

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORK STUDY/ REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2017  
MINUTES**

The Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education work study/regular meeting was held in the high school board room, 201 President Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 P.M. All of the Board Members were present. The work study discussion items were transportation (how are we going handle rejected transportation requests due to mileage), the bookroom (i.e. is the book room ready to receive back books, what's the plan moving forward), the budget (how will the 2016-2017 budget be fixed), the portables (where are the new portable going and what is happening with the remaining portables). The President welcomed and introduced the new Superintendent, Shimon Waronker, Ed. D. The Superintendent offered remarks commenting on his first few days of work and his entry plan.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Maribel Touré	President
Gwen Jackson	Vice President
Melissa Figueroa	Trustee
Dr. David G. Gates	Trustee
LaMont E. Johnson	Trustee

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shimon Waronker, Ed. D.	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Rodney Gilmore	Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
James Clark	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary C & I
Regina Armstrong	Assistant Superintendent for Elementary C & I
Patricia Wright	District Clerk

**Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to call the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.**

**MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED**

Call to order

**Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to convene to executive session at 7:45 P.M. to discuss personnel and receive a report from Raiser & Keniff.**

**MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED**

To convene to executive session

**Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to reconvene to open session at 9:49 P.M.**

**MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED**

To reconvene to open session

**Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to terminate Employee 4565 without cause effective immediately.**

1. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and Employee No. 4565, executed by the employee on December 30, 2106, and by the President of the Board of Education on January 18, 2017, and providing for immediate termination of Employee No. 4565 without cause, is hereby terminated, and the employment of Employee No.4565 terminated effective immediately.

<b>MOTION</b> To terminate Employee No. 4565	<b>YES 3</b> <b>NO 2</b> (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Trustee Gates for the record: *"I want to go on record and say there was no documentation from the Superintendent, therefore I have no other recourse but to say absolutely not."*

**Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to approve to send regents to BOCES for scoring.**

2. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to send the June, 2017 regents to Nassau BOCES for scoring.

<b>MOTION</b> To score regents at Nassau BOCES	<b>YES 3</b> <b>NO 2</b> (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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**Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to approve resolution # 3 as written.**

3. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free Schools District ("Board") is the duly constituted governance body of the School District; and

**WHEREAS**, LaMont Johnson is a member of the Board and bound by the District policy and legal requirement that he not disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties as a member of the board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been advised that LaMont Johnson violated his duty of confidentiality regarding the confidential disclosure of district employees' names and home addresses; and,

**WHEREAS**, the remaining members of the Board have consulted with Special Counsel on the legal options available to address this serious concern.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT:**

1. The Board authorizes an action to seek removal of LaMont Johnson from the Board pursuant to Education Law Section 1709(18) and District Policy for his official misconduct.
2. The written charges dated June 8, 2017 are hereby approved and preferred against Lamont Johnson.

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3. Pursuant to its authority, the Board designates Raymond L. Colon, Esq. as hearing officer for said charges and to provide an oral or written report of the hearing, together with any recommendations, to the Board President as soon as possible after conclusion of the hearing.

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 3</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
To approve resolution #3	<b>NO VOTE CAST 1</b> (Trustee Gates)	
	<b>DEFERRED TO MY ATTORNEY 1</b> (Trustee Johnson)	

Trustee Gates for the record: *"The designated items were for personnel, Mr. Johnson is not a district staff member, he's an elected official, therefore the particular resolution and this process is illegal, second portion of my point is there's no documentation to prove there are such grounds, therefore in good faith I cannot make a decision, I'm asking that this be tabled until the Board as a whole can review the documentation. I make a motion that this be table until the Board can review the documentation. I made a motion that this be tabled until the Board has an opportunity to review the documentation."*

**Trustee Gates moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to table resolution # 3.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 2</b> (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	<b>MOTION FAILED</b>
To table resolution # 3	<b>NO 3</b>	

**Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 P.M.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 3</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
Meeting adjourned	<b>NO 2</b> (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright  
District Clerk