

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK STUDY MEETINGS
OCTOBER 12, 2022
MINUTES**

The Work Study Meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education was held in the High School Little Theatre, 201 President Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm. All members were present. Trustee Brown-Young arrived at 6:20 pm. Trustee Johnson left at 9:55 pm and returned at 10:22 pm. The Board reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting scheduled for October 18, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Randi Stith	President
LaMont E. Johnson	Vice President
Olga Brown-Young	Trustee
Patricia McNeill	Trustee
Dr. Joylette Williams	Trustee

SED MONITOR

Dr. William Johnson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regina Armstrong	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Rodney Gilmore	Associate Superintendent of Human Resources
James Clark	Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services
Gary Rush	Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Jamal Scott	Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
Djuana Wilson	Assistant Superintendent of Special Education
Vondana Manucha	Assistant Business Administrator
John Sheahan	General Counsel
Ashley Pope	General Counsel
Matthew Harrison	General Counsel
Jonathan Scher	Labor Counsel
James Nothel	Director of Facilities
Dr. Rodriguez	Director of Fine Arts & Music
April Keys	District Clerk Pro-Tem

President's Remarks: Holiday Greetings (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Columbus Day, etc.)

Superintendent's Remarks: Congratulated the Football Team and thanked the Football Coaches on their achievements, thanked Jackson School for presentation of Indigenous People Celebration,

Old Business: President Stith inquired on updates from Superintendent Armstrong regarding the

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Board of Education table arrangements and the district's fleet of cars inspection dates.

New Business: None

F. Trustees Remarks: Vice President Johnson commended the Football Team 5/0. Trustee Brown-Young commended the Football Team, also recommended the M.S. and H.S. give updates about their school sports.

Trustee Williams moved, seconded by Trustee Brown-Young, to convene to executive Session at 6:45 pm to discuss personnel and advice of legal counsel.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To convene to executive session		

Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to re-convene to open session at 12:18 am.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To re-convene to open session		

HAND CARRY # 1
Resolution to Waive Policy 2342

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, of resolution to waive policy 2342.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District waived 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 staff permits the consideration of the consent agenda presented at the October 12, 2022, meeting of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the waiver of policy 2342, is effective only for the consent agenda considered at the October 12, 2022 meeting.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To waive Policy 2342		

HAND CARRY # 2
Resolution for Approval of District Clerk and Contract

Trustee Brown- Young moved, seconded by Trustee Stith, to adjourn the audit committee meeting and re-convene to the BOE meeting.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby appoints Patricia Wilson-Wright as District Clerk for the period of October 13, 2022 through and including June 30, 2023, approves the agreement appointing Patricia Wilson Wright, as the District Clerk for the aforementioned term, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To approve
District Clerk

HAND CARRY # 3

**Resolution for Waiver of Policy 6690 and
Appointment of the Audit Committee**

Trustee Brown- Young moved, seconded by Trustee Jonson, for waiver policy 6690 and appointment of the audit committee

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District HEREBY waives Board policy 6690 entitled "Audit Committee" for the purpose of review of the audit of the 2021-2022 fiscal financial statements and correction action plan at the October 12, 2022, Board meeting; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Education appoints the Board of Education appoints the Board of Education as the Audit Committee for the purpose of the review of the audit of the 20251-2022 fiscal financial statements and corrective action plan.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To waive policy
6690 and appointment
of audit committee

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Brown- Young, to recess BOE meeting for an audit committee meeting.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To convene to audit
meeting

**Resolution for the acceptance of the
2021-2022 Financial Statements and Corrective Action Plan
By the Audit Committee**

Trustee Brown- Young moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to accept 2021-2022 Fiscal Financial Statement and Corrective Action Plan

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Audit committee recommends the acceptance of the audit of the 2021-2022 financial statements subject to the external auditor's receipt of reports from legal counsel and a finding by the external auditors as to no internal charge in the audit review by legal counsel reports and acceptance of the corrective action plan.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To accept the the financial statement and corrective action plan from external auditors		

Trustee Brown- Young moved, seconded by Trustee Stith, to adjourn the audit committee meeting and re-convene to the BOE meeting.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To re- convene from audit meeting		

HAND CARRY # 4
**Resolution to accept and approve the Audit of
2021-2022 Financial Statements and Correction Action Plan**

Trustee Brown- Young moved, seconded by Trustee Stith, to accept resolution from the Audit Committee

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby approves on the Audit Committee's recommendation to accept and approve the audit 2021-2022 financial statements and corrective action plan subject to the external auditor's completion of the audit of the financial statements which is the way of reports of legal counsel and condition upon the external auditor's findings of no material changes in the audit of review of such legal counsel reports.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To accept and approve the audit of 2021-2022 Financial Statements and Corrective Action Plan		

HAND CARRY # 5
Resolution for Appointment of Labor Counsel

Trustee Brown- Young moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to appoint Labor Counsel.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby appoints Scher Law Firm, LLC, as Labor Counsel to the Board of Education for the remainder of 2021-2022 school year and authorizes the Board of Education President to execute the retainer for labor counsel services.

MOTION To appoint Labor Counsel	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
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HAND CARRY # 6
Resolution for Appointment of Special Counsel

Trustee Brown- Young moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to appoint Special Counsel

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby appoints The Chandler Law Firm, as Special Counsel to the Board of Education for the remainder of 2021-2022 school year and authorizes the Board of Education President to execute the retainer for said special counsel services.

MOTION To appoint Special Counsel	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
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Trustee Williams moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 am.

MOTION Meeting adjourned	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
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Respectfully submitted

April Keys
District Clerk Pro -Tem