

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
 Tuesday, June 6, 2023
 Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
 Board of Education Meeting Room

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Time: 7:00 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		
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 8 members of the public and 3 on YouTube.

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:

May 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting - Public & Private

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

A. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Richard A. Spirito

- Dr. Spirito presented Mrs. Goff with a letter of recognition from NJ School Boards for achieving 10 years of service.
- Congratulations to all student athletes.
- Congratulations to Ava Iovino and Luca LaMonica on being selected as the HHS recipients of the NJIC Sportsmanship Award
- Hawthorne was selected as one of 4 schools in Colonial Division and one of 17 schools in the NJIC to receive a sportsmanship banner for the 2022-2023 school year.
- June is Pride month. Dr. Spirito read a statement from the Gay Straight Alliance club.
- Congratulations to the HHS Peer Leaders on winning First Place at the 2023 Teen Summit PSA competition.

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:

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-1.	Chancellor Academy	\$435.92 per diem for approximately 183 days \$79,773.36	N/A	N/A	Student (file #060123)	9/5/23 - 6/30/24	23-24 SY

CI-2. Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises

Division, for Auditory Verbal techniques/Consultative Services for one resident student (file #060223) for the 2023-2024 school year. Services will not exceed \$5,775.00.

- CI-3. Approval to enter into a contractual agreement from July 5, 2023 to July 31, 2023, for physical therapy with James B. Harvey for Hawthorne pupils who require this service as per their Individual Education Program. The rates are as follows:

- \$95.00 per hour for physical therapy services
- \$95.00 per hour for indirect and administrative time
- \$120.00 for each year-end annual and/or dismissal report
- \$400.00 for complete evaluation

- CI-4. Approval of a contractual agreement with Bergen County Special Services for Chapters 192/193 services. This service is funded by grants to the nonpublic schools. The term of this agreement shall be in effect July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- CI-5. Approval of a contractual agreement with Bergen County Special Services for the provision of educational services for non-public school students through IDEA funding. The term of this agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- CI-6. Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) School Based Consultation services for the 2023-2024 ESY program. Services will not exceed \$9,975.00. Maximum hours for ESY will be 66 ½ hours.

- CI-7. BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2023-2024 school year.

PreK Disabled – Full Time	\$25,907
Grade 1-5	\$15,400
Grade 6-8	\$14,417
Grade 9-12	\$15,386
LLD Mild to Moderate	\$27,228
Bear Cave –18-21 Transition Program	\$42,647
Emotional Regulation Impairment (formerly Behavioral Disabilities)	\$41,500
Resource Room	\$91.00 per hour
Speech and Occupational Therapy	\$91.00 per hour
Counseling	\$125 per hour individual / \$65.00 per hour group

- CI-8. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education (the "Board") desires to award a contract to a vendor to provide applied behavioral analysis paraprofessionals services (paraprofessional services) for the Hawthorne School District (“District”); and

WHEREAS, the Board received proposals for the paraprofessional services on June 2, 2023 and

WHEREAS, a proposal submitted by ProCare Therapy is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board’s desire to award the Agreement for the paraprofessional services to ProCare Therapy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. An Agreement for the paraprofessional services is hereby awarded to ProCare Therapy in the amount of \$52-\$65 per hour, which the Board confirms is a reasonable price for such services.
2. This award is expressly conditioned upon ProCare Therapy furnishing the requisite insurance certificate as required in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator or Board Attorney are hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful vendor consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the RFP approved by the Board for the Services.

The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and any other documents necessary to affect the terms of this Resolution.

This initiative is to be funded using ARP ESSER funds.

- CI-9. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education (the "Board") desires to award a contract to a vendor to provide applied behavioral analysis paraprofessionals services (paraprofessional services) for the Hawthorne School District ("District"); and

WHEREAS, the Board received proposals for the paraprofessional services on June 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a proposal submitted by 3Chords Inc and Therapy Travelers, LLC is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board's desire to award the Agreement for the paraprofessional services to 3Chords Inc and Therapy Travelers, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. An Agreement for the paraprofessional services is hereby awarded to 3Chords Inc and Therapy Travelers, LLC in the amount of \$60-\$70 per hour, which the Board confirms is a reasonable price for such services.
2. This award is expressly conditioned upon 3Chords Inc and Therapy Travelers, LLC furnishing the requisite insurance certificate as required in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator or Board Attorney are hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful vendor consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the RFP approved by the Board for the Services.

