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APRIL 20, 2017

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK STUDY- REGULAR MEETING
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MINUTES

The works study / regular meeting of the Hempstead Pubic School 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 7:16 P.M. All of the Board Members were present, Trustee Figueroa arrived at 7:17 P.M. The entire agenda was presented to the Board of Education, action was taken on marked items only. The remainder of the agenda items will be presented again at the meeting scheduled for April 27, 2017. The President announced the action items.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maribel Touré	President
Gwendolyn Jackson	Vice President
Melissa Figueroa	Trustee
David B. Gates	Trustee
LaMont E. Johnson	Trustee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fadhilika Atiba-Weza	Interim Superintendent of Schools
Eddy Joseph	Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Dr. Rodney Gilmore	Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
James Clark	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary C & I
Regina Armstrong	Assistant Superintendent for Elementary C & I
Patricia Wright	District Clerk
John Sheahan	General Counsel

H. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Toure moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to approve policy suspension.

a. RESOLVED, that pursuant to Board Policy 2430 entitled "Suspension of Policies", the Board of Education hereby suspends the provisions of Board Policy 2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination to the extent that such policy requires that Board of Education agendas be provided seven (7) days prior to the meeting of the Board of Education for the limited purpose of conducting business pursuant to the agenda prepared for the April 20, 2017 Board meeting.

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MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To approve	NO 2 (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	
Policy suspension		

Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to approve indemnification.

b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby request defense and indemnification submitted by members of the Board of Education, identified in Confidential Schedule "A" , in connection with the State Court litigation filed under Nassau County Index No 17-001906, and confers upon the members of the Board of Education the benefits and protection of Section 18 of the Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protection of Section 3811 of the Education Law as applicable; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall accordingly indemnify and defend the members of the Board of Education for any costs, attorney's fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claims (etc.) arose or occurred while he/she was acting within the scope of his/her public employment or duties and provided further that in the case of settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval or the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

MOTION	YES 3	MOTION CARRIED
To approve	NO 2 (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	
indemnification		

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to approve indemnification.

c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby request defense and indemnification submitted by members of the Board of Education, identified in Confidential Schedule "A" , in connection with an appeal filed with the Commissioner of Education, dated April 2, 2017 and confers upon the members of the Board of Education the benefits and protections of Section 18 of the Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Section 3811 of the Education Law as applicable; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall accordingly indemnify and defend the members of the Board of Education for any costs, attorney's fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while he/she was acting within the scope of his/her public employment or duties and provided further that in the case of settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval or the amount of any such

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settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

MOTION	YES 2 (Trustee Jackson & Touré)	MOTION FAILED
To approve	ABS. 1 (Trustee Figueroa)	
Indemnification	NO 2 (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to convene to executive session for legal counsel at 7:58 P.M.

MOTION	YES 4	MOTION CARRIED
To convene to executive session	NO 1 (Trustee Gates)	

Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to reconvene to open session at 8:06 P.M.

MOTION	YES 5	MOTION CARRIED
To reconvene to open session		

Trustee Touré moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to approve indemnification.

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MOTION **YES 3** **MOTION CARRIED**
To approve **NO 2** (Trustees Gates & Johnson)
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indemnification

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to convene to executive session for legal counsel for the 2nd time at 8:23 P.M.

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to reconvene to open session at 8:30 P.M.

MOTION **YES 5** **MOTION CARRIED**
To reconvene to
open session

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Gates for reconsideration of the prior indemnification matter.

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall accordingly indemnify and defend the members of the Board of Education for any costs, attorney's fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or

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claim (etc.) arose or occurred while he/she was acting within the scope of his/her public employment or duties and provided further that in the case of settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval or the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

MOTION	YES 2 (Trustee Jackson & Touré)	MOTION FAILED
To approve	ABS. 1 (Trustee Figueroa)	
Reconsideration	NO 2 (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	
Of Indemnification		

BOARD OF EDUCATION OPERATIONS

BUSINESS & OPERATIONS

WARRANTS

a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to review the **Register of Bills** as follows:

General Funds (Warrants #50, 49, 46, 45); **Cafeteria/Lunch** (Warrants #9, 8, 7); **Federal** (Warrants #18, 17, 16); and **Capital** (Warrant #).

TREASURER'S REPORT

b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves to accept the **Treasurer's Reports** as submitted by the District Treasurer for the period of February 2017.

APPROPRIATION STATUS REPORT

c. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to receive the **Appropriation Status Reports for March 2017 for the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund & Federal Fund**.

