

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK STUDY MEETING
MAY 14, 2025
MINUTES**

The Work Study Meeting of the Hempstead Union Free School District was held at the ABGS Middle School, 70 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, motioned by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Spencer.

Board Members Present:

**Trustee Victor Pratt
Trustee Jeffrey Spencer
Trustee Elise Nicholson
Trustee LaMont Johnson
Trustee Joylette Williams**

NYSED Monitor/ Trustee Ex. Officio:

Dr. William Johnson

Staff Members Present:

Ms. Susan Johnson	Acting Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Gary Rush	Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Rodney Gilmore	Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
Mr. James Clark	Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Service
Mr. Jamal Scott	Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Mrs. Djuana Wilson	Assistant Superintendent for Special Education
Ms. April Keys	District Clerk
Ms. Lottie Whitehead	District Clerk Pro Tem
Mr. James Pierre	District Treasurer
Mr. Anthony Fasano	General Counsel
Mr. Jonathan Scher	Labor Counsel

A. MEETING OPENING

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Moment of Silence**

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

C. TRUSTEES' REPORTS

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

E. WAIVER OF POLICY # 2342

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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 May 14, 2025, meeting of the Board; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the waiver of policy # 2342, is effective only for the hand carry resolutions considered at the May 14, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Spener moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve waiver of policy #2342.
MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

F. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA CALENDAR

Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Spencer, to approve consent agenda items.
MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

F. OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP

Out of State Field Trip HHS

WHEREAS the Hempstead High School is planning an out of state field trip to Six Flags in Jackson Township, NJ on June 6, 2025 & June 7, 2025, for students in grade 12 to participate in "Grad Night".

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Acting Superintendent's recommendation to permit 100 students grade 12 and 10 chaperones from Hempstead High School to go to Six Flags in Jackson Township, NJ on June 6, 2025 & June 7, 2025.

Recommended by: Dr. Stephen Strachan, Principal, Hempstead High School

Purpose: To articulate & celebrate the culminating event of their hard work during High School.

Goal: This trip will impact student's academic education, strengthening and understanding the different environments outside of their community, and will cultivate and boost their motivation and broadening their horizon.

Source of Income: Students will be responsible for a fee of \$160.00 each, which will cover both admission to the park and transportation. The total cost of the trip is \$14,599.00.

G. DONATION

Donation

RESOLVED, that the Hempstead Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools recommendation to accept the following donation(s):

ITEM(S) DONATED	DONOR	SCHOOL(S) RECEIVING DONATION
350 dictionaries	Hempstead/Uniondale Rotary Club	Third-grade students across the district

H. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Appointment: Impartial Hearing Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby ratifies and approves the appointment of Mr. George Kandilakis to serve as the Impartial Hearing Officer in connection with the request for an impartial hearing filed by complainant, as set forth in the confidential attachment "A", which demand was received in the form of a letter from the parent on or about May 5, 2025 and hereby approves compensation for Mr. Kandilakis in connection therewith, in the amount of \$100.00 per hour for services rendered plus reimbursement for mileage, tolls, postage, and copying.

Appointment: Impartial Hearing Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby ratifies and approves the appointment of Mr. David Gronbach to serve as the Impartial Hearing Officer in connection with the request for an impartial hearing filed by complainant, as set forth in the confidential attachment "A", which demand was received in the form of a letter from the parent on or about May 5, 2025 and hereby approves compensation for Mr. Gronbach in connection therewith, in the amount of \$100.00 per hour for services rendered plus reimbursement for mileage, tolls, postage, and copying.

I. PERSONNEL

1. RESIGNATIONS

RESIGNATION - RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Acting Superintendent's recommendation to **ACCEPT** the resignation(s) from the following Professional Personnel for **RETIREMENT/PERSONAL PURPOSES**:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Keesha Keller Eff. 6/30/2025	Elementary Assistant Principal Prospect School	Letter of resignation contingent upon appointment as Principal.

2. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Acting Superintendents recommendation to appoint the following professional personnel during the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
Keesha Keller Eff. 7/1/2025 3 Year Probationary Period 6/30/2028 School District Administrator, Permanent eff. 02/01/2006	Principal Prospect School	Lv. 3, St. 9 PURPOSE: Fill vacant position. Replacing C. Eason, resigned 6/30/2025;. Board Action 4/23/2025.

Trustee Williams moved, seconded by Trustee Spencer, to enter to executive session @ 6:25 pm.
MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, to re-convene to open session @ 6:58 pm.
MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

I. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, to adjourn the meeting @ 6:59 pm.
MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by:
April Keys, District Clerk

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