

**SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2024
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**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, 185 Peninsula Blvd, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am, motioned by Trustee Brown Young, seconded by Trustee Pratt. All members were present.

Board Members Present:

Trustee Olga Brown Young
Trustee LaMont E. Johnson
Trustee Elise Nicholson
Trustee Victor Pratt
Trustee Joylette Williams, PhD.

NYSED Monitor/ Trustee Ex. Officio was absent:

Dr. William Johnson

Staff Members Present:

Ms. Regina Armstrong	Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. April Keys	District Clerk
Mr. John Sheahan	General Counsel
Mr. Matthew Harrison	General Counsel
Mr. Austin Graff	Labor Counsel

A. Meeting Opening

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Brown Young moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to go into Executive Session to seek legal counsel at 10:06 am.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To go into Executive Session 10:06 am.

Trustee Brown Young moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to re-convene to open session at 10:35 am.

MOTION

YES 5

MOTION CARRIED

To re-convene to open session at 10:35 an,

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 March 1, 2024, meeting of the Board; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the waiver of policy #2342, is effective only for the hand carry resolutions considered at the March 1, 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

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints the law firm of Ingerman Smith, LLP to act as special council in connection with an employment matter discussed in executive session at the agreed upon fee of \$260.00 per hour for attorneys and \$150.00 for paralegals plus reimbursement for reasonable expenses and authorizes the Board President to execute a retainer with Ingerman Smith LLC.

Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the resolution.

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES 5</u>	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
To approve the resolution.		

Superintendent Armstrong stated: “First I would like to thank the Board of Education for attending the special meeting, a very important meeting, as you know we discovered some information on February 9th, February 14th, and I am happy we are moving forward in an expeditious manner, to make sure that we fully and thoroughly investigate in the matter that happened inside our business office, and truly within the next few weeks, we’ll be able to make some decisions in regarding disciplinary actions, if necessary.”

Trustee Johnson thanked Superintendent Armstrong.

Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Brown Young, to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 am.

<u>MOTION</u>	<u>YES 5</u>	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
To adjourn the meeting at 10:39 am.		

Respectfully submitted by:

Mrs. April Keys, District Clerk