Trustee Touré moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to approve the budget adoption.

d. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$202,696,297.

MOTION	YES 4	MOTION CARRIED
Approve budget adoption	NO 1 (Trustee Johnson)	

BUDGET TRANSFERS

- e. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or Designee to make budgetary transfers in accordance with Budget Transfer Policy #6150 to balance the appropriation expenditures; Whereas for compliance with New York Education Law §1750 and for the preparation of the year-end closing of the District's Funds; and Whereas to better and effectively project year-end fund balances for the 2016-17 fiscal year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

- e. **RECOMMENDED** that the School District acknowledges that Victoria Edwards, a 2013 graduate of the Hempstead High School, is the recipient of a Tyree Curry Scholarship. In recognition of this achievement, the Board of Education presents Ms. Edwards with a certificate of merit and a monetary award of \$2,500.00. Said funds are to be paid to State University of New York at Albany.

Recommended by: Superintendent

Source of Funds: Tyree Curry Scholarship Fund at the High School

- f. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2017-2018 calendar. (attached)

CONTRACTS/STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's Recommendation to execute the X-Factor Communications contract for Initial Design and Implementation of content consultation, design and development of Digital Signage. The \$11,999 professional Services to develop a digital platform will come at no cost to the district, as it will be covered under the PSSG Grant during the 2016-2017 school year.

Recommended by: Dr. Stephen Strachan

Purpose: To create a digital information medium for communicate throughout the building for the Hempstead High School community

Funding Source: PSSG Grant during 16/17 School Year

Strategic Goal(s): Increase and Improve School wide communication

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/ GOALS

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- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for the Jackson Main, Barack Obama and Franklin and Marshall schools to participate in the Adelphi University, Reining in Life Training Center Program (school community garden initiative) and permit them to plant gardens at no cost to the district.

USE OF FACILITIES

- i. **All approvals are conditional based on the needs of the Hempstead School District. If the space requested by an outside group is needed by Hempstead students, the outside group will be cancelled.**

J.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education APPROVES the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings held on:

March 2017

3/1, 3/2, 3/6, 3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/10, 3/13, 3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 3/17, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24, 3/27, 3/28, 3/29, 3/30, 3/31

K.

MISCELLANEOUS – TRIPS

- a. **WHEREAS**, the ABGS Middle School Science Department is planning an out of state field trip to Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey on May 22, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to permit 200 students and 20 chaperones from the ABGS Middle School Science Department to go on a field trip to the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey on May 22, 2017.

Recommended by: James Clark

Purpose: To participate in STEM programs provided by the center

Goal: The improvement of student achievement

Source of Funding: Paid for by Gear-up

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- b. **WHEREAS**, the ABGS Middle School Science Department is planning an out of state field trip to Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey on May 16, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to permit 200 students and 20 chaperones from the ABGS Middle School Science Department to go on a field trip to the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey on May 16, 2017.

Recommended by: James Clark

Purpose: To participate in STEM programs provided by the center

Goal: The improvement of student achievement

Source of Funding: Paid for by Gear-up

- c. **WHEREAS**, the Jackson Main Elementary School (5th grade students) is planning an out of state field trip to Club Getaway, in Kent, Connecticut on May 19, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to permit 88 - 5th Grade students and 9 chaperones from Jackson Main Elementary School to go on a field trip to Club getaway, in Kent, Connecticut on May 19, 2017

Recommended by: Regina Armstrong

Purpose: For the 5th grade students to enjoy and partake in a full day of physical adventure

Goal: The improvement of student achievement

Source of Funding: \$65.00 per student paid for by the Parents

- d. **WHEREAS**, the A.B.G.S. Middle School is planning an out-of-state field trip to Holiday Hills in Prospect, Connecticut on May 12, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to permit 300 students and 30, chaperones from the Middle School to participate in a leadership training outdoor education program and physical education. or June 18, 2017.

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- Recommended by:** Hank Williams
- Purpose:** To reward the grade 8 students for their academic achievements.
- Goals:** The improvement of student achievement
- Source of Income:** The trip will be paid for by the parents at a cost of \$95.00 per student

- e. **WHEREAS**, the Jackson Main Elementary School is planning an out of state field trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey on June 15, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to permit 30 students and 3 chaperones from Jackson Main School to go to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey on June 15, 2017. This trip will provide the students with academic adventures in a recreational atmosphere.