The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and any other documents necessary to affect the terms of this Resolution.

This initiative is to be funded using ARP ESSER funds.

- *CI-10. Approval of tuition contract for student placement from Paterson Board of Education to Hawthorne Board of Education in the Roosevelt Elementary School, emotional regulation impairment class, from April 3, 2023 at a rate of \$4,150 per month for student (file #060423).

- *CI-11. Approval of tuition contract for student placement from Paterson Board of Education to Hawthorne Board of Education in the Roosevelt Elementary School, emotional regulation impairment class, from April 3, 2023 at a rate of \$4,150 per month for student (file

#060523).

ATH-1. MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

The Board of Education of School District No. 2100, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as provided for in Chapter 172 Laws 1979 (N.J.S.A. 18A:113, et seq.) herewith enrolls Hawthorne High School as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved interschool athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA for the 2023-2024 school year.

This resolution to continue in effect until or unless rescinded by the Board of Education and shall be included among those policies adopted annually by the Board. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:113 in adopting this resolution, the Board of Education adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by, the Constitution Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA.

CI-1-11 and Ath-1 - Moved by Dr. Morel, seconded by Mr. Carr

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

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.	Gustav Schell	Retire	Teacher of Business/ Student Activities	n/a	n/a	HHS	7/1/23	Last day on Payroll 6/30/23	Retirement
P-2.	Barbara Kettell	Retire	Paraprofessional	n/a	n/a	HHS	7/1/23	Last day on Payroll 6/30/23	Retirement
P-3.	Julia Abahazy	Resign	Teacher of Physics	n/a	n/a	HHS	End of School Year 2023	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/23	Resignation
P-4.	Alexandra Nicolaou	Resign	Teacher of Social Studies	n/a	n/a	HHS	End of School Year 2023	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/23	Resignation
P-5.	Anthony Mainiero	Leave	Teacher of Students with Disabilities	n/a	n/a	LMS	9/1/23	3/31/24	Extension of Unpaid Child Rearing Leave
P-6.	Artime Zaku	Leave	Computer Teacher	n/a	n/a	Elem	6/6/23	1/31/24	Extension of Unpaid Child Rearing Leave
P-7.	Rene Auerbach	Hire	Elementary	BA/6	\$59,210	RS	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy

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			School Teacher						Created by the Retirement of Joanne Hurley
P-8.	Patrick Cao	Hire	Teacher of English	BA/6	Pro-Rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$59,210 pending certification	HHS	8/31/23 Pending Receipt of State Certification	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Mariam Nassery
P-9.	Nikolas Douvris	Hire	Teacher of Business	BA/8	\$60,910	HHS	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Retirement of Gustav Schell
P-10.	Gilda Galvan	Hire	Elementary School Teacher	BA/3	\$56,965	RS	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Retirement of Eileen Siss
P-11.	Rebecca Herz	Hire	School Social Worker	MA*/1 Pending Receipt of Transcript	Pro-Rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$59,565* pending certification	District	8/31/23 Pending Receipt of State Certification	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Retirement of Miriam Levin
P-12.	Daniel McCartney	Hire	Teacher of Social Studies	BA/5	\$57,715	HHS	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Brian Innis
P-13.	Jacqueline Metz	Hire	Teacher of Mathematics	BA/9	\$62,990	HHS	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy
P-14.	Lisa Thompson-Struckus	Hire	Teacher of Business	BA/13	\$73,750	HHS	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Candace Urbanski
*P-15.	Marla Alberta	Hire	Interim BSI Teacher	BA/5	\$57,715	RS	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Maternity Leave of Jennifer Jarotski
P-16.	Allie Johnson; Andraya Reddish	Hire	Part Time ABA Paras in the ESY Program	n/a	\$20.00 per hour	District	7/5/23	7/31/23	To fill vacancies in the Special Education Extended Year Program
P-17.	Lindsay De Groff; Lizette Perez	Extra Duty	Part Time Paras	n/a	\$18.26 per hour 2 hours per day each	District	6/7/23	End of School Year	Part Time Paras on Bus for student (file #060323)
P-18.	Irismil	Resign	Bus Aide	n/a	n/a	District	10/1/22	Last Day	Resignation

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	Fernandez							on Payroll 9/30/22	

** 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-19. Approval of summer curriculum work as listed on the report entitled, "Curriculum Writing Mandates" as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover.
- P-20. Appointment of the following staff to serve as needed during the summer 2023 extended year program as listed below in accordance with the contract on file in the Board of Education office.

