

SPECIAL MEETING - HAND CARRY (Wednesday, March 23, 2022)*Generated by Patricia Wright on Tuesday, May 24, 2022*

HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 23, 2022
MINUTES

The special meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education was held in the high school little theater, 201 President Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was a budget and bond presentation from the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, Mr. Jamal Scott, and Kevin Walsh from BBS the district's Architect's . Following the presentation was a brief question and answer period, all concerns were addressed by staff. Following the bond and budget presentation the Board reviewed the hand carry item being presented for consideration. Mr. Cary Gray, the middle school principal gave an update on receivership status of the school. Dr. Stephen Strachan also gave a presentation on the status of the high school.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Olga Brown Young, President
 Victor Pratt, Vice President
 LaMont Johnson, Trustee
 Patricia McNeill, Trustee
 Randy Stith, Trustee

SED MONITOR PRESENT:

Dr. William Johnson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regina Armstrong, Superintendent
 Jamal Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
 Gary Gentles, Business Administrator
 Rodney Gilmore, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
 Djuana Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education
 James Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Special Assignments
 Gary Rush, Interim Assistant Superintendent for C & I
 Allan Wakefield, Facilities Consultant
 Ed Cullen, Consultant
 Patricia Wright, District Clerk
 Steven Guarini, District Treasurer
 John Sheahan, General Counsel
 Matthew Harrison, General Counsel
 Monte Chandler, Labor Counsel
 Leandre John, Labor Counsel
 Jonathan Scher, Special Counsel

A. CALL TO ORDER**B. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS****C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS****D. PRESENTATIONS**

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill to convene to executive session at 7:41 P.M. to discuss personnel, a particular individual and advice of legal counsel.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To convene to executive session		

Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Stith to reconvene to open session at 10:25 P.M.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To reconvene to open session		

E. BOARD OPERATIONS

Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Stith to approve to waive policy # 2342.

POLICY WAIVER

1. **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 days in advance of a Board meeting, and the Board shall permit the consideration of the hand-carry resolutions presented at the March 23, 2022 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 23, 2022 meeting.

MOTION YES 5 **MOTION CARRIED**
To waive policy # 2342

F. BUSINESS & OPERATIONS

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to approve the consent calendar.

BUSINESS & OPERATIONS:

SEQRA

1. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District ("Board of Education" or "District") is considering a proposed bond project throughout the Hempstead Union Free School District, including renovations at the Barack Obama School, the David Patterson School, the Jackson Main School, the Joseph A. McNeil School, the Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School and the Hempstead High School ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for the Project shall include (as and where necessary): reconstruction and replacement of roofs and windows; improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical, lighting, mechanical, fire alarm, security and building management systems; building envelope, pavement, exterior masonry, structural and asphalt improvements; elevator upgrades; replacement of air handling units; the construction of ADA and related improvements; athletic facility improvements, including the installation of a new turf field, field lighting, new grandstand and press box, reconstruction of tennis and pickle ball courts, and other improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for the Project shall also include the construction of additions, alterations and improvements to the ABGS Middle School and the site thereof to address enrollment and academic program needs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is subject to classification and review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617 ("SEQRA regulations"), and upon the recommendation of the District's environmental consultant, J.C. Broderick and Associates, Inc., after review of the scope of the project relative to the criteria in 6 NYCRR Section 617.4, the proposed Project is classified as a Type I action; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education intends to serve as Lead Agency for SEQRA review of this Type I action and will determine if the proposed action will have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency has undertaken a review of this proposed action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares its intention to serve as Lead Agency for the proposed action and the District's environmental consultant shall arrange for distribution of the Lead Agency Notice along with Part 1 of the Long Form Environmental Assessment Form and any other supporting documentation to all Involved Agencies, and the District's environmental consultant is hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to assist the District in fulfilling the requirements for SEQRA for the proposed action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after undertaking a coordinated review of this proposed action as well as the Environmental Assessment Form and other supporting documentation prepared by the District's environmental consultant J.C. Broderick and Associates, Inc., the Board of Education as Lead Agency issues a negative declaration in relation to this Project, which requires no further review under SEQRA.

