

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 29, 2017**

The emergency meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education was held in the high school little theater, 201 President Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 5:18 P.M. moved by Trustee Gates and seconded by Trustee Johnson. The President, Maribel Touré was absent due to work obligations and Vice President, Gwen Jackson was also absent.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Gates	Trustee
Randy Stith	Trustee
LaMont Johnson	Trustee
Jack Bierwirth	Trustee Ex-Officio

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Maribel Touré	President
Gwendolyn Jackson	Vice President

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Valerton McDonald	Deputy Superintendent
Patricia Wright	District Clerk
John Sheahan	General Counsel
Richard Hamburger	Labor Counsel
Ethan Irwin	Special Counsel

**Trustee Gates moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to appoint Trustee Stith as pro-tem Chairperson to conduct the business of this meeting.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 3</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
To appoint Trustee Stith as Chairperson for this meeting		

**Trustee Gates moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to convene to executive session at 5:21 P.M. to discuss personnel.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 3</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
To convene to executive session		

**Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Gates to reconvene to open session at 6:23 P.M.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 3</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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To reconvene to  
Open session

**Trustee Gates moved, seconded by Trustee Stith to approve waiver of policy 2342 for the meeting of November 29, 2017.**

1. **RESOLVED**, the Board of Education waives policy 2342 requiring the agenda, together with supporting background materials to be distributed to Board Members seven days in advance of the Board meeting, and the Board shall permit the consideration of the hand carry resolutions presented at the November 29, 2017 meeting of the Board; and

**RESOLVED**, the waiver of policy 2342 is effective for the hand carry resolutions considered at the November 29, 2017 meeting.

**MOTION**

**YES 3**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To waive policy 2342  
for November 29, 2017 meeting

**Trustee Gates moved, seconded by Trustee Stith to terminate the services of Raiser & Keniff, P.C.**

2. **RESOLVED**, effective immediately the law firm of Raiser & Kenniff, P.C. is hereby terminated from representing the Hempstead UFSD, its Board Members, and employees and shall have no actual or implied authority to act on behalf of the District; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that any and all matters handled by Raiser & Kenniff, P.C, on behalf of the District shall be transferred to the Chandler Firm PLLC and Raiser & Keniff, P.C, is directed to transfer and hand over to the successor law firm to be appointed by the Board as Replacement Special Counsel, all records documents and materials relating to their representation of the District in any and all matter within five (5) business days of this resolution; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that Raiser & Kenniff. P.C. shall within seven (7) days turnover to the District Clerk any and all invoices and time records relating to its work on behalf of the district; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, Raiser & Kenniff is directed to turn over all communications between Riaser & Kenniff, P.C., and any member of the District's Board of Education or an employee of the District to successor law firm to be appointed by the Board as Replacement Special Counsel; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education waives any and all attorney-client privilege held by the District, regarding any and all communications between Raiser & Kenniff, P.C. and a member of the District's Board of Education or an employee

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of the District so that the communications can be disclosed to the successor law firm to be appointed by the Board of Education as Replacement Special Counsel, as successor counsel only; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, until further Action by the board, the district shall not pay Raiser & Kenniff, P.C any monies for and any purported services rendered to the District

**MOTION**

**YES 3**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To terminate the services  
of Raiser & Kenniff P.C.

*\*\*\*\* Trustee Stith for the record "All Trustees needed to be informed before we made a decision, so notice will be going out as to the next work session meeting that's going to held next week and possible action will be taken at that meeting as well, so we want to be transparent with the community of what we are doing and we are not shutting anybody out of anything, we're talking to all of the Trustees and if we decide to move we will move at the next meeting."*

**Trustee Gate moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 P.M.**

**MOTION**

**YES 3**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright  
District Clerk