

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLICSCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 27, 2015
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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 7:20 P.M. Immediately following the opening of the meeting, the district Clerk announced the resignation of Mr. Ricky A. Cooke, Sr. effective immediately. Notification was via a letter received in the District Clerk's Office on October 27, 2015 at 3:54 P.M. The Clerk accepted the resignation. The Board proceeded to discuss unfinished business from the meeting held October 15, 2015. Public participation was entertained, all concerns were addressed by the Board, Superintendent and staff. The community was notified that the meeting scheduled for November 19, 2015 will be rescheduled to November 12, 2015 due to a conflict with the NABSE conference in Washington, D.C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaMont E. Johnson	President
Maribel Touré	Vice President
JoAnn Simmons	Trustee
Gwendolyn Jackson	Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ricky A. Cooke, Sr.	Trustee
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Johnson	Superintendent of Schools
Gerard Antione	Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Dr. Rodney Gilmore	Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
Regina Armstrong	Assistant Superintendent for Elementary C & I
James Clark	Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education
Renee Hamilton	Executive Director for Testing, Research & Evaluation
Daniel Espina	Executive Director of Technology & MIS
Patricia Wright	District Clerk
John Sheahan	General Counsel
Christopher Mestecky	General Counsel
Johnathan Scher	Labor Counsel
Scott Kershaw	Labor Counsel

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Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Simmons to seek legal advice in public Session

MOTION	YES 2 (Trustees Simmons & Johnson)	MOTION FAILED
To seek legal advice in Public session	NO 2 (Trustees Jackson & Touré)	

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Simmons to rescind the action of the meeting held on October 15, 2015 as indicated in the addendum / hand carried items #'s 1 & 3 listed below

Addendum # 1 introduced by Trustee Jackson

**ADDENDUM #1
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

Trustee Touré moved seconded by Trustee Jackson to terminate the services of the Scher Firm.

- 1. RESOLVED**, the services of the **Scher Law Firm**, the District's Labor Counsel be hereby terminated effective November 12th 2015.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To terminate the The services of the Scher Firm	NO 1 (Trustee Johnson)	

Addendum # 3 introduced by Trustee Cooke

Trustee Touré moved, seconded by Trustee Cooke to terminate the services of Deans and Archer

- 2. RESOLVED**, the services of **Deans and Archer**, the District's Claims Auditor be hereby terminated effective November 12th 2015.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To terminate the The services of Deans & Archer	NO 1 (Trustee Johnson)	

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Addendum # 3 introduced by Trustee Cooke

**ADDENDUM # 3
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

Trustee Cooke moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to approve the implementation of an intramural program as indicated below. (As per attached proposal)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the implementation of an intramural basketball program for elementary students grades 4 and 5 ,Season I for eight weeks, Season II spring time soccer, eight weeks to be at four elementary schools, David Paterson, Barack Obama, Jackson Main and Franklin.

MOTION	YES 4	MOTION CARRIED
To implement intramural program		

MOTION	YES 2 (Trustees Simmons & Johnson)	MOTION FAILED
To rescind the action	NO 2 (Trustees Jackson & Touré)	
Of the meeting held		
10-15-15 in reference to addendum / hand carried items #'s 1 & 3		

Trustee Simmons moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to convene to executive session at 8:12 P.M. to discuss conflict of interest

MOTION	YES 4	MOTION CARRIED
To convene to executive Session to discuss conflict of interest		

Trustee Simmons moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to reconvene to open session at 12:43 A.M.

MOTION	YES 4	MOTION CARRIED
To reconvene to Open session		

Trustee Simmons moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to approve the consent calendar items as listed below

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education **APPOINTS** the **Scher Law Firm** as **Special Counsel** to represent the Board of Education in the following matters;

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- I. Pending Employment litigation representing the District through assignment by AIG
- II. Pending Arbitration and Improper Practice Charge matters that are scheduled for a hearing within 30 days from November 12, 2015
- III. Teaching Assistant negotiations
- IV. Annual Professional Performance negotiations

With at total amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the period of November 12, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

- 2. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education **RESCIND** the action of addendum # 3 of the meeting held October 15, 2015 as indicated below:

ADDENDUM # 3
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Trustee Cooke moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to approve the implementation of an intramural program as indicated below. (As per attached proposal)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the implementation of an intramural basketball program for elementary students grades 4 and 5 ,Season I for eight weeks, Season II spring time soccer, eight weeks to be at four elementary schools, David Paterson, Barack Obama, Jackson Main and Franklin.

MOTION	YES	NO
To implement intramural program	4	

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION **YES 4**
To approve the consent calendar

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Simmons moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 A.M.

MOTION YES 4
Meeting adjourned

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright
District Clerk