Employee	Position	Hourly Rate
Peggie Cruz	Bus Driver	\$29.05
Ramon Guartan	Bus Driver	\$29.05
Ismet Mefail	Bus Driver	\$33.00
Antonio Melecia	Bus Driver	\$29.05
Mireya Perez	Bus Driver	\$29.05
Debra Spellmon	Bus Driver	\$29.05
Jamie Favia	Bus Aide	\$14.45
Diane Haverty	Bus Aide	\$14.45
Holly Knepper	Bus Aide	\$14.45
Lejla Rakip	Bus Aide	\$14.45
Eileen Sawey-Walsh	Bus Aide	\$14.45
Ellen Schroter	Bus Aide	\$14.45
Brandi Shortway	Bus Aide	\$14.45

- P-21. **Approval of Summer Contracts – Extended Year Special Education Program**
Appointment of staff for the 2023 summer program as listed in reports entitled “Final ESY Coverage (July 2023)” dated June 6, 2023, as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover, and in accordance with the contract on file in the Board Office. The program runs July 5, 2023 through July 31, 2023. These contracts are based on pending enrollments.
- P-22. Appointment of the following persons to serve in the positions listed below, in the Extended School Year Special Education Program, not to exceed hours listed, based on their hourly rates. The program runs July 5, 2023 through July 31, 2023. These contracts are based on pending enrollments.

Employee	Position	Hours	Hourly Rate
Dana Janots	Behaviorist	Not to exceed 40 hrs.	\$56.65
Sarah Morgan	Physical Therapist	Not to exceed 20 hrs.	\$65.98
Kathryn Galarosa	Physical Therapist	Not to exceed 13 hrs.	\$63.74
Alicia Nuziato	Occupational Therapist	Not to exceed 20 hrs.	\$64.35
Irene Miroshnik	Occupational Therapist	Not to exceed 19 hrs.	\$62.41
Deborah Kirschner	Speech Therapist	Not to exceed 19 hrs.	\$58.89
Kerri Oetting	Speech Therapist	Not to exceed 35 hrs.	\$46.76

Employee	Position	Hours	Hourly Rate
Margaret Rainey	Speech Therapist	Not to exceed 21 hrs.	\$67.60
Alexandria Soto	Speech Therapist	Not to exceed 34 hrs.	\$50.58

- P-23. Appointment of the following child study team members and related service providers for case management &/or evaluations as listed below, to serve during the summer 2023, as follows, per their hourly rates:

Employee	Position	Hours	Hourly Rate
Jennifer Stier	LDTC	50	\$64.85
Shakira Adkins	LDTC	100	\$65.36
Alicia Nunziato	Occupational Therapist	15	\$64.35
Irene Miroshnik	Occupational Therapist	15	\$62.41
Kathryn Galarosa	Physical Therapist	15	\$63.74
Sarah Morgan	Physical Therapist	15	\$65.98
Elaine Jorgensen	School Psychologist	75	\$69.11
Emma Kolenovic	School Psychologist	20	\$56.60
Fabio Simao	School Psychologist	80	\$55.66
Nicole Matano	School Psychologist	100	\$71.58
Debbie Kinney Chen	Social Worker	30	\$67.33
Alexandria Soto	Speech Therapist	20	\$50.58
Deborah Kirschner	Speech Therapist	10	\$58.89
Kerri Oetting	Speech Therapist	20	\$46.76
Margaret Rainey	Speech Therapist	15	\$67.60
Sarah Tode	Speech Therapist	5	\$53.75
Shari Shepetofsky	Speech Therapist	20	\$68.91

- P-24. Appointment of the following persons to serve in Eligibility, IEP and 504 meetings as needed in the summer of 2023.

Employee	Hourly Rate
Allison Happ	\$45.07
Elizabeth Farkas	\$66.05
Erin McKeon	\$49.27
Ewelina Maxwell	\$47.75
Jaimie Martino	\$53.35
Kathleen Huffman	\$46.15
Kerri Casey	\$58.10
Kristen Segreto	\$67.10
Megan Roca	\$45.51
Rene Snudden	\$64.92
Susan Di Roma	\$68.04

- P-25. Appointment of the following staff to serve in the positions listed below for the 2023-2024 School Year in accordance with rates listed in Appendix D of the teachers’ contract on file in the Board office.