- Recommended by:** Richard Brown, Principal
- Purpose:** To enhance their knowledge and understanding of Science, Technology and Math concepts as it relates to rides
- Goal:** The improvement of student achievement

Source of Income: trip will be paid for by the parents at a cost of \$50.00 per student.

- f. **WHEREAS**, the A.B.G.S. Middle School is planning an out-of-state field trip to visit the National Great Black in Wax Museum and Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD on May 12, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to permit 40, students and 4 chaperones from the Middle School to visit the National Great Black in Wax Museum and Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD on May 12, 2017. The trip will be paid for by the students at a cost of \$25.00 per student. All pertinent information is on file.

- Recommended by:** James Clark
- Purpose:** To expose students to the known facts of black history and also to visit a college campus.

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Goal: The improvement of student achievement

Source of Income: Trip will be paid for by Gear-Up

- g. **WHEREAS**, the A.B.G.S. Middle School is planning an out-of-state field trip to tour Drexel and Villanova in Philadelphia, PA on May 18, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to permit 80 students and 8 chaperones from the Middle School to visit and tour Drexel and Villanova College in Philadelphia, PA on May 18, 2017.

Recommended by: Hank Williams

Purpose: To tour colleges

Goals: The improvement of student achievement

Source of Income: The trip will be paid for by the Gear-up

- h. **WHEREAS**, the Hempstead High School Senior Class is planning an Overnight field trip to Pinegrove Dude Ranch in Kerhonkson, New York on May 31, 2017 – June 1, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to permit approximately 52 students and 4 chaperones from the High School to go on an overnight field trip to Pinegrove Dude Ranch in Kerhonkson, New York on May 31, 2017 – June 1, 2017. This field trip is to celebrate the success for their achievement.

All pertinent information is on file.

Recommended by: James Clark

Purpose: For the High School Seniors to enjoy and celebrate their achievements through hard work and dedication.

Goal: To celebrate their accomplishments

Source of Income: Paid for by students

PRIME AUDITORS CONTRACT

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Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to approve Prime Auditors.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Hempstead UFSD hereby approves the Consultant Services Contract between the District and MJM Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a/ Prime Auditors, and authorizes the President of the Board to execute same on behalf of the District.

MOTION **YES 5** **MOTION CARRIED**
To approve Prime Auditors

****The Hempstead UFSD voted to approve the Nassau BOCES Candidates and the 2017-2018 Operation Budget. (Unanimous vote for the Candidates and 1 abstain on the budget by Trustee Gates). (Attached)

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright
District Clerk

BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF BOARD TRUSTEES

Name of School District: Hempstead UFSD

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order, with their addresses and school districts of residence.
(Note: When candidates reside in a Central High School District, all nominating districts within that Central High School District are considered to be "districts of residence.") Place an "X" next to the names of the candidates for whom a vote has been cast. (Please note: Boards cannot cast votes for more than three candidates and no more than one vote for any one candidate.)

1. Deborah Coates
103 Hardy Lane
Westbury, NY 11590
East Meadow UFSD

2. Eric B. Schultz
One Scott Place
Plainview, NY 11803
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD

3. Stephen B. Witt
105 Finucane Place
Woodmere, NY 11598
Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD

School District Seal

Date 4-20-17

Paul [Signature]
District Clerk

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BOCES
Board of Cooperative Educational Services

BALLOT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS BUDGET

I, Patricia Wright, district clerk of the Board of Education of the Hempstead School District, DO HEREBY certify that at the public meeting of said Board held on this 20 day of April 2017, a quorum being present, upon a motion duly made and seconded, and after opportunity for consideration and discussion, a majority of said Board cast votes for the candidates for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County whose names are marked with an "X" on the ballot form hereinabove attached, and I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that at said public meeting, a majority of said Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereinafter "Nassau BOCES") has proposed and presented its Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2017/18 school year (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018); now therefore

FORM A

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2017/18 school year in the amount of twenty-one million, one hundred twenty-eight thousand, one hundred eighty dollars (\$21,128,180) be, and hereby is,

APPROVED by this Board.

FORM B

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2017/18 school year in the amount of twenty-one million, one hundred twenty-eight thousand, one hundred eighty dollars (\$21,128,180) be, and hereby is,

DISAPPROVED by this Board.

The District Clerk is instructed to check the appropriate box appearing next to one of the above resolutions to reflect the action taken by the Board, then sign below before mailing the ballot and certificate to Nassau BOCES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this certificate as District Clerk of the Board, and affixed the Seal of the School District hereto on this 20 day of April, 2017.


District Clerk

School District Seal