BOND PROPOSITIONS

2. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 23, 2022, DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF TWO BOND PROPOSITIONS AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD MAY 17, 2022 OR THEREAFTER, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH PROPOSITIONS TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICE OF SUCH ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. At the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Hempstead Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), to be held on May 17, 2022 or thereafter, the propositions in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said propositions shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and

Election, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such propositions in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Bond Propositions in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

BOND PROPOSITION #1

YES "

NO "

RESOLVED:

- a. That the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct alterations and improvements to District facilities and sites thereof (the "Project"), substantially as described in a plan (the "Plan") prepared for the District by BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, and Engineers, PC, Patchogue, New York, which Plan is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, such Project to include (as and where necessary): reconstruction and replacement of roofs and windows; improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical, lighting, mechanical, fire alarm, security and building management systems; building envelope, pavement, exterior masonry, structural and asphalt improvements; elevator upgrades; replacement of air handling units; the construction of ADA and related improvements; athletic facility improvements, including the installation of a new turf field, field lighting, new grandstand and press box, reconstruction of tennis and pickle ball courts, and other improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$44,216,156; provided that the estimated costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interest of the District;
- b. that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$44,216,156 to pay the cost of the Project, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and
- c. that in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$44,216,156, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations as the same shall become due and payable.

BOND PROPOSITION #2

YES "

NO "

RESOLVED:

- a. **THAT IN THE EVENT BOND PROPOSITION # 1 IS APPROVED**, the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct additions, alterations and improvements to the ABGS Middle School and the site thereof to address enrollment and academic program needs (the "Project"), substantially as described in a plan (the "Plan") prepared for the District by BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, and Engineers, PC, Patchogue, New York, which Plan is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$42,280,453; provided that the estimated costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interest of the District;
- b. that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,280,453 to pay the cost of the Project, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education;
- c. that in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,280,453, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and
- d. **that if this Bond Proposition # 2 is approved, it shall become effective only in the event that Bond Proposition # 1 is approved.**

Such Bond Propositions shall appear on the ballots used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

BOND PROPOSITION #1

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct of alterations and improvements to District facilities and sites thereof (the "Project"), substantially as described in a plan prepared for the District by BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, and Engineers, PC, Patchogue, New York, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed \$44,216,156; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$44,216,156 to pay the cost of the Project, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$44,216,156, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations as the same shall become due and payable.

BOND PROPOSITION #2

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) THAT IN THE EVENT BOND PROPOSITION # 1 IS APPROVED, the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct additions, alterations and improvements to the ABGS Middle School and the site thereof to address enrollment and academic program needs (the "Project"), substantially as described in a plan prepared for the District by BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, and Engineers, PC, Patchogue, New York, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed \$42,280,453; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,280,453 to pay the cost of the Project, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,280,453, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations as the same shall become due and payable, and (d) that if this Bond Proposition # 2 is approved, it shall become effective only in the event that Bond Proposition # 1 is approved.

Section 2. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Propositions set forth in Section 1 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member

_____ and duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

G. PERSONNEL

TENURE ITEM INDEPENDENT ACTION ITEM

A.B.G.S. MIDDLE SCHOOL

RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Meagan Ralph**, a probationary Science Teacher in the Science Education tenure area, it having been shown that Meagan Ralph holds a valid New York State Certification No. (on file in the Office of Human Resources) to serve in the aforementioned tenure area. It further having been shown that the probationary period of Meagan Ralph to serve in the district will expire on 5/1/2022. The Board of Education of the Hempstead Public Schools does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure, Meagan Ralph, effective 5/1/2022 to the position of Science Teacher in the Science Education tenure area.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent’s recommendation to **APPROVE** the following personnel for the upcoming High School Spring Musical Production, "The Wiz", to be performed on April 29th and April 30th, 2022 at 7 p.m.:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
Willard Meeks	Pit Band Director	\$1,800

RESIGNATION – RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the 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>
Shereen D’Aguilar Eff. 3/21/2022	Teaching Assistant Hempstead High School	Letter of resignation contingent upon appointment as Culinary Arts Teacher.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To approve the consent calendar		

G. PERSONNEL

TENURE ITEM INDEPENDENT ACTION ITEM

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee to approve to grant tenure.

A.B.G.S. MIDDLE SCHOOL

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MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To approve to grant tenure		

Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 P.M.

MOTION	YES 4	MOTION CARRIED
Meeting adjourned	NO 1 (Trustee Johnson)	

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright
District Clerk