Home Therapy	Coordinator
Amy Phiefer	Carrie Parker
Camille Ellerbrook	Dana Janots
Hila Sela	Kerri Casey

Kristine Blau	Tonya Barnes
Mackenzie Friedman	
Teresa Magna Davenport	
Tonya Barnes	

P-26. Appointment of the following persons to serve in the positions listed below, for the 2023/2024 School Year. This annual appointment is for the 2023-2024 school year only based on restricted federal funding available under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund and shall not be renewed for the 2024-2025 school year.

Name	Position	Degree/Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Account
Carrie Connelly	Multisensory Reading Instructor	M+15/16	\$94,065	District	8/31/23	ARP ESSER
Ginelle Grunfelder	Multisensory Reading Instructor	B+15/16	\$90,965	District	8/31/23	ARP ESSER
Patricia Wilson	Multisensory Reading Instructor	M+30/9	\$70,740	District	8/31/23	ARP ESSER
Madison Thomsen	Elementary/BSI	BS/3	\$56,965	WS	8/31/23	ARP ESSER
Cassandra Parkin	Elementary/BSI	BA/2	\$56,715	JS	8/31/23	ARP ESSER
Denise DeMarco	Elementary/BSI	BA/3	\$56,965	WS	8/31/23	ARP ESSER
Olivia Wagner	Guidance	M+15/3	\$61,615	JS/WS	8/31/23	ARP ESSER
Natasha Saavedra	Guidance	M+30/2	\$64,465	LMS	8/31/23	ARP ESSER

P-27. Appointment of the following persons to serve in the listed below, for the 2023-2024 School Year. This annual appointment is for the 2023-2024 school year only based on vacancies created due to Coronavirus Response and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund and shall not be renewed for the 2024-2025 school year.

Name	Position	Degree/Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Reason	Account
Deanna Maskley	Elementary/BSI	BA/3	\$56,965	JS	8/31/23	Replacement of Ginelle Grunfelder (ESSER)	General Fund

P-28. Approval of the following person(s) to serve as (a) substitute teacher(s) in the Hawthorne Public School District for the 2023-2024 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.

Patrick Cao	Rebecca Herz	
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P-29. Approval of the following persons as per attached report entitled “Substitute Teachers/ Substitute Part Time Paraprofessionals/Substitute Nurses/Home Instructors/Substitute Administrative Assistants/Substitute SACC/Substitute Bus Drivers/Substitute Custodians/Substitute Bus Aides/Substitute Lunch Aides – 2023-2024 School Year”, to serve as same in the Hawthorne Public School District, effective July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, subject to verification of job qualifications and prior experience if necessary, with the provision that they remain on call to serve as daily substitutes as the need may arise for which they will be compensated as per the current substitute rates for each category. 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. The employment of these individuals is subject to the determination of the administration as to when they are needed

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-30.	Stacey Porto	Resign	School Nurse	n/a	n/a	RS	7/1/23	Last day on Payroll 6/30/23	Resignation
*P-31.	Hana Selimovic	Resign	Teacher of Biology	n/a	n/a	HHS	End of School Year 2023	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/23	Resignation
*P-32.	Cynthia Dockray; Chanoska Adames	Extra Duty	Re-Registration Co-Directors	n/a	\$2,000 per Co-Director	District	2023	2023	2023 Re-Registration

*P-33. Appointment of Jenine Murray to the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the term starting on or about July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, subject to satisfactory completion of 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 check is not completed this application is subject to the approval of the Passaic County Interim Executive County Superintendent of emergent hiring procedures.

1. The terms of the employment agreement with Jenine Murray have been approved by the Passaic County Interim Executive County Superintendent.
2. Jenine Murray is appointed School Business Administrator/Board Secretary at an annual salary \$160,000.00. The contract is on file in the Board of Education Office.

