

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Regular Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
Board of Education Meeting Room

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Time: 6:00 PM

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	X		
Jennifer Ehrentraut	X		
Alma Morel	X		
Anthony Puluse	X		
Bruce Reicher	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 13 members of the public. 7 via YouTube.

FLAG SALUTE:

MEETING REGULATIONS:

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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.

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 one hour 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 6:02 p.m. Mr. Puluse moved the board go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

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

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

At 6:58 p.m. Mr. Shortway moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Totaro

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

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PUBLIC BE HEARD - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 15, 2022 – Regular Meeting – Public

November 22, 2022 – Special Meeting – Public & Private

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

PRESENTATIONS:

- NJSBA Presentation of Strategic Planning – Patty Rees, representative from NJ School Boards, provided an overview of the district’s strategic plan. The plan is the culmination of multiple meetings with all stakeholders who worked in small groups to develop district goals and objectives for the next five years.

REPORTS:

A. Student Council Representative's Report – Paul Duerr – See attached.

B. Superintendent’s Report - Richard A. Spirito

- Health Curriculum Update – Dr. Kristen Trabona

Mr. Spirito discussed the steps being taken to address concerns at Lincoln Middle School, including:

- Added second full-time security guard to provide additional oversight.
- Revised the LMS Student/Parent Handbook to include more specific and in some cases, more stringent consequences for inappropriate behavior.
- Implemented Den Days this year to assist in developing a positive culture at LMS. Approximately 40 teachers are working with small groups of students.
- Additional guidance counselor.
- Working collaboratively with the Mayor and Council, Board of Ed, Police Department and Boys and Girls Club. As a community, we are happy to partner with these stakeholders to

support students

- We’ve added many new after school clubs, student council and intramural sports to keep students engaged
- Implemented No Place for Hate and Heroes and Cool Kids initiatives
- Character Education incentives

2022-2023 Governor’s Educator/Educational Services Professionals of the Year

Patriot’s Pen & Voice Democracy Winners

HHS SHARE Club donations

Winter Concerts and HHS Fall Production

Update on Lakeland, Hawthorne, Waldwick Hockey Team

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

Bruce Reicher, 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
LMS	Student Council	Various Locations in Hawthorne	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Network – Grade 6	Haskell Public Schools	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Enrichment – Network – Grades 7&8	Wanaque Public School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Enrichment – Network – Grades 6-8	Lakeside Middle School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	8 th Grade LMS Band	Dorney Park	TBD	\$55.00	\$0.00
HHS	Hope Program	Pony Power Therapies	HPS	\$25.00	\$0.00
HHS	Anatomy/Physiology & AP Biology	Da Vinci Science Center: Body Worlds RX	HPS	\$15.00	\$0.00
HHS	AP Environmental Science	Hackensack Riverkeeper	HPS	\$22.00	\$0.00

CI-2. Agreement with St. Joseph’s School for the Blind for a one-time Functional Vision Assessment for one (1) student (file #120122) in the amount of \$150.00 per hour.

CI-3. Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, for an Auditory Verbal Techniques/Consultative Services for one (1) student (file #120222) for the 2022-2023 school year. Services will not to exceed \$5,280.00.

- CI-4. Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Services School District, Educational Services Division, for Home Instruction for a maximum of four and one-half hours (4.5) weekly, Effective December 2022 through June 2023. Services not to exceed \$16,050.00 (student file# 120722)
- CI-5. Agreement with Learn Well to provide one student with 10 hours of educational services per week at a rate of \$55.00 per hour. (student file # 120822)
- CI- 6. Approval of home instruction for Hawthorne resident pupil as follows:
- a. Student (file #120322) – Instruction starting date: 11/18/22
Home Instructor – Kristine Blau (Utilizing ABA Home Therapy)
 - b. Student (file #120722) – Instruction starting date: 12/6/2022
Home Instructor(s) – Osvaldo Duran, Carol Murphy
- CI-7. Approval of home instruction for students enrolled in the HOPE program as follows:
- a. Student (file #120422) — Instruction starting date: 11/17/22
Home Instructor(s) – Educere
- *CI-8 Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, for an Educational Evaluation for one (1) student (file #120922) for the 2022-2023 school year. Services will not to exceed \$790.00.
- *CI-9. Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, for a Speech and Language Evaluation for one (1) student (file #120922) for the 2022-2023 school year. Services will not to exceed \$790.00.
- *CI-10. Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, for a Psychological Evaluation for one (1) student (file #120922) for the 2022-2023 school year. Services will not to exceed \$790.00.
- *CI-11. Amended Agreement with William Paterson University for the Transitional Program for one (1) student (file #121022) for the 2022-2023 school year at a cost of \$6,299.00.

