

**SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2017**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES**

The special 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 7:11 P.M. moved, by Trustee Jackson, seconded by Trustee Crosson.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Maribel Touré	President
Gwendolyn Jackson	Vice President
Mary Crosson	Trustee
Jack Bierwirth	Trustee-Ex-Officio

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

David B. Gates	Trustee
Randy Stith	Trustee

STAFF PRESENT

Shimon Waronker, Ed. D.	Superintendent
Patricia Wright	District Clerk

Call to order at 7:11 P.M. Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Crosson

MOTION

YES 3

MOTION CARRIED

Call to order

Pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence. The President asked for prayer for the victims of the tragedy in the NYC attack. The discussion items are as indicated below.

Discussion of district facilities reference to being over crowded. The Board needs to discuss getting ready for a bond vote in March. Dr. Jack Bierwirth is asking for support of the entire Board of Education and community. Dr. Bierwirth is offering his recommendations to the Board of Education and intends for the staff to give the community some context of what is coming forward. Three areas of concern safety, first.

Facilities: Demolition of Rhodes, the building has been unused for 17 years, and condemned for 10 years. All of the records that were being stored in the out of building are out of the building. The portables are 30 -40 years old and have exceeded their life expectancy and they need to be removed. BOCES will provide an outline of a five year facilities plan likely free of charge. If full support is given the district can start process immediately.

Secondly, the business office is behind in work, contracts behind that should have been done in the summer no one individual is at fault due to constant turnaround of supervision in the business office. Dr. Bierwirth has concerns that 2018-2019 budget should be built on good solid numbers and for this to happen the current numbers must be accurate. Dr. Bierwoirth is hoping BOCES can bring in a business team, staffing, and put procedures in place to assist the business office in bring the work current..

Third Dr. Akoma intends to bring in a technology team from BOCES to assist her in getting the district's technology needs up to speed and a full assessment of what to do in the district. BOCES has knowledge of internet security and

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separates the security, streaming video and advice on how to move forward with technology, the district needs a plan to spend money properly in the technology department. After a conversation with Dr. Dillon, he sent people to the district next day to assist in assessment of the District. Dr. Bierwirth will speak with the Trustees that were not in attendance in order to have the full support of the board as the district moves forward in the technology department. The staff can keep work current someone else can assist with the assessment. Nothing mandated, but this is a framework for discussion.

Dr. Waronker concurs with Dr. Bierwirth's recommendations to solicit the help from BOCES. The Business. Office has had 20 business managers in 24 years. The technology department will welcome help while managing the daily operations of the district. He thanked Dr. Bierwirth for his suggestions

Trustee Touré expressed that this is a great opportunity, glad to have the distinguished educator in the district. All responses are positive, she also stated that the district can't take all portables at the same time the district needs a plan in place. Discussion needs to take place in reference to the building at Marshall big possibilities at that property for building all need to investigate the possibility of building on that property and the district should have a plan and will flow through with it. Need to get started with facilities plan now, building is a tedious process to get approval from SED. No need for board action at this time no voting required for these steps now.

Trustee Jackson stated we need to ask community to pass a bond chances are better if a definitive plain is presented.

Trustee Touré talked briefly about achieving goals for district, i.e.; Human Resources
The district looked for different ways of hiring. Community, parents and staff are not aware of what is going on in the district, Dr. Bierwirth will recommend that the parent's community and staff engage with the district and address their concerns, the district needs a better means of communication with community and staff.

The district needs a FAQ's posted on the website, when information is disseminated to staff and engaging the community the plan is better with more discussion.

Down side of Rhodes of concern, police and fire department will not enter the building. Dr. Bierwirth has concerns about the surrounding houses in Rhodes area, fire, rodents, etc. The district needs to demolish now. This plan will not be starting from scratch, will go with some of the existing plans.

Trustee Jackson moved, second by Trustee Touré to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 P.M.

MOTION

YES 3

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright
District Clerk