

**SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
MINUTES**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The Board of Education Special Meeting of the Hempstead Union Free School District was held in the Administration Office at 185 Peninsula Blvd, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm, motioned by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Nicholson. .

Board Members Present:

Trustee Victor Pratt
Trustee Jeffrey Spencer
Trustee LaMont E. Johnson
Trustee Elise Nicholson
Trustee Joylette Williams, PhD.

NYSED Monitor/ Trustee Ex. Officio Present:

Dr. William Johnson

Staff Members Present:

Ms. Regina Armstrong Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. April Keys District Clerk
Mr. Anthony Fasano General Counsel
Mr. Matthew Harrison General Counsel

A. MEETING OPENING

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence

B. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – No remarks

C. TRUSTEE REMARKS – No remarks

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS – No remarks

Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, to enter Executive Session, to discuss a particular individual and seek legal counsel @ 4:06 pm

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To enter Executive session @ 4:06 pm.

Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, to Re-Convene to Open Session @ 5:41pm.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To re-convene to open session @ 5:41 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 September 5, 2024, meeting of the Board; and

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BE IT RESOLVED, the waiver of policy # 2342, is effective only for the hand carry resolutions considered at the September 5, 2024, meeting.

Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve Waiver of Policy # 2342.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To approve Waiver of Policy # 2342.

**RESOLUTION # 2
GENERAL & LABOR COUNSEL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education for the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby accepts the proposal to retain the law firm of Frazer & Feldman, LLP, as the District's General and Labor Counsel effective October 9, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the retainer agreement with the law firm of Frazer & Feldman, LLP, on behalf of the Board.

Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, to approve General and Labor Counsel.

MOTION

YES 4

MOTION CARRIED

To approve General and Labor Counsel.

NO (1) Trustee Johnson

**RESOLUTION # 3
PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education **APPROVES** Todd Shapiro & Associates as the public relations firm for the District for the 2024-2025 school year at an annual fee of \$60,000.

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to approve Public Relations Firm.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To approve Public Relations Firms.

**RESOLUTION # 4
LOBBYING FIRM**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education **APPROVES** the Gertsman Lobbying Firm as the lobbying firm for the district for the 2024-2025 school year at an annual fee of \$60,000.

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to approve the Lobbying Firm.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To approve the Lobbying Firm.

**RESOLUTION # 5
DISTRICT REGISTRAR**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby **APPOINTS** Audrey Little as the 2024-2025 District Registrar with a stipend of \$15,000, re-tro active from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

****This resolution was pulled by Supt. Armstrong because a Memorandum of Agreement "MOA" must be generated by the HSCSA bargaining Unit.****

**RESOLUTION # 6
RE- ASSIGNMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby re-assigns Ms. Regina Armstrong, Superintendent of Schools to home effective immediately pending a review of a recent conduct.

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Trustee Nicholson moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to approve the Re-Assignment of Superintendent of Schools.
MOTION **YES 4** **MOTION CARRIED**
To approve the Re-Assignment of Superintendent of Schools. NO (1) Trustee Johnson

RESOLUTION # 7
APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby **APPOINTS** Susan Johnson as Acting Superintendent of Schools unless otherwise terminate earlier by the Board of Education effectively immediately through October 9, 2024, unless otherwise terminate earlier by the Board of Education at a daily rate of \$800.00 per day worked.

Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, to appoint Acting Superintendent of Schools.
MOTION **YES 4** **MOTION CARRIED**
To approve the appointment of Acting Superintendent of Schools. NO (1) Trustee Johnson

Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Spencer, to adjourn the meeting @ 5:47 pm.
MOTION **YES 5** **MOTION CARRIED**
To adjourn the meeting @ 5:47 pm.

*****Ms. Susan Johnson was administered the OATH OF OFFICE, as ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, by April Keys, District Clerk.*****

Respectfully submitted by:
Mrs. April Keys, District Clerk

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