

**EMERGENCY MEETING
MARCH 14, 2020-MINUTES**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The emergency meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education was held in the A.B.G.S. Middle School Band Box, 70 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 6:23 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss an emergency plan for the district to put in place for the COVID-19 (corona virus) pandemic. The Interim Superintendent informed all attending that there was a staff member that has contracted the virus. The major discussion was in reference to the cleaning and disinfecting of the buildings. Trustee Stith was present via telephone from 6:23 P.M. until 6:39 P.M. when he arrived in person. He was in route to the meeting from work. Public participation was entertained.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David B. Gates	President
Patricia Spleen	Trustee
Randy Stith	Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carmen Ayala	Vice President
LaMont Johnson	Trustee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regina Armstrong	Acting Superintendent
Rodney Gilmore	Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
James Clark	Assistant Superintendent for Special Projects
Jamal Scott	Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Djuana Wilson	Assistant Superintendent for Special Education
Robert Hodge	Assistant Director of Facilities
Allan Wakefield	Consultant for Facilities
Patricia Wright	District Clerk
Ana Lovasz	Superintendent's Secretary
John Sheahan	General Counsel

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee Stith to convene to executive session at 7:13 P.M. for advice of legal counsel.

MOTION

To convene to
executive session

YES 3

MOTION CARRIED

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Trustee Gates moved, seconded by Trustee Stith to reconvene to open session at 7:47 P.M.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To reconvene to open session		

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Spleen to approve to waive policy #2342

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve to waive policy # 2342, agenda preparation and dissemination in order to approve the emergency resolution being presented at the meeting of March 14, 2020.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To approve to waive policy #2342		

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Spleen to approve the emergency purchase resolution as indicated.

EMERGENCY PURCHASE RESOLUTION

2. **WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2020, by Executive Order No. 202, the Governor of New York State declared a disaster emergency in New York State as the result of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, temporarily suspending Section 409-i of the Education Law, section 163-b of the State Finance Law with associated OGS guidance, and Executive Order No. 2 to the extent necessary to allow elementary and secondary schools to procure and use cleaning and maintenance products in schools; and temporarily suspending Sections 103 and 104-b of the General Municipal Law to the extent necessary to allow schools to do so without the usual advertising for bids and offers and compliance with existing procurement policies and procedures.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined the outbreak of the novel coronavirus is a public emergency arising out of an unforeseen condition affecting public buildings, public property, and the life and health of inhabitants of the school district requiring immediate action that cannot await competitive bidding to address the imminent and substantial risk to the health and welfare of its students and staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the procurement of cleaning and disinfecting services by RENU in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) pursuant to a Bayshore School Construction Services Cooperative Bid, to be an ordinary

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contingent expense, as it is necessary to preserve and protect the health and safety of students and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the procurement of cleaning and disinfecting services by the RENU in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) pursuant to a Bayshore School Construction Services Cooperative Bid, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 103(4) and Board Purchasing Policy, which sets forth an exception to competitive bidding requirements for emergency situations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to appropriate and transfer such funds as is necessary to procure the cleaning and disinfecting services by RENU in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) pursuant to a Bayshore School Construction Services Cooperative Bid, and directs the Superintendent of Schools to take such action as is necessary to effectuate said purchase in accordance with District policy and State law and regulations.

MOTION

YES 3

MOTION CARRIED

To approve emergency
purchase resolution

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Spleen to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

MOTION

YES 3

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright
District Clerk