

**MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2020**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK STUDY MEETING
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The work study 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 7:03 P.M., moved by Trustee Spleen and seconded by Trustee Pratt. All of the Board Members were present. Trustee Ayala attended via Zoom and Trustee McNeill arrived at 7:05 P.M. The Interim Superintendent offered remarks informing the Board and the community of the status of devices and meals for students working virtually. The President gave brief remarks in reference to the recent shootings in the Village of Hempstead. The Board reviewed the agenda for the meeting scheduled for October 15, 2020.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaMont E. Johnson President
Patricia Spleen Vice President
Carmen Ayala Trustee
Patricia McNeill Trustee
Victor Pratt Trustee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regina Armstrong Interim Superintendent
Jamal Scott Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Rodney Gilmore Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
James Clark Assistant Superintendent for Special Programs
Djuana Wilson Assistant Superintendent for Special Education
Ed Cullen Business Consultant
Allan Wakefield Facilities Consultant
Patricia Wright District Clerk
John Sheahan General Counsel
Jonathan Scher Labor Counsel

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve the waive policy # 2342.

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves to waive policy # 2342 agenda preparation and dissemination in order to approve the items being presented at the meeting held October 8, 2020.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To waive policy
2342

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve to file the amended answer in response to litigation.

2. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Interim Superintendent's recommendation to file the attached amended answer and counterclaim in response to the 100 Main Street litigation.

MOTION

YES 4

MOTION CARRIED

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To approve to file **ABS. 1** (Trustee Ayala)
amended answer to litigation

ITEM #3 MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Interim Superintendent's recommendation to accept and approve the 2019-2020 financial statements.

Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Spleen to convene to executive session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss a particular individual and financial presentation from the EFPR Group.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To convene to executive session		

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill to reconvene to open session at 11:16 P.M.

MOTION	YES 4	MOTION CARRIED
To reconvene to open session		

***** Trustee Ayala signed off at 11:09 P.M. during executive session**

ITEM #3 MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve/accept the 2019-2020 financial statements.

3. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Interim Superintendent's recommendation to accept and approve the 2019-2020 financial statements.

MOTION	YES 4	MOTION CARRIED
To approve/accept the 2019-2020 financial statements		

Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 P.M.

MOTION	YES 4	MOTION CARRIED
Meeting adjourned		

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright
District Clerk