

**WORK STUDY MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2023
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**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The Board of Education Work Study Meeting of the Hempstead Union Free School District was held at the A.B.G.S. Middle School Bandbox, 70 Greenwich Street Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, motioned by Trustee Pratt, seconded by Trustee Brown Young.

Board Members Present:

Trustee LaMont E. Johnson
Trustee Victor Pratt
Trustee Olga Brown Young
Trustee Joylette Williams, PhD.

NYSED Monitor/ Trustee Ex. Officio Present:

Dr. William Johnson

Staff Members Present:

Ms. Regina Armstrong	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Rodney Gimore	Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
Mr. James Clark	Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Gary Rush	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Jamal Scott	Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Mrs. Djuana Wilson	Assistant Superintendent for Special Education
Mrs. April Keys	District Clerk
Mr. John Sheahan	General Counsel
Mr. Matthew Harrison	General Counsel
Mr. Johnathan Scher	Labor Counsel
Mr. Monte Chandler	Special Counsel
Mr. LeAndre John	Special Counsel

A. MEETING OPENING

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Moment of Silence- Ms. Clara Menz, former teacher, Ms. Joanne Mency, passing of her daughter.

B. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Reminded everyone of the upcoming holiday events next week.

C. TRUSTEE REMARKS

D. OLD BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS- Congratulation HS theatre program on their play performance in the play, "Lend Me A Tenor", actors, actresses and staff, congratulated Dwayne Meadors, for making Nassau County Top 100 in HS basketball.

G. COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Math and Science presentation presented by Interim of Math and Science Director, Mrs. Claudine Clarke

H. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Calendar as presented and/or amended.

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The Hempstead Board of Education's adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, and Robert's Rules of Order, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda, have gone through the Board members for review and the Superintendent of Schools for recommendations. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Board members seven (7) days in advance, to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any board member.

Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the work study consent agenda calendar.

MOTION

YES 4

MOTION CARRIED

To approve the Work Study
consent agenda calendar.

1. FIELD TRIPS

Out of State Field Trip

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendations to execute the Partnership Contract with Growing4ward Inc. Educational Excursions services for HUFSD and authorizes the President of the Board to execute same.

Purpose: Growing4ward Inc. will provide a 3-day, Out-Of-State Educational Excursion for 30 students from Hempstead High School to Washington D.C. from Friday, **January 12, 2024 – Sunday, January 14, 2024**. 3 chaperones are assigned to the trip.

Growing4ward is committed to elevating young people through exposure. The focus of the trip is to provide junior and senior students an enriching opportunity to explore the historical and educational richness that our Nation's capital has to offer.

The Budget for the Educational Excursion is as follows:

Number of Students: 30

Number of Chaperones: 3/30

Cost: \$24,000/3-Day, Out-Of-State Educational Excursion

\$2,000 / Lunch for 35 people for 3 days

\$2,600 / Dinner for 35 people for 2 nights

\$1,500 / Museum Admission Fees

\$5,500 / Transportation, 1 Charter Bus, 3 days

\$6,000 / Lodging, 20 rooms @ \$150/room for 2 nights

\$6,400 / Consultant Fee pm.

\$150/student (paid by each student to cover supplies.

Funding Source: 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

Amount: \$24,000.00

J. PERSONNEL

1. CURRICULUM WRITERS

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to **COMPENSATE** the following personnel for 21st CENTURY EDUCATION CURRICULUM WRITING, effective from 12/13/2023 - 12/22/2023 (12 hours maximum) - Source of Funding American Rescue Plan -

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
Tannya Sparacio	Elementary Teacher Rhodes Academy	\$56.24/hr.
Alanna Gelman	Media Teacher Jackson School	\$56.24/hr.
Beth Ann Randazzo	Educational Technology Specialist Barack Obama	\$56.24/hr.
Michael Levine	Elementary Teacher Joseph McNeil	\$56.24/hr.

K. BOARD OPERATIONS – Trustees reviewed and discussed the December 20th agenda docket, for the regular meeting.

Trustee Williams moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to convene into Executive Session to seek advice from counsel and discuss a particular individual, at 6:49 pm

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES 4</u>	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
To convene into Executive Session		

Trustee Brown Young moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, to re-convene to open session at 9:18 pm.

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES 4</u>	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
To re-convene to open session at 9:18 pm.		

RESOLUTION # 1
WAIVER OF 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 (7) days in advance of a Board meeting, and the Board shall permit the consideration of the hand carry resolutions presented at the December 13, 2023, meeting of the Board; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the waiver of policy #2342 is effective only for the hand carry resolutions considered at the December 13, 2023, meeting.

Trustee Brown Young moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve waiver of policy #2342.

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES 4</u>	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
To approve waiver of policy #2342.		

RESOLUTION # 2
APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE COUNSEL

// that the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby appoints Elena Cacavas, Esq. as special investigative counsel to conduct an investigate and render a report to the Board in connection with a matter, as more fully discussed in executive session, at a rate not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per hour plus reasonable expenses.

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Brown Young, to approve resolution #2.

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES 4</u>	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
To approve resolution #2.		

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Trustee Brown Young moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm.

MOTION

YES 4

MOTION CARRIED

To adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mrs. April Keys, District Clerk

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