

Regular Meeting Minutes  
(Wednesday, March 18, 2026)  
See 3-18-2026 Agenda Docket  
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**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2026  
MINUTES**

The Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Hempstead Union Free School District was held at the A.B.G.S. Middle School, 70 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm pm, motioned by Trustee Pratt, seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Trustee Williams arrived at 5:12 pm. Trustee Johnson arrived at 6:30 pm. There was no public participation.

**Board Members Present:**  
Trustee Jeffrey Spencer  
Trustee Victor Pratt  
Trustee Elise Nicholson  
Trustee LaMont E. Johnson  
Trustee Joylette Williams, PhD.  
Ex- Officio Student Trustee Kimberly Martinez

**NYSED Monitor/ Trustee Ex. Officio Absent:**  
Dr. William Johnson

**Staff Members Present:**  
Mr. Gary Rush Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Rodney Gilmore Associate Superintendent for Personnel  
Mr. Richard Brown Acting Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. James Clark Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel  
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. Anthony Fasano General Counsel  
Mr. Johnathan Scher Labor Counsel

A. OPENING OF MEETING  
Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 2. Moment of Silence

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
Action: 1. Executive Session  
Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Nicholson to enter to executive session @ 5:03 pm  
MOTION YES 3 MOTION CARRIED

**C. OPEN SESSION**  
Action: 1. Open Session  
Trustee Williams moved, seconded by Trustee Nicholson to enter to executive session @ 6:52 pm  
MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

E. TRUSTEES' REPORT

F. EX-OFFICIO STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

H. PRESENTATION

Discussion, Information: 1. Presentation - Barack Obama School

I. INFORMATIONAL

**J. WAIVER OF POLICY # 2342**  
Action: 1. Waiver of Policy # 2342

**Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to enter to approve waiver of policy # 2342.**  
**MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**K. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA DOCKET**

**Action (Consent): 1. Approval of the Consent Agenda Docket**

**Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Spencer to approve consent agenda docket.**  
**MOTION YES 3 MOTION CARRIED**

**L. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Procedural: 1. Public Participation

**M. BOARD OPERATIONS**

Action: 1. Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Action: 2. Amended 2026-2027 School District Calendar

**N. BUSINESS & OPERATIONS**

Action: 1. Treasurer's Report

Action: 2. Warrants

**O. CONTRACTS/ STIPULATIONS/AGREEMENTS**

Action: 1. UPSEU Grievance Settlements

Action: 2. HCTA Grievance Settlement

Action: 3. Inshallah Mechanical Corp. Change Order

Action: 4. RECOVS Grant Stipend

**Compensation - Pro-rated**

Action: 5. Contract Amendment Data Ethics, LLC

Action: 6. TCA Consulting INC. Amended Agreement

Action: 7. KG Mechanical Bid Award

Action: 8. Farmingdale State College and Long Island Educational Opportunity Center Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

**P. DONATION(s)**

Action: 1. Donation(s)

**Q. OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT**

Action: 1. Obsolete Equipment Laptop Carts

**R. OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP**

Action: 1. Penn Relay Out of State Overnight Trip

**S. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Action: 1. CPSE/CSE

**T. PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES**

Action: 1. Outdoor Track Invitational

**U. PERSONNEL**

Action: 1. RESIGNATIONS

Action: 2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Action: 3. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Action: 4. CHANGE BOARD ACTION

Action: 5. CLUB ADVISOR

Action: 6. ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES (AIS) SATURDAY

Action: 7. ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM APPOINTMENT

Action: 8. CURRICULUM WRITER

Action: 9. INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY FACILITATORS

Action: 10. TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Action: 11. DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION PLAN (DCEP)

Action: 12. KINDERGARTEN PARENT ACADEMY

Action: 13. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Action: 14. COACHES - SPRING SEASON

Action: 15. OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH SUCCESS COACH(S)

Action: 16. RESCIND BOARD ACTION

V. CIVIL SERVICE

Action: 1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Action: 2. RESIGNATION

Action: 3. CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

Action: 4. CHANGE BOARD ACTION

**Hand Carry #1 Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, has determined that certain portions of the Prospect Elementary School are not needed, at this time, for school district activities, and that, due in part to the fair market rental that it will receive, it is in the best interest of the school district to lease such property, pursuant to New York Education Law § 403-a;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the Hempstead Union Free School District and Little Angels Center, Inc., for four (4) classrooms in the building known as Prospect Elementary School, located at 265 Peninsula Blvd, Hempstead, NY 11550, for a term of beginning July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$1,000.00 per classroom, per month, subject to negotiations between the parties.

**RESOLVED**, the Board President is authorized to sign such lease on behalf of the Board of Education subject to the review and approval of general counsel.

**Hand Carry # 2 Resolution**

**RESOLVED** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts with gratitude Eagle Scout Project for the HempsteadHgh School relating to the improvement to enhance the appearance and functionality of the trophy display.

**Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Nicholson to enter to executive session @ 7:09 pm**  
**MOTION Williams YES 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**Trustee Williams moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to enter to re-convene to open session @ 8:00 pm**  
**MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED**

W. ADJOURNMENT

**Trustee Williams moved, seconded by Trustee Nicholson to enter to executive session @ 8:01 pm**  
**MOTION YES 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**Respectfully submitted by:**  
**april Keys, District Clerk**

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