CI-1-11 – Moved by Mr. Reicher, seconded by Dr. Morel

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

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.	Cassidy Rodenberg	Resign	ESSER BSI Teacher	n/a	n/a	WS	1/13/23 or sooner based on filling the position	n/a	Resignation
P-2.	Marta Gomez; Wilbania Torres	Extra Duty	Curriculum Writing Revision of Spanish 1-4	n/a	\$34.77 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours each	District	2022-2023 SY	n/a	Curriculum Writing
P-3.	Marchelle Roniet	Resign	Musical Director	n/a	n/a	HHS	2022-2023 SY	n/a	Resigned from Extra Duty Position
P-4.	Elizabeth Graber	Extra Duty	Musical Director	n/a	Stipend of \$1,216	HHS	2022-2023 SY	n/a	Extra Duty Assignment
P-5.	Elizabeth Graber	Extra Duty	Bears Music Academy Club Advisor	n/a	Stipend of \$1,338	LMS/HHS	2022-2023 SY	n/a	Extra Duty Assignment
P-6.	Candace Urbanski	Resign	Club: Digital Media Club	n/a	n/a	HHS	2022-2023 SY	n/a	Resigned from Extra Duty Position
P-7.	Alexa Nicolaou	Volunteer	Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach	n/a	n/a	HHS	2022-2023 Season	End of Season	Volunteer Coach
P-8.	Ariadna Giraldo	Adjust	Part Time Para	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary not to exceed \$18,900 depending on number of days worked per week	District	12/12/22	6/21/23	Adjustment from 3 days per week to up to 5 days per week
P-9.	Matthew Trejos	Extra Duty	Sub-Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	9/2022	6/2023	To cover for Chaperone for student (file #120522) on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a Dual Enrollment College Algebra Class through PCCC after School
P-10.	Matthew Trejos	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	12/21/22	n/a	For student (file #120522) for the Winter Concert
P-11.	Camille Ellerbrook	Extra Duty	ABA Home Therapy	n/a	\$45.34 per hour	District	2022-2023 SY	6/30/23	Home Therapy
P-12.	Christina Martin	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	LMS	12/6/22	n/a	For student (file #120622) for the Winter Concert
P-13.	Chelsea Perrone	Leave	Elementary BSI Teacher	n/a	n/a	RS	3/24/23	6/21/23	Approval of Maternity Leave and Federal/State Family Leave of Absence in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act

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P-14.	Matthew Warhol	Hire	Teacher of Physics	BA/2	Prorated on the basis of an annual salary of \$56,015	HHS	1/03/23	6/21/23	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the resignation of Lorren Hotaling
P-15.	Debra Ponticelli	Hire	Non-Instructional Aide	n/a	\$13.51 per hour No Benefits not to exceed 5 hours per day	LMS	Pending Criminal History Review	6/21/23	To Fill a Vacancy
P-16.	Alexandria Soto	Hire	Speech Language Pathologist	MA/11	Prorated on the basis of an annual salary of \$67,905	District	60 days from 12/13/22 or sooner	6/21/23	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Retirement of Caroline Ferraro
P-17.	Jennifer Basilone	Extra Duty	Evening Parent Training	n/a	\$34.77 per hour	Hope Program	2022-2023 SY	6/30/23	2 Hours 4x a Year. Not to Exceed 8 hours

** 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-18. 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.

John DeMartis	Hayley Hyams	Marissa Kraft
Daniel Leocata	Jamie Cruz	Alteriq Taylor
Laura Dunham		

