

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
Board of Education Meeting Room

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Time: 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING BEGINS:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building, communicated to The Herald News, The Record, and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Hawthorne.

(Ask for Roll Call)

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	Time of arrival after meeting has been called to order.
Joseph Carr	x		
Alex Clavijo			7:01
Michael Doyle	x		
Jennifer Ehrentraut	x		
Alma Morel	x		
Anthony Puluse	x		
Jay Shortway	x		
Marco Totaro	x		
Abigail Goff	x		

Also Present: Richard A. Spirito, Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Ambrose, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
And approximately 7 members of the public.

FLAG SALUTE:

MEETING REGULATIONS:

During each regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to ask questions and to make comments. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, the meeting is open to the public for the purpose of addressing items listed for approval on this agenda only. The second opportunity occurs just prior to adjournment, when citizens may address any subject matter that is pertinent to and/or directly related to the operation of the school district.

Persons wishing to speak must upon being recognized, rise, state their name, address and subject matter. Comments and questions shall be addressed to the Board President or the presiding officer and shall be limited to five minutes per person. The Board may (or may not) respond to issues raised by members of the public at the time they are raised, but will provide a response if and when appropriate.

The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Please note that the Board will not respond to comments regarding students or board employees in light of the privacy rights held by those individuals. Moreover, the Board discourages comments about such individuals, and will not be responsible for such comments. Members of the public who choose to speak during this public session should carefully consider their comments, since they could be held personally liable for any statements they make.

Finally, please note that in accordance with District Policy the Board will not officially comment or respond to any matter mentioned unless it can confirm that the matter has first been brought to the attention of the appropriate school personnel in an attempt to resolve the issue.

PUBLIC BE HEARD - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 13, 2022 – Special Meeting – Public & Private
January 3, 2023 – Reorganization Meeting – Public

Minutes – Moved by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

- Ayes - Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

- A. Student Council Representative's Report – Paul Duerr - See attached report.
- B. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Richard A. Spirito
 - Dr. Kristen Trabona- Start Strong Assessment Report presentation
 - Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report (September – December 2022)
 - March 24th celebration for 125th anniversary of Hawthorne
 - Welcome Mr. Steve Serra – new Director of Special Services
 - Kindergarten Registration information has been released. Dr. Spirito encouraged all eligible families to start the registration process
 - Winter Sports update

RECOGNITION:

The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2023 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members. The Hawthorne Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and over sees operations for public school districts. The Hawthorne Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students. New Jersey’s local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. New Jersey’s 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education. School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs. Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools. New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments. Now, therefore, be it that the Hawthorne Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2023 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; that the Hawthorne Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public-school staffs toward the advancement of our children’s education.

NEGOTIATIONS:

Anthony Puluse, Chairperson

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Negotiations recommends the following resolution:

N-1. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) and the Hawthorne Custodial, Maintenance, and Bus Drivers’ Association (hereinafter referred to as the “HCMB”) have negotiated a successor collective negotiations agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “CNA”) for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years; and

WHEREAS, the HCMB has, by a majority vote of its membership, ratified the CNA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby ratifies and approves the terms of the CNA for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the CNA by and between the Board and the HCMB.

N-1 - Moved by Mr. Puluse, seconded by Ms. Ehrentraut

- Ayes - Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

Alma Morel, Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction recommends the following resolutions:

CI-1. **Approval of Field Trips**

Be it resolved, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approve the following in accordance with Policy 2340:

School	Group	Destination	Transportation	Cost Per Student	Outside Funding
JS	5 th Grade Students	Washington School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
JS/RS/WS	Enrichment – Path – Grade 5	School #1 Little Falls	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Enrichment – Network – Gr 7	High Mt. Road School N Haledon	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
JS/WS	Enrichment – Path – Grade 5	Roosevelt School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
JS/RS/WS	Enrichment – Path – Grade 4	Medieval Times	HPS	\$40.00	\$0.00
LMS	Enrichment – Grade 6	John P. Holland Charter School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
JS	Jefferson First Grade	Health Barn USA	HPS	\$18.00	PTO
JS	3 rd Grade Class	Meadowlands Environment Center	HPS	\$18.00	PTO
JS	5 th Grade Field Trip	Intrepid Sea, Air, Space Museum	HPS	\$16.00	PTO
JS	Kindergarten Field Trip	Mayo Performing Arts Center	HPS	\$8.00	PTO
JS	4 th Grade Field Trip	Liberty Hall	HPS	\$15.00	PTO
JS	2 nd Grade	Turtle Back Zoo	HPS	\$10.00	PTO
WS	Grade 4	Liberty Science Center	HPS	\$16.00	\$6.00

