assistant Superintendent for Elementary C & I
Patricia Wright	District Clerk
Monte Chandler	General Counsel
Leandre John	General Counsel
Scott Kershaw	Labor Counsel

**Trustee Cooke moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to approve the resolution below rejecting the objections to candidacy and permit to qualify for ballot placement**

1. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.Y. Education Law § 2102 to be qualified to be a member of the District's Board of Education a person must: (1) be able to read and write; (2) be a qualified voter of the District; and (c) be a resident of the District for at least one year prior to the election; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.Y. Education Law § 2012, a person is a qualified voter of the District if he/she is: (a) a citizen of the United States; (b) eighteen years of age; (c) a resident in the District for a period of thirty days preceding the election; and (d) qualified to vote in accordance with N.Y. Election Law § 5-106; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2015 at 4:10 p.m. the District Clerk received an objection to Maribel Touré's candidacy for Trustee of the Board of Education, questioning whether Ms. Touré is a United States citizen qualified to be a candidate for election to the Board of Education ("April 20 Objection") (**Exhibit A**); and

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**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2015 the Board President executed a letter to Ms. Toure delivered on April 21, 2015 offering Ms. Touré until April 23, 2015 at 5 p.m. to produce proof of her United States citizenship (**Exhibit B**); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2015 Ms. Touré delivered a letter to the District's District Clerk objecting to the April 20 Objection, identifying her voter registration as proof of citizenship (**Exhibit C**); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2015 at 1:32 p.m., a second objection was received by the District Clerk challenging the petition of Ms. Touré on the ground of her citizenship ("April 22 Objection"); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2015 at 9:55 a.m., Ms. Touré submitted to the District Clerk, amongst other documents, a copy of her United States passport (**Exhibit C**); and

**WHEREAS**, N.Y. Education Law § 2035(2) authorizes the Board of Education to reject any nominating petition for any candidate for election for trustee on the Board of Education "if the candidate is ineligible for the office or has declared his unwillingness to serve."

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, overrules the April 20 Objection and April 22 Objection based on a visual inspection of naturalization documents an passport viewed by Leandre John, General Counsel and Patricia Wright, District Clerk and affirmatively authorizes Maribel Touré to have her name placed on the ballot as a candidate for election for Trustee of the District's Board of Education for the election on May 19, 2015.

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 3</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
To reject objections and (Trustees Johnson, Cooke & Simmons) approve placement on ballot		

**Trustee Cooke moved, seconded by Trustee Simmons to convene to executive session at 7:18 P.M. to discuss personnel.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 4</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
To convene to executive session		

**Trustee Brazley moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to reconvene to open session at 9:32 P.M.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 5</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
To reconvene to open session		

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Trustee Brazley moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to approve the consent calendar listed below.

2. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education retains the services of NYU Metro Center to serve as the District's Independent monitor under the terms of the District's agreement with the New York State Attorney General's Office regarding registration and enrollment; and it is further;

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education retains the services of NYU Metro Center pursuant to the terms of NYU Metro Center's proposal submitted to the District in response to the district's Request for Proposal.

3. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Request for Proposal (RFP) for **STUDENT DANCE INSTRUCTION** and award to LND studios to provide after school dance enrichment to up to 250 students at Hempstead High School. Students will learn ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, African and Hip-Hop. The contract should not exceed \$16,800 with dance sessions running for 20 weeks. Each session of instruction will be up to 75 minutes. The Office of Funded Programs supports this initiative through school improvement funds.

MOTION  
To approve the  
consent calendar

YES 4  
ABS. 1( Trustee Simmons)

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Cooke moved, seconded by Trustee Brazley to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 P.M.

MOTION  
Meeting adjourned

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright  
District Clerk