P-19. 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
Olivia Wagner	Liberty University	Intern	School Counselor	Keshia Golding Cooper	RS/HHS Hours to be completed outside of scheduled work day

Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-20.	Dawn Moore	Leave	BSI Teacher	n/a	n/a	JS	1/1/23	3/24/23	12-week FMLA

P-1-20 – Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Mr. Shortway

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

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:**Alex Clavijo, Chairperson****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 November 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 November 1, 2022 through November 30, 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.
- A-1. Approval to dispose of obsolete/non-working computer/technology equipment per attached list which will remain an integral part of the minutes.
- A-2. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 236589 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: HHS 237223 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: HHS 237558 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.

F-1-3, A-1-4 – Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Puluse

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

CLAIMS:

Anthony Puluse

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

CL-1. Approval of the December 2022 Bill List.

It is recommended that the Board approve the bill list for the month of December 2022.

CL-1 – Moved by Mr. Puluse, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Joseph Carr, 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
Cafeteria, All Purpose Room, Room 120, 121, & 123	Saturday, April 22, 2023 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *Note: The auditorium and gym are not available for this event	<u>Hawthorne Environmental Commission</u> 31 st Annual Cel Earth Bration
Auditorium	Monday, June 12, 2023 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<u>Hawthorne Environmental Commission</u> Annual June Environmental Program

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Gym	Saturdays 12/17/22-3/11/23* 3:00 pm-5:00pm 3/13, 3/14 & 3/15/23 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	<u>Hawthorne AAU Girls Basketball</u> Practice *Note: Pending Proof of Insurance Not available 12/24/22 and 12/31/22

JEFFERSON SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Gym	Tuesdays 12/2022 – 4/2023 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. *Note: Not available the following dates: 12/1/22, 12/8/22, 12/29/22	<u>HS Color Guard/True Colors Independent</u> Winter Color Guard Practice

BG-2. Approval of the deduct change order #1 in the amount of (\$85,743.52) awarded to Laumar Roofing Co. for Densdeck coverboard instead of fiberboard at Lincoln Middle School and Washington School; additional labor and material for installation of wood decking; additional labor and material costs for pointing the chimney at Washington School; and the deduction of the cost of repairs to the damaged gym floor at the high school.

BG-3. Approval of change orders #1 and #2 awarded to Howard Storer for the High School Art, Band and Science rooms renovation project. These change orders include customized clouds in science room, change in band room wall, drop ceilings in hallways, epoxy flooring, fume hood ductwork and connection, and additional required exit devices. The cost of these changes was offset by \$26,928 from the general allowance, for a net \$0 change to the original contract price.

BG-4. Award of a transportation contract to the Northern Region Educational Services Commission, 82 Totowa Road, Wayne, NJ, for transportation of Hawthorne students to and from the school indicated in the amount and date listed on the contract:

Route #	School	Contractor	# of Students	Cost + Surcharge	Dates
2742	Chancellor Academy	Baraka Transit	1	\$50,400.00 + \$1,512.00	11/1/22 – 6/23

BG-5. Approval to rescind the Central Station Fire and Burglar Monitoring agreement from December 1, 2022- November 30, 2023 with Signal Electric Company.

BG-6. Approval of the Central Station Fire and Burglar Monitoring with Chief Security Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$876.00 per school, for a total of \$4,380.00 annually from December 1, 2022- November 30, 2023.

BG-7. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education (“the Board”) advertised for bids for the Science and Media Center Renovations at Hawthorne High School Project (“Project”); WHEREAS, on December 6, 2022, the Board received bids for the Project;

WHEREAS, the lowest bid for this Project was submitted by Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc. (“Apex”) with a base bid in the amount of \$1,789,000 together with Alternate 1 in the amount of \$47,000, Alternate 2 in the amount of \$19,000, Alternate 3 with a deduction of \$35,000 and Alternate 4 in the amount of \$4,000 for a total contract amount of \$1,824,000;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Apex is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board’s desire to award the contract for the Project to Apex;

WHEREAS, the Board has established a capital reserve account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-31 in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles;

WHEREAS, the Board may use the capital reserve account to implement a capital project in the Hawthorne District’s Long-Range Facility Plan (“LRFP”) as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-4(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1, the Board may, by resolution, transfer funds from the capital reserve account to the line items in the capital outlay major account/fund to fund the total costs, less any excess costs, of an “other capital project,” which would otherwise be eligible for State support, as determined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3;

WHEREAS, the Project is an “other capital project” within the scope of the District’s LRFP, which would otherwise be eligible for State support, as determined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.