School	Group	Destination	Transportation	Cost Per Student	Outside Funding
					PTO
*HHS	Student Council	Roosevelt School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
*HHS	Student Council	Jefferson School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
*HHS	TEEEM Club	Fairleigh Dickinson U	HS	\$0.00	\$0.00

- CI-2. Approval of home instruction for Hawthorne resident pupil as follows:
 - a. Student (file #010123) – Instruction starting date: 12/12/2022
Home Instructors – Kelly Iwaki, Osvaldo Duran, Bergen County Special Services
 - b. Student (file #010223) – Instruction starting date: 1/15/23
Home Instructor – Educere
- CI-3. Approval of home instruction for students enrolled in the HOPE program as follows:
 - a. Student (file #010323) — Instruction starting date: 1/30/23
Home Instructor – Educere
 - b. Student (file #010423) – Instruction starting date: 1/31/23
Home Instructor – Educere
 - c. Student (file #010523) – Instruction starting date: 1/31/23
Home Instructor – Educere
- CI-4. Approval of contractual agreement with 247 Healthcare Solutions LLC, dba Interim Healthcare to provide nursing services for Hawthorne resident student (file #010623) from January 17, 2023 – July 1, 2023 at the following rates:
 - LPN \$65.00 per hour
 - RN \$85.00 per hour
 - RN Eval/Re-eval \$150.00 per visit
- CI-5. Agreement with Learn Well to retroactively provide one student (file #010723) with 4 hours of educational services from January 6-10, 2023 at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.
- CI-6. Approval of a contract with Starlight Homecare Agency, Inc. d/b/a Star Pediatric Home Care Agency for a one-to-one nurse for student (file #010923) at a rate of \$61.00 per hour for RN services and \$50.00 per hour for LPN services from April 1, 2023 through June 28, 2023.
- CI-7. Approval of agreements with 3Chords Inc, doing business as Therapy Travelers and Therapy Travelers, LLC, to provide BCBA services to Hawthorne students due to a staff member leave of absence from February – June, 2023. BCBA services are on an as needed basis at a rate of \$90-\$100 per hour.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approve the following student out of district placements based upon NJ Department of Education Maximum:

	School	SY Tuition	Additional Services	ESY Tuition	Student #	Dates of Term	Discussion
*CI-8	Franklin Lakes School District	\$125,000 pro-rated (\$75,000 Jan-June)	N/A	N/A	Student (file #010823)	1/3/23 – 6/30/23	22-23 SY
CI-9.	North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency	\$86,274.30 pro rated for part time (\$18,799.58 Jan-June)	N/A	N/A	Student (file #010923)	1/5/23 -6/23	22-23 SY
CI-10.	The Felician School for Exceptional Children	\$68,851.70 pro-rated (\$34,085 Jan-June)	N.A	N/A	Student (file #011023)	1/17/23 – 6/23	22/23 SY

*CI-11. Adoption of the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year, consistent with the schedule of dates contained in a report submitted under separate cover, a copy of which shall be incorporated as an integral part of this resolution and reported in the official minutes of this meeting.

*CI-12. Approval of an agreement with Vista Education Partners for a complete child study team evaluation for a student (file #011723) with a visual impairment as per mediation agreement at the following rates:

Access Technology Evaluation	\$1,100.00
Expanded Core Curriculum Assessment	\$1,300.00
Learning Media Assessment	\$1,200.00
Orientation and Mobility Assessment	\$1,100.00

CI-1-12 - Moved by Dr. Morel, seconded by Mr. Shortway

- Ayes - Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

PERSONNEL:

Jennifer Ehrentraut, Chairperson

The following resolutions are pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

ACTION ITEMS:

Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
P-1.	Jessica Pignatello	Resign	Director of Special Programs	n/a	n/a	District	2/13/23	Last Day on Payroll 2/10/23	Resignation
P-2.	Steven Serra	Hire	Director of Special Programs	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$135,000	District	3/24/23 or Sooner Pending Completion of Criminal	6/30/23	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Jessica Pignatello

