## HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2021 <u>MINUTES</u>

The special meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education was held in the A.B.G.S. Middle School music room, 70 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 4:14 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with special counsel assigned to an investigation. The Board immediately convened to executive session by unanimous vote at 4:15 P.M. moved by Trustee Spleen and seconded by Trustee Pratt.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LaMont Johnson	President
Patricia Spleen	Vice President
Victor Pratt	Trustee

#### SED MONITOR:

William Johnson SED Monitor

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Carmen Ayala Trustee Patricia McNeill Trustee

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Regina Armstrong	Interim Superintendent
Patricia Wright	District Clerk
Stuart Besen	special Counsel
John Sheahan	General Counsel

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to convene to executive session at 4:14 P.M. for advice of special counsel.

MOTION YES 3 MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to reconvene to open session at 6:01 P.M.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To reconvene to open session		

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to approve to hand carry item # 1 to waive policy # 2342.

### HAND CARRY#1

### **RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND POLICY 2342**

**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

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shall permit the consideration of the hand-carry resolutions presented at the February 17, 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 February 17, 2021 meeting.

MOTION YES 3 MOTION CARRIED

To waive policy # 2342

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to approve hand carry item # 2 to approve appointment of special counsel and appointment of hearing officer.

# HAND CARRY# 2

# RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL AND HEARING OFFICER

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has given due consideration into the fact and circumstances surrounding the alleged misconduct of the individual identified on confidential schedule "A";

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby engages the services of the law firm of Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP to prepare charges of official misconduct against the Board member identified in confidential schedule "A", to prosecute removal proceedings against the Board member identified on confidential schedule "A', and to represent the Board of Education in any appeal of such removal proceedings or any related or ancillary proceedings 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; and

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby appoints James P. Clark as Hearing Officer to preside over the removal proceedings concerning the Board member identified on confidential schedule "A", to make findings of fact with respect said removal proceedings, and to report such findings and conclusions of law to the Board of Education for a final determination 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 for such services .

MOTIONYES 3MOTION CARRIEDTo approve appointment of<br/>Special counsel and appointment of<br/>Hearing officerHearing officer

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 P.M.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
Meeting adjourned		

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright District Clerk