WHEREAS, the Board intends to transfer \$66,000 from its capital reserve account to its capital outlay/major account to fund Alternate 1 in the amount of \$47,000 and Alternate 2 in the amount of \$19,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to Apex in a total contract amount of \$1,824,000.
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 The Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of capital reserve to fund the Toilet Projects.
3. The Board hereby approves the total transfer of \$66,000 from the capital reserve account to the capital outlay/major account/fund to fund Alternate 1 in the amount of \$47,000 and Alternate 2 in the amount of \$19,000.

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-8. The Board approves the submission of the Health and Safety Statement of Assurance for the 2022-2023 school year.

BG-1-8 – Moved by Mr. Totaro, seconded by Mr. Puluse

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

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON

Buildings & Grounds..... Joseph Carr

Committee met on December 5, 2022. Mr. Totaro provided an update on the various referendum projects.

Legislative Joseph Carr
No report

Finance & Administration..... Alex Clavijo
Committee met on December 6, 2022. Update provided regarding the June 2022 audit.
Update on referendum projects.
Anticipate advertising for bid openings in January for the HV/HVAC project, and the Elevator referendum project.
Budget process for the 2023-2024 year is beginning.

PCSBA Jennifer Ehrentraut
No report

NJSBA..... Abigail Goff
Reminder for Board members to complete any mandatory training.

Policy Alma Morel
No report

HEF/SEPAC/PTOs..... Anthony Puluse
Mozzarella making nights – January 12th, January 13th (sold out) and January 19th
Hawthorne Educational Foundation - Raffle tickets
May 21st hosting food truck festival and street fair

Curriculum & Instruction Bruce Reicher
Committee met on December 6, 2022.
Discussed new initiatives - Heroes and Cool Kids and No Place for Hate.
Passaic County Community College update, including possible programs providing college credit.

Council Liaison Marco Totaro
December 7, 2022 meeting – Mayor Lane thanked the community for the donations for Toys for Tots

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

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

Erica Mulkey Koltzan – Thanked Mr. Reicher for his dedication over past years. Commended the Board for proactively addressing the concerns at Lincoln Middle School. Requested that the Board consider LMS students earning privileges, as well as be permitted to have water bottles and backpacks.

Amanda Ackerman – appreciates the open dialogue on health curriculum but discussed concerns specifically with Lesson 4 for 7th grade students.

Amy Papendick – questioned the 6th grade health curriculum. Expressed concern regarding certain videos and material in the lessons. Requested guidance for opting out of the curriculum.

Mike Doyle – Wished Mr. Reicher well and thanked him for years of dedicated service.

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

Mrs. Goff thanked the community for their respectful dialogue.

Mr. Clavijo read a prepared statement regarding the disruption and challenges over the past 3 years due to the pandemic. He advocated for all stakeholders to proactively and productively work collaboratively.

Mr. Puluse and Ms. Ehrentraut spoke about the SHARE program.

Mr. Totaro, Mr. Shortway, and Dr. Morel echoed the appreciation of, and need for, community input.

Wished everyone a wonderful holiday

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Morel is hopeful and optimistic about the collaborative committee being formed between the school district, Mayor and Council, Police Department, Boys and Girls Club and Board of Recreation to redirect middle school students' energy and behaviors.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Goff thanked everyone for the participation in the strategic planning process.

Everyone thanked Mr. Reicher for a decade of service and his huge positive impact on the district.

2nd 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 9:01 p.m. Dr. Morel moved the board go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Totaro

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

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

At 10:10 p.m. Mr. Shortway moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Reicher

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 10:11 p.m. Mr. Reicher moved the board adjourn, seconded by Mr. Puluse

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ambrose
Board Secretary