HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK STUDY MEETING
October 15, 2026
MINUTES
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The Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education Work study Meeting was held in the Dr. B. Gates Auditorium, Hempstead High School, 201 President Street, Hempstead New York 11550. The Meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM, moved by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Spencer. All of the trustees were present. The board immediately convened to executive session to discuss a particular individual and advice of legal counsel, moved, by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Spencer. After reconvening to open session there were two presentations, internal auditor group and attendance report as indicated below. There was also an updated form the public relations representative, Mrs. Sylvia King-Cohen in reference to the district's homecoming events and immigration status. The board proceeded to review the docket and take action.

Board Members Present:
LaMont E. Johnson, President
Elise Nicholson, Vice President
Jeffrey Spencer, Trustee
Joylette E. Williams, Trustee
Gwendolyn Jackson, Trustee

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Staff Members Present
Alexander Hernandez, Acting District Clerk
Jamal Scott, Deputy Superintendent
Rodney Gilmore, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent
Djuana Wilson, Assistant Superintendent
James Clark, Assistant Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Willims to reconvene to open session at 7:51 P.M.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To reconvene to open session		

PRESENTATIONS

1. James Clark - Attendance Update
2. EFPR Group- Internal Auditor

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA DOCKET

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

BOARD OPERATIONS

Trustee Williams moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to approve the consent calendar.

Homecoming Parade 2026

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Purchase Order 218566 in the amount of $6,000, payable to the Incorporated Village of Hempstead, for the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

BUSINESS & OPERATIONS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to accept and approve the 2025-2026 Financial Statements and Management Letters, Single Audit, Extra Classroom Audit, and Corrective Action Plans.

PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to APPROVE the following CHANGE of Board action(s) for the following professional personnel:

NAME	POSITION	REASON
Kevin Konarski Eff. 9/30/26 - 10/13/26	Physical Education Teacher High School	**CHANGE** effective dates of Paternity Leave of Absence/FMLA, utilizing accured sick time, **FROM** 10/19/26 - 11/2/26 **TO** 9/30/26 - 10/13/26. (Previously approved 9/23/26)
Gary Rush Eff. 10/16/26 - 11/13/26	Superintendent of Schools District	**CHANGE** effective dates of Medical Leave of Absence/FMLA, utilizing accured sick time, **FROM** 10/12/26 - 11/13/26 **TO** 10/16/26 - 11/13/26. (Previously approved 9/23/26)
21st Century Homework Helpers Eff. 9/14/26 - 5/28/27	Administrator/Administrator Subs All Buildings	**CHANGE** effective times **FROM** 3:15pm - 5:15pm **TO** 4:05pm - 7:00pm. (Previously approved 8/26/26)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to APPROVE the following personnel as 21st CENTURY HOMEWORK HELPERS and ENRICHMENT TEACHERS, effective September 14, 2026 through May 28, 2027, 3:20pm - 5:20pm: Funding Source; 21st Century Community Learning Grant

NAME	POSITION / LOCATION	COMPENSATION
Nicole Tavernise	Teacher Rhodes Academy	$58.79/hr.
Jayda Morales	Teacher Rhodes Academy	$58.79/hr.

HOMECOMING CLUB COMMITTEES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to APPOINT the following personnel as Homecoming Club Committee advisors for the period of October 1, 2026 - October 17, 2026. (Not to exceed 4 committee meetings and twelve 1-hour bi-weekly meetings with students)

NAME	LOCATION	COMPENSATION
Nicole Ruiz	Barack Obama	$58.79/hr.
John Modica	Barack Obama	$58.79/hr.
Samantha Wakefield	Barack Obama	$58.79/hr.

MOTION **YES 5** **MOTION CARRIED**
To approve the consent calendar

CHANGE BOARD ACTION

Hand Carry

Trustee Spencer moved seconded by Trustee Nicholson to approve the rescission of appointment and stipend as indicated in the resolution below.

Rescission of Deputy Superintendent Appointment and Stipend

WHEREAS, in June of 2026, Employee Jamal Scott was appointed as Deputy Superintendent with an accompanying stipend of $30,000.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined it appropriate to remove Jamal Scott from the position of Deputy Superintendent and remove the accompanying stipend from his salary due to lack of proper certification at the time of his appointment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Jamal Scott is hereby removed from his position as Deputy Superintendent and shall revert to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Business, effective October 16, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mr. Scott's salary and terms and conditions of employment shall be consistent with his current Assistant Superintendent for Business contract, with no accompanying Deputy Superintendent stipend, effective October 16, 2026.

MOTION **YES 5** **MOTION CARRIED**

To rescind position and stipend

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

MOTION **YES 5** **MOTION CARRIED**
Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Alexander Hernandez
Actiong District Clerk