

**SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 2015-MINUTES**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 2015  
MINUTES**

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 4:11 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the districts operating deficit for the 2014/2015 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015. There was also discussion inquiring if the district has legal authority to liquidate its reserve funds to increase the 2014/2015 budget in order to cover the estimated projected deficit. The floor was opened for public comment, all concerns were addressed by the Board and staff and district counsel.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LaMont E. Johnson	President
Maribel Touré	Vice President
Ricky A. Cooke, Sr.	Trustee
Gwendolyn Jackson	Trustee

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

JoAnn Simmons	Trustee
---------------	---------

**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
Christopher Shishko	General Counsel
Scott Kershaw	Labor Counsel

**Trustee Cooke moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to convene to executive session for legal advice at approximately 5:10 P.M.**

**MOTION**

To convene to  
executive session

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 2015-MINUTES**

**Trustee Touré moved, seconded by Trustee Cooke to reconvene to open session at 6:10 P.M.**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To reconvene to  
open session

**Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to approve the resolution to take the necessary steps to address the projected deficit**

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the District has incurred an operation deficit during the 2014/1015 school year which exceeded the budgetary appropriations approved by the voters of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the district is in the process of closing its accounting records for the 2014/2015 school year in order to determine the exact amount of such operating deficit, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that payment of such operating deficit may require special legislation; it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes the administration in consultation with its legal counsel and auditing firms to take whatever action is deemed necessary under New York State Finance Law Section 10.10 to seek special legislation to address the projected deficit from the 2014/2015 school year up to and including bonding such deficit for a period not to exceed ten (10) years.

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To take action to address  
projected deficit

**Trustee Cooke moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M.**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright  
District Clerk