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							History Review		
P-3.	Alyson Toman	Resign	Computer Technician	n/a	n/a	District	1/7/23	Last Day on Payroll 1/6/2023	Resignation
P-4.	Joshua Kabrel	Leave	Social Studies Teacher	n/a	n/a	HHS	2/6/23	4/30/23	Approval of Paternity Leave in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act
P-5.	Daniel McCartney	Hire	Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher	BA/1	\$279 per diem No Benefits	HHS	2/6/23 Pending Completion of Criminal History Review	4/30/23 or the Return of the Regular Teacher	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Paternity Leave of Joshua Kabrel
P-6.	Cassandra Parkin	Adjust	Long Term Substitute BSI Teacher	BA/1	\$279 per diem No Benefits	JS	1/3/23	6/21/23 or Return of the Regular Teacher	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Leave of Dawn Moore
P-7.	Joseph Doughty	Extra Duty	Golf Coach	n/a	Stipend of \$ 3,849	HHS	2022-2023 Season	End of Season	Extra Duty
P-8.	Hope Foley	Extra Duty	LMS Drama Club Advisor	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual stipend of \$ 1,338	LMS	1/25/23 Pending Completion of Criminal History Review	6/21/23	Extra Duty
P-9.	Jennifer Trentacosta	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	12/21/22	n/a	For student (file #011123) for Winter Concert
P-10.	Sowmiya Pradeep	Leave	Para	n/a	n/a	JS	1/16/23	6/30/23	Approval of unpaid leave in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act
P-11.	Sara Conklin	Leave	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	WS	1/3/23	3/1/23	Unpaid Leave
P-12.	Ariadna Giraldo	Adjust	From PT Para to Substitute	n/a	\$105 per diem No Benefits	District	1/16/23	n/a	Adjustment in Assignment from PT Para to Substitute
P-13.	Rachel Louis	Adjust	From PT Para to Substitute	n/a	\$105 per diem No Benefits	District	1/23/23	n/a	Adjustment in Assignment from PT Para to Substitute
P-14.	Scott Stoll	Adjust	From Night to Day Custodian	n/a	n/a	District	1/15/2023	n/a	Retroactive Adjustment in Assignment
P-15.	Arlen Carrion Luz Mendez	Hire	Part Time Para	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$18,900 per year (5.75 hours per day/5 days per week) + ABA stipend if applicable	District	1/25/23 Pending Completion of Criminal History Review	6/21/23	To Fill Vacancies

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P-16.	Ashley Edson	Hire	Part Time Para	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$18,900 per year (5.75 hours per day/5 days per week) + ABA stipend if applicable	District	2/1/23 Pending Completion of Criminal History Review	6/21/23	To Fill a Vacancy
P-17.	Penelope Buccheri	Adjust	From Non-Instructional Aide to Part Time Para	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$18,900 per year (5.75 hours per day/5 days per week) + ABA stipend if applicable	District	1/25/23	6/21/23	To Fill a Vacancy
P-18.	Samantha Quiles	Hire	Long Term Substitute	n/a	\$105 per diem, no benefits while teacher is on salary then \$279 per diem, no benefits	District	2/6/23	6/7/23 or upon return of teacher	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Maternity Leave of Artime Zaku
P-19.	Matthew Wagner	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	LMS	12/20/22	n/a	For student (file #011223) for PTO Winter Dance
P-20.	Melanie DeDios	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	12/20/22	n/a	For students (file #011323, file #011423, file #011523, file #011623) for PTO Winter Dance

** All appointments are subject to the satisfactory completion of the criminal history records check required by law and subject to verification of job qualifications and prior experience if necessary. In the event the criminal history checks are not completed, these applications are subject to the approval of the County Superintendent for emergent hiring procedures.*

P-21. Approval of the following person(s) to serve as (a) substitute teacher(s) in the Hawthorne Public School District for the 2022-2023 school year, subject to satisfactory completion of the criminal history records check required by law and subject to verification of job qualifications and prior experience if necessary, with the provision that he/she/they remain on call to serve as (a) daily substitute teacher(s) as the need may arise for which he/she/they will be compensated \$105.00 per full day, no benefits. Substitutes working a half day schedule shall receive \$52.50, no benefits. In the event the criminal history check(s) is/are not completed, this/these application(s) is/are subject to the approval of the County Superintendent for emergent hiring procedures. The employment of this/these individual(s) is/are subject to the determination of the administration as to when he/she/they is/are needed.

