

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2014**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
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The special meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education was held in the high school auditorium, 201 President Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to interview potential Title IX Investigators and District Treasurer's. The Board immediately convened to executive session by unanimous vote to conduct district treasurer interviews. Moved, by Trustee Brazley and seconded by Trustee Touré. Trustee Simmons arrived at 7:25 P.M. during executive session. Trustee Cooke was absent due to medical reasons.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaMont E. Johnson	President
JoAnn Simmons	1 st Vice President
Shelley Brazley	Trustee
Maribel Touré	Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ricky Cooke	Secretary
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Wright	District Clerk
Gerard Antione	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

Trustee Simmons moved, seconded by Trustee Brazley to reconvene to open session at 10:25 P.M.

MOTION

YES 4/0

MOTION CARRIED

To reconvene to
open session

Trustee Simmons moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to approve the consent calendar.

There was no vote called due to debate over taking independent action on the items listed. (See Board Member Comments) The board came to consensus to mark this item for independent action. Trustees Johnson, Brazley and Simmons **YES** and Trustee Touré **NO**.

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Trustee Brazley moved, seconded by Trustee Simmons to approve the appointment of the title IX Investigator.

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the **APPOINT** Dominique Camacho Moran AS THE Title IX Investigator for the district effective December 10, 2104 at a fee to be negotiated not to exceed forty five (45) days of service.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To approve the	NO 1 (Trustee Touré)	
appointment a Title IX Investigator		

Trustee Simmons moved, seconded by Trustee Brazley to approve to grant facilities usage as indicated below.

2. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves to Grant Use of Facilities to the following organization:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FOR USE OF</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Hope for Hempstead Rally	High School Auditorium	December 19, 2014
	Cafeteria and Band Room	5:00 PM-9:00 PM
		Must provide
		Insurance certificate

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To grant use of facilities	NO VOTE CAST 1 (Trustee Touré)	

Board Member comments for the record:

(Trustee Touré) "We can do this during the daytime when the students are going to be here, and this expense is not going to be incurred because this is going to be something that is going to cost the district and we are not even sure if insurance is covering one thousand people that is stated in this. When I want to vote for something I want to make sure that I know about it, that it's not announced on the side and it's not decided without all the board knowing about it so I want to pull this item." Trustee Johnson stated make the item independent , Trustee Touré said I want to pull this item, Trustee Simmons stated you can't pull it unless the majority wants to pull it, Trustee Touré stated I think I have right to pull it.

"I want to state for the record that I disagree with doing this as an independent item, I can't approve this item which was not discussed, also there is one board member who doesn't know about this and this was not discussed by the five members that we are, we all deserve the respect and I still insist that this item should be pulled." Trustee Touré did not cast vote just stated that she wants the item pulled. "This is becoming something illegal, to vote on something that one board member wants to pull it, and it

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something illegal to vote on something that was not discussed in an open meeting with the knowledge of the five members of the board. If we want to bring it for consideration we can submit it for the for the next board meeting where we can be the members here, when we discuss it during in an open meeting with people here and we can consider doing this during the school time when the district does not have to over spend money. Doing this without the students, they are the main resource of the community that we want to hear from, so if you want to reconsider this item it should be discussed at the next meeting and change the time and make sure that the student body is here during the school time. I want to say something before we close the meeting, for too many years we have been discussing and approving every single program without proper discussion. I think for the first time we need to start to consider working as a team, what is being done today with this item, even if it is a good item, it being done under hiding. Hiding it from all the board members, even Mrs. Simmons recognized that she didn't know about it (Mr. Johnson stated we can't go back and forth and arguing, no we can't go back and forth) (Mrs. Simmons stated she knows about it) We need to make sure we discuss everything as a board member and what is being done here is the same of the same at every single meeting. We have to make sure we stop doing things this way. Doing things this way, voting on things that are being handed ten minutes before the board meeting."

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 P.M.

MOTION
Meeting adjourned

YES 4/0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright
District Clerk