SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 14, 2021 MINUTES

The special meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education was held in the Superintendent's Office, 185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, New York 11550. All of the Board Members were present. Trustee Johnson arrived at 12:25 P.M. during executive session. The meeting was called to order at 12:17 P.M., moved by Trustee Pratt and seconded by Trustee Stith. The Superintendent offered remarks informing the board and community of the district restructuring zoom call on June 17, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. She also informed all of the status of the district stimulus funds and all will be posted on the district website.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaMont Johnson President
Patricia Spleen Vice President

Patricia McNeill Trustee Victor Pratt Trustee Randy Stith Trustee

SED MONITOR ABSENT:

William Johnson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regina Armstrong Interim Superintendent

Patricia Wright District Clerk John Sheahan General Counsel

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to convene to executive session for advice of legal counsel at 12:19 P.M.

MOTION YES 4 MOTION CARRIED

To convene to executive session

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to reconvene to open session at 12:50 P.M.

MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

To reconvene to open session

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to waive policy # 2342.

HAND CARRY# 1
RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND POLICY 2342

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 BE IT 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 a Board meeting, and the Board shall permit the consideration of the hand-carry resolutions presented at the June 14, 2021 meeting of the Board; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the waiver of Policy 2342 is effective only for the hand-carry resolutions considered at the June 14, 2021 meeting.

MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

To waive policy # 2342

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to approve to engage the services of special counsel.

HAND CARRY# 2 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

2. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby engages the services of Stuart P. Besen, Esq. of Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP to perform an investigation regarding allegations of official misconduct, discussed in executive session on June 10, 2021, at a rate of \$250.00 per hour plus reimbursement for reasonable expenses, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a retainer letter for same. Mr. Besen shall conduct a thorough and prompt investigation at a cost not to exceed \$10.000.

MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

To engage the services of special counsel

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 P.M.

MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright District Clerk