

**WORK STUDY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
MINUTES**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The work study meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education work study meeting was held in the high school auditorium, 201 President Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 P.M. All of the Board Members were present. The work study discussion items were; legal representation for former Trustee Melissa Figueroa, legal counsel performance, disposal of old furniture, rodent infestation, scholarship for Brandon Johnson, the appointment of fall coaches, facilities plan update and the A.B.G.S. Middle School and High School receivership. The Board reviewed the agenda for the meeting scheduled for September 20, 2017. Trustee Stith stated that this meeting was not disclosed to the public as an action meeting. The President stated that the Board is permitted to take necessary action at a work study meeting. Trustee Gates excused himself from the table from 8:45 P.M. to 8:49 P.M. No action was taken during his absence.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maribel Touré	President
Gwendolyn Jackson	Vice President
David B. Gates	Trustee
Randy Stith	Trustee
Mary Crosson	Trustee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shimon Waronker, Ed. D.	Superintendent of Schools
Lawrence Debroff	Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
James Clark	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary C & I
Regina Armstrong	Assistant Superintendent for Elementary C & I
Djuana Wilson	Special Education
Andrew Hardwick	Director of Security
Timothy Gregg	Facilities
Patricia Wright	District Clerk

B. CALL TO ORDER

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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E. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Crosson to approve indemnification resolution # 1 as written.

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves request for defense and indemnification submitted by a former member of the Board of Education in confidential attachment "A", in connection with an appeal filed with the Commissioner of Education dated July 21, 2017, and confers upon members of the Board the benefits and protections of Section 18 of the Public Officers Law and Section 38111 of the Education Law; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall accordingly indemnify and defend the members of the Board for any costs, attorney's fees, judgements, damages settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from the judgement or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while he/she was within the scope of his/her public employment or duties and provides that such defense and indemnification shall be conditioned upon the full cooperation of the trustee in the defense of such action or proceeding and in defense of any action or proceeding against the public entity based upon the same act or omission, and in the prosecution of any appeal, subject to the trustees rights under Public Officer's Law §18 and Education law §3811; and further provided that in the case of settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education ; an no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Douglas A. spencer, Esq. as Special Counsel to represent Melissa Figueroa in connection with an appeal pending before the Commissioner of Education identified in confidential "E", at an hourly rate of Two Hundred Thirty Five Dollar.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To approve	NO 2 (Trustees Gates & Stith)	
Indemnification resolution # 1 as written		

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Crosson to approve indemnification resolution # 2 as written.

2. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves request for defense and indemnification submitted by a former member of the Board of Education in confidential attachment "B", in connection with an appeal filed with the

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Commissioner of Education dated July 27, 2017, and confers upon members of the Board the benefits and protections of Section 18 of the Public Officers Law and Section 3811 of the Education Law; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall accordingly indemnify and defend the members of the Board for any costs, attorney's fees, judgements, damages settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from the judgement or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while he/she was within the scope of his/her public employment or duties and provides that such defense and indemnification shall be conditioned upon the full cooperation of the trustee in the defense of such action or proceeding and in defense of any action or proceeding against the public entity based upon the same act or omission, and in the prosecution of any appeal, subject to the trustees rights under Public Officer's Law §18 and Education law §3811; and further provided that in the case of settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education ; an no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Sokoloff, Stern, LLP as Special Counsel to represent Melissa Figueroa in connection with an appeal pending before the Commissioner of Education identified in confidential "D", at a fee set by the District's Insurance Carrier, AIG.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To approve	NO 2 (Trustees Gates & Stith)	
Indemnification resolution # 1 as written		

RESOLUTION # 3 PULLED PENDING INFORMATION

3. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Brandon Johnson from the Hempstead High School Scholarship Fund.

**HAND CARRY ITEM
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Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Crosson to approve hand carry # 1 to waive policy indicated as written.

1. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has been requested to provide indemnification and defense for a former Board Member; and

WHEREAS, constraints require immediate action;

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IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Education waives support of policy # 2342 and 2350 on agenda setting and Board procedure to take such action and Board procedure to take such action.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To approve	NO 2 (Trustees Gates & Stith)	
Hand carry # 1 to waive		
policies as written		

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Crosson to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 P.M.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
Meeting adjourned		

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright
District Clerk