Anthony De Prospo	David Foudy	Ryan Morse
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P-22. Acceptance of the following student(s) to complete his/her/their student field experience(s) in education in the Hawthorne Public School District during the 2022-2023

school year. This/these placement(s) is/are subject to the satisfactory completion of the criminal history records check required by law. In the event the criminal history checks(s) is/are not completed this/these placement(s) is/are subject to the approval of the County Superintendent for emergent hiring procedures. Per this resolution this/these student(s) is/are also approved as (a) substitute teacher(s) in the Hawthorne Public School District contingent upon obtaining a county substitute certificate.

Student	College	Type	Subject Area	Coop. Teacher	Loc
Kaylee Seiders	Felician	Field Experience	Special Education	Erin McKeon	JS

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-23.	Thomas Kraljic	Hire	Interim Director of Special Programs	n/a	\$600 per diem No Benefits	HHS	2/10/23	3/31/23 or upon start of regular Director	To Fill a Vacancy
*P-24.	Jaime De Dios	Hire	Computer Technician	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$37,132	District	1/25/23 Pending Completion of Criminal History Review	6/30/23	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Alyson Toman
*P-25.	Scott Stoll	Leave	Maintenance	n/a	n/a	HHS	2/1/23	Return Date 4/27/23	Approval of Paternity Leave in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act

P-1-25 – Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Mr. Totaro

- Ayes - Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Alex Clavijo, Chairperson

DONATIONS:

- A. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Columbia Bank - Atlantic Stewardship Bank Tithing Program to be used for instructional purposes at the Hawthorne High School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount \$40.00 from Kevin Bergen to be used to reduce a deserving high school student’s negative lunch balance.

ACTION ITEMS:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Finance and Administration recommends the following resolutions:

- F-1. Acceptance of the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for December, 2022 and the Board Secretary certifies that no budgetary line item account has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation.
- F-2. Approval of travel to events for Board members and employees in compliance with the

travel policy. A list of these events has been submitted under separate cover and shall be made an integral part of this resolution.

- F-3. Approval to make the necessary transfers for the period December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the budget year 2022/2023 in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11. A list of these transfers is submitted under separate cover and shall be made an integral part of this resolution.
- F-4. Approval to submit the required Memorandum of Understanding for NJEMGrants.org, which is the application used to administer funds from the State of New Jersey for FEMA Public Assistance projects.
- F-5. The Hawthorne Board of Education approves its sponsorship each school's Parent Teacher Organization, and the Hawthorne Education Foundation, with respect to their liability for activities performed in pursuit of supporting Hawthorne students.
- F-6. The Hawthorne Board of Education approves voiding and reissuing the following prior year checks:
Check Number 084380 6/9/2021 \$500.00
Check Number 084390 6/9/2021 \$500.00
- A-1. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: RES 238069 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.
- A-2. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 238181 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.
- A-3. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 237489 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.
- A-4. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 237800 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.
- A-5. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 238451 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.
- A-6. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 238368 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.
- A-7. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 238487 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.
- A-8. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 238822 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the

Board’s decision.

- A-9. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 238880 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-10. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: HHS 237927 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-11. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: HHS 238249 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-12. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: HHS 238885 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-13. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: HHS 239432 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.

Donations A-B, F-1-6, A-1-13 – Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Puluse

- Ayes - Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

CLAIMS:

Alma Morel

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(b), (c) 3, and (c) 4;

CL-1. Approval of the January 2023 Bill List.

It is recommended that the Board approve the bill list for the month of January 2023.

CL-1 – Moved by Dr. Morel, seconded by Mr. Carr

- Ayes - Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Marco Totaro, Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds recommends the following resolutions:

- BG-1. Approval of applications for use of school property, subject to non-interference with

school activities and the execution of the appropriate releases, including receipt of a Certificate of Insurance.

HAWTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Room 123	Monday, March 6, 2023 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<u>Hawthorne Baseball Softball Association</u> General Coaches Meeting
Field and Parking Lot outside of the Cafeteria	Sunday, May 21, 2023 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	<u>Hawthorne Education Foundation & Project Graduation</u> Food Truck Festival

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Gym and Cafeteria	Thursday, April 6, 2023 6:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.	<u>Girl Scouts of Northern NJ/Goffle Brook Serv Unit</u> Square Dance
Art Room	Fridays 2/10, 3/24, 4/21, 5/26, 6/9/23 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	<u>Girl Scouts</u> Girl Scout Meetings

BG-2. WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2028, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public-School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply

Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2028 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

BG-3. WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-

ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2028 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public-School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public-School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all

such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2028 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

BG-4. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education ("Board") advertised for bids for the Hawthorne High School Elevator Modernization Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2023, the Board received bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Plex Industries, Inc. ("Tri-Plex") submitted the lowest bid for the Project with a base bid in the amount of \$389,000; together with Alternate No. 1, for a total contract sum of \$398,000; and.

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Tri-Plex is responsive to the requirements in the specifications for the project and the Board is desirous of awarding the contract for the Project to Tri-Plex as the lowest responsive bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the bid for the Project to Tri-Plex, in the total contract sum of \$398,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

BG-5. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education ("Board") advertised for bids for the District Wide Mechanical Replacements Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2023, the Board received bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the purported lowest bid for this Project was submitted by Pattman Plumbing, Heating and A/C, Inc. ("Pattman") with a base bid in the amount of \$1,049,000; and.

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Pattman is responsive to the requirements in the

specifications for the project and the Board is desirous of awarding the contract for the Project to Pattman as the lowest responsive bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby awards the contract for the District Wide Mechanical Replacements Project to Pattman, in the total contract amount of \$1,049,000.
2. This award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

*BG-6. Approval of a Parent Transportation Contract to transport their own student (cifile #010823) to Colonial Road School, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey from February 2023 - June 2023 in the Total Contract Amount of \$1,950.00. Reimbursement of transportation will be made in monthly installments.

BG-1-6 – Moved by Mr. Totaro, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

- Ayes - Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

POLICY:

Alma Morel, Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Policy recommends the following resolutions:

PO-1. First Reading of the following Policies and Regulations:

Policy/Reg.	Title
P1648.11	- The Road Forward COVID-10 = Health and Safety (M) (Abolished)
P0161	- Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation (Revised)
P0162	- Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)
P&R2423	- Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (Revised)
P&R5200	- Attendance (M) (Revised)
P5512	- Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M) (Revised)
P8140	- Student Enrollment (M) (Revised)
R8140	- Enrollment Accounting (M) (Revised)
P&R8330	- Student Records (M) (Revised)
R8420.2	- Bomb Threats (M) (Revised)

Policy/Reg.	Title
R8420.7	- Lockdown Procedures (M) (Revised)
R8420.10	- Active Shooter (M) (Revised)

PO-1- Moved by Dr. Morel, seconded by Mr. Shortway

- Ayes - Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON

Legislative Joseph Carr

January 12 Senate Education Committee convened

- o Tutoring Opportunities aimed at mitigating learning loss due to pandemic
- o Bill S3285 – requires a provision that special education services in group settings be included in individualized education programs
- o Bill S3349 - regarding admission of nonresident student for participation in school, sport or other extracurricular activity on tuition paying basis
- o Bill S530 - school meal information be provided as a hard copy to public school students' parents
- o Complying with Federal Nutrition Standards
- o Bill S1222 - online School meal applications
- o A1791 DOE Career and Technical Education Scholarship program

Finance & Administration Alex Clavijo

Committee met on January 17

- o June 30, 2022 Audit is concluding
- o 2 bid openings were held on January 18 – bids for the mechanical project came in higher than anticipated. We may have an opportunity to take advantage of emergency capital projects award.
- o Remaining ARP ESSER funds for 2023-2024
- o Preliminary 2023-2024 Budget discussion - must return to 2% surplus as of June 30, 2023. 15.1% SEHBP premium increase in 2023, and another 15% increase expected in 2024. Increase in health benefit alone will exceed the 2% tax levy increase. 18+% anticipated increase in PCTI enrollment, plus additional transportation costs.

PCSBA Alex Clavijo

Passaic County School Boards Association is made up of all 21 county school districts. It is to enhance the skills & knowledge of all board members. PCSBA offers professional development. They are presently accepting nominations for the executive positions. The next meeting will be on March 13, 2023.

