

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 7, 2017  
MINUTES**

The special meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools board of Education was held in the high school board room, 201 President Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. The President announced the purpose of the meeting was to appoint special counsel for pending litigation.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Maribel Touré | President      |
| Gwen Jackson  | Vice President |
| Randy Stith   | Trustee        |
| Mary Crosson  | Trustee        |

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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| David B. Gates | Trustee |
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**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Patricia Wright | District Clerk |
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Trustee Stith commended for the record: *"I want to know the process on how to report counsel to the bar association for mal practice or misconduct"*

**Trustee Touré moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to approve payment to poll workers**

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the pay poll workers in the amount of \$159.50 for the day of the annual budget vote and election on May 16, 2017 who were inadvertently omitted from previous dockets;
  - a. Lisa Martin
  - b. Elizabeth Faria

**MOTION**

To approve payment  
to poll workers

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Stith for the record: *"I do not recognize Mary Crosson as a sitting Trustee and she does not have the right to vote in this proceeding"*.

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**Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Crosson to approve appointment of special counsel.**

2. **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the firm of Raiser & Keniff , P.C. is hereby appointed to serve as special counsel to represent the Board of Education of the Hempstead UFSD in any and all matters relating and arising from the board of Education's removal from the board of Education listed in confidential schedule "A" ,including but not limited to any appeals, proceedings and litigation related thereto, at an hourly rate of \$235.00 per hour for attorney's and between \$100.00 and \$200.00 per hour for para professionals and paralegals, and authorizes the President to execute any and all retainers, pleadings and documents related to such presentation.

**MOTION**

To appoint special  
counsel

**YES 3**

**NO 1** (Trustee Stith)

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Stith for the record: *"I'd like to go on record that Trustee Jackson just nodded to Trustee Crosson to 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Madam President Touré just stated in public that there's nothing wrong with Miss Jackson nodding to Miss Crosson signaling to her to 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. I do not recognize Miss Crosson and I do not recognize any vote that she may participate in tonight".*

**Trustee Touré moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to approve the appointment of special counsel.**

3. **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the firm of Raiser & Keniff , P.C. is hereby appointed to serve as special counsel to represent the Board of Education of the Hempstead UFSD in any and all matters relating and arising from the board of Education's appointment of the individual listed confidential schedule "B" ,including but not limited to any appeals, proceedings and litigation related thereto, at an hourly rate of \$235.00 per hour for attorney's and between \$100.00 and \$200.00 per hour for para professionals and paralegals, and authorizes the President to execute any and all retainers, pleadings and documents related to such presentation.

**MOTION**

To appoint special  
counsel

**YES 3**

**NO 1** (Trustee Stith)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to appoint special counsel.**

4. **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the firm of Raiser & Keniff , P.C. is hereby appointed to serve as special counsel to represent the Board of Education of the Hempstead UFSD in any and all matters brought by any member of the Board of Education or former Board of Education member seeking injunctive relief or a

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stay relating and arising from any action by the board of Education or the Superintendent of Schools including but not limited to any appeals, proceedings and litigation related thereto, at an hourly rate of \$235.00 per hour for attorney's and between \$100.00 and \$200.00 per hour for para professionals and paralegals, and authorizes the President to execute any and all retainers, pleadings and documents related to such presentation.

**MOTION**

To appoint special  
counsel

**YES 3**

**NO 1** (Trustee Stith)

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Stith for the record: *"I take exception to the fact that I did not have seven days to review resolutions and I only had, I want to say less than 24 hours, again and that's disrespectful and I'm not sure how much time Miss Crosson who is not a school board member had enough time to review this or Miss Jackson or Trustee Touré. I also take exception to the attitude that I'm getting from Trustee Touré & Trustee Jackson, I am a school board trustee and I think I should be afforded that same conversations that's being held with general counsel when they make these resolutions. I'm not even sure if trustee Gates knows anything about these resolutions. So with that said, I hope that type of behavior from the rest of the cease and desist and that they start including myself and Trustee Gates in conversations and it's absolutely no to this".*

**Trustee Touré moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 P.M.**

**MOTION**

Meeting adjourned

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright  
District Clerk