

**WORK STUDY MEETING
MARCH 11, 2021 MINUTES**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The work study meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education was held via Zoom and live stream. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. All of the Board Members were present, Trustee Spleen signed on at 7:03 P.M. Trustee Ayala lost power at 9:15 P.M. and did not rejoin the meeting. Trustee McNeill was off line at 9:34 P.M. and did not rejoin the meeting. The Superintendent offered remarks informing the Board and community that there is a virtual “Coffee with the Superintendent” on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. She announced that the building Principals are in the process of putting together their end of year events. The Superintendent encouraged the community to write letters to the government officials requesting funds for the district.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaMont Johnson	President
Patricia Spleen	Vice President
Carmen Ayala	Trustee
Patricia McNeill	Trustee
Victor Pratt	Trustee

SED MONITOR ABSENT:

William Johnson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regina Armstrong	Interim Superintendent
Jamal Scott	Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Rodney Gilmore	Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
Djuana Wilson	Assistant Superintendent for Special Education
Ahunna Akoma	Assistant Superintendent for Technology
James Clark	Assistant Superintendent for Special Projects
Allan Wakefield	Facilities for Consultant
Ed Cullen	Consultant for Business & Operations
Aurelia Henriquez	Acting Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Nicole Epstein	Public Relations
Patricia Wright	District Clerk
John Sheahan	General Counsel
Jonathan Scher	Labor Counsel

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to approve to waive policy # 2342.

HAND CARRY

- 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 11, 2021 meeting of the Board; and

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Jennifer Trested
Eff. 3/15/2021

Music Teacher
Joseph McNeil

\$93,534 – Prorated (Lv. 5, St. 15)
Replacing M. Wozniak, resigned eff.
2/1/2021.
Board Action – 2/25/2021

Marie Sarro
Eff. 3/15/2021

Elementary Teacher
David Paterson

\$73,808 – Prorated (Lv. 5, St. 7)
Replacing J. Trested, resigned eff.
3/12/2021.
Board Action – 3/11/2021

ITEM # 5 MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Interim Superintendent’s recommendation to resume participation in **Textbook Central Centralized Textbook Loan Program** for the 2020-2021 school year.

ITEM # 6 MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Interim Superintendent’s recommendation to rename the Rhodes Elementary School to the “Kamala Harris Academy for the Humanities and Arts” in honor of the first female, woman of color Vice President of the United States of America, effective immediately.

ITEM # 7 MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Interim Superintendent’s recommendation to engage the services of HMB Consultants (food service) effective April 5, 2021 through August 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Trustee Spleen moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt to reconvene to open session at 9:35 P.M.

MOTION

YES 3

MOTION CARRIED

To reconvene to
open session

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Spleen to approve the appointment of the Textile & Design Teacher as indicated in resolution #2.

ITEM # 2 MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Interim Superintendent’s recommendation to **APPOINT** the following professional personnel: (In order to be eligible for tenure, an individual receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom teacher or building principal must receive an annual composite or overall APPR rating of Highly Effective or Effective in at least three of the four preceding years. If the individual receives a rating of ineffective in the final year of the probationary period, he or she will not be eligible for tenure at that time).

NAME

Brenda Cerna
Eff. 4/5/2021
4-Year Probationary Period,
4/4/2025
Textile & Design Cluster 7-12,
Transitional
Eff. 2/27/2021

POSITION

Textile & Design Teacher
Hempstead High School

COMPENSATION

\$70,645 – Prorated (Lv. 1, St. 9)
Replacing S. McCabe, resigned eff.
6/13/2020.
Board Action – 2/13/2020.