Council Liaison Jen Ehrentraut

At the reorganization meeting, Frank Mathews was elected president and Rayna Laiosa as vice president. At the January 18th council meeting, the mayor and council honored two long time volunteers: Ken Silvestri for 71 years as volunteer firefighter and Mark Veenema for 50 years of EMS service.

The library now has the ability to scan and digitalize high school yearbooks and create a searchable database.

Next meeting – February 1, 2023

NJSBA..... Abigail Goff

- o Coordinating with Kathy Helewa to do a live, virtual HIB review
- o NJSBA January 11, 2023 newsletter article about preserving the nonpartisan status of school boards
- o Complete of required annual Financial Disclosure forms due next month
- o Legislative update tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
- o Overcoming purchasing hurdles Thursday January 26, 2023
- o March 1 2023 Finance event 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in person or virtual

Policy..... Alma Morel

No report

HEF/SEPAC/PTOs..... Anthony Puluse

Education foundation held a successful mozzarella making event.
Sunday, May 21, 2023 is the third annual food truck festival.

Roosevelt PTO parent-teacher volleyball event – Friday, January 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Jefferson School collected 312 pounds of food at the Thanksgiving food drive and was able to provide for over 4,000 meals for neighbors in need.

SEPAC tomorrow virtual events - ADHD 5minute parenting strategies and “Distressed to de-stressed” workshop for overwhelmed parents

Curriculum & Instruction Alma Morel

High School principal joined the committee. Work Based Learning experience collaboration with Bergen County Special Services program. We’re looking to expand opportunities for high school students with an HHS staff member as coordinator to facilitate program. New course offerings for next year including AP course offerings. New course, Exploration of Careers in the Trades, is a kit-based learning opportunity. Exposes students to different trades including carpentry, auto repair, construction, electricity. New courses for song writing and rock band.

Looking into alternative learning experiences for high school credit as well as changing grading scale and ranking in high school.

Continuing to see an increase in multi-language learners requiring English language services.
Robotics team to be sponsored by Dr. Gordon, president of Passaic County Community College.

Buildings & Grounds..... Marco Totaro

Referendum update – Fire Alarm project and Door Project;
High school gym floor repairs
HHS Second floor bathroom repair
Roosevelt roof repairs
New bids for elevator modernization and mechanical replacement

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

At this time, members of the public may ask questions or make comments on educational issues or school matters.

Toby Murphy inquired about the ARP ESSER positions. Dr. Spirito responded that some positions were intended to be temporary to support learning loss. The district is trying its best to build in some positions, like guidance.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Mr. Puluse & Mr. Carr expressed sincere gratitude to Mrs. Pignatello for her service. All welcomed Mr. Serra.

Mr. Doyle commended our athletic trainer, Bailey Wyrostek, for her quick response in helping an athlete who suffered a serious injury at a recent event.

Everyone congratulated Dr. Spirito on successfully defending his dissertation.

NEW BUSINESS: None**OLD BUSINESS: None****PRIVATE SESSION:**

Be it resolved that the Hawthorne Board of Education convenes an Executive Session to discuss exempt matters pertaining to:

1. A matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
2. A matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
3. Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
4. A collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiation related to it
5. A matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds
6. Protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
7. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
8. Specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session
9. Deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss

Be it further resolved that it is anticipated that executive session will be for 45 minutes in duration and that public action may/may not be taken:

Be it further resolved that the minutes of the Executive Session will be made available upon a determination by the Board that the disclosure of the minutes will not detrimentally affect any right or interest of the Board and the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

MOTION TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION:

At 8:18 p.m. Mr. Carr moved the board go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Puluse

Ayes	-	Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Ms. Goff
Nays	-	None
Abstain	-	None
Absent	-	None

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

At 9:16 p.m. Dr. Morel moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Shortway

**Ayes - Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway,
Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Ms. Goff**

Nays - None

Abstain - None

Absent - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 9:16 p.m. Mr. Puluse moved the board adjourn, seconded by Mr. Carr

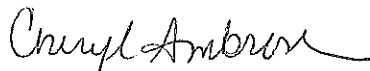
**Ayes - Ms. Ehrentraut, Dr. Morel, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro,
Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Goff**

Nays - None

Abstain - None

Absent - None

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Ambrose
Board Secretary