P-1-33 – Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Mr. Totaro

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

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. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 6A:23A-14.4 permits a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education would like to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education has determined that up to \$1,400,000.00, after the 2% unreserved surplus calculation, is available for such purpose of transfer,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hawthorne Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

- F-2. Approval of an award of a purchase order to Kin Contractors LLC to install the fencing around the HHS field and bus yard in the amount of \$118,770. This project was included in the 2023-2024 Budget and is being made using the Educational Data cooperative purchasing system, Bid #10976.
- F-3. Approval of an award of a purchase order to Ben Schaffer Recreation to provide and install 4 moveable aluminum bleachers at the HHS field in the amount of \$54,532.80. This purchase is being made using the Bergen County cooperative purchasing system, Bid #11-BECCP.
- F-4. Approval of renewal amendment to school physician and sports medicine services agreement with Columbia University, NY, NY to provide the services of School Medical Examiner to the Hawthorne Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$26,788.
- F-5. Approval of the proposal in the amount of \$4,000 per month from Patricia Zimmer as a consultant for processing district payroll and all related payroll services from July 1, 2023-December 31, 2023.
- F-6. Approval of the proposal in the amount of \$23,000.00 from SIS WORKS for the 2023-2024 school year to provide State Reporting services, including validation of student Data in Realtime, and preparation and submission of required reports including NJ Smart Data Submission, ASSA, DRTRS, Realtime Rollovers and Frontline Rollovers.

- F-7. Approval to appoint The Vozza Agency as Broker of Record for the district's Police Professional Liability Policy.
- *F-8. Approval of an agreement with Paterson Board of Education for transportation reimbursement for two students (file # 060423 and #060523) attending Roosevelt Elementary School, emotional regulation impairment class, from April 3, 2023.
- *F-9. Approval of a Letter of Agreement with Northern Region Educational Services Commission to provide Business Administrator/Accountant consultation services on a month to month basis beginning July 1, 2023. Services will not exceed one day per week, at a monthly fee of \$3,480.00.
- A-1. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Hawthorne Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the board of education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et.seq, NJAC Chapter 6A:23A, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et. Seq.
- ABOVE AND BEYOND LEARNING GROUP
 - ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE
 - AUTOMATED LOGIC
 - BERGEN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES
 - BUREAU OF EDUCATION & RESEARCH
 - CERULLO FIRE PROTECTION INC
 - CJ VANDERBECK
 - COMPUTER SOLUTIONS
 - COLUMBIA ORTHOPEDICS
 - CORBY ASSOCIATES
 - DEFINITIVE PRO SOUND
 - EDUCATIONAL DATA
 - EDUCERE LLC
 - ENVIROVISION
 - FOGARTY & HARA
 - FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS
 - FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, LLC
 - GLOUCESTER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT
 - HORIZON STAFFING RESOURNCES
 - HUNTERDON COUNTY ED SERVICES COMMISSION
 - HYBRIDGE LEARNING GROUP
 - INTERIM HEALTH CARE
 - JAMES HARVEY
 - LEARNERS COMPASS
 - LEGACY CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
 - MIDDLESEX REGIONAL ED SERVICES COMMISSION
 - MILLENIUM COMMUNICATION GROUP INC
 - MORRIS COUNTY ELEVATOR
 - NORTHERN REGION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION
 - PHOENIX ADVISORS

- POMPTONIAN FOOD SERVICE
- PREFERRED HOME HEALTH CARE
- PROCARE THERAPY
- REALTIME INFORMATION
- REGION V – RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
- RENAISSANCE LEARNING
- SIS WORKS
- SOULTIONS ARCHITECTURE
- STAR PEDIATRIC HOME AGENCY.
- STRAUSS ESMAY ASSOCIATES
- SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE
- SUPPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY
- TRAFERA LLC
- THE VOZZA AGENCY
- THERAPY TRAVELERS LLC

- A-2. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: LMS 246664 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: RES 247557 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 247822 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.

F-1-9, A-1-4 – Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Doyle

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

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 June 2023 Bill List.

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

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

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

***BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

Marco Totaro/Logan Sakir

ACTION ITEMS:

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

- *BG-1. 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 school indicated in the amount and date listed on the contract:

Route #	School	Contractor	# of Students	Cost + Surcharge	Dates
Q2850	Roosevelt Elementary School	Ace School Bus Transportation	1	\$8,140.00 + \$244.20	5/1/23 – 6/22/23

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

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

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. Second Reading and Adoption of the following Policy:

Policy/Reg.	Title
P0144	- Board Member Orientation & Training (Revised)

PO-1 - Moved by Dr. Morel, seconded by Ms. Ehrentraut

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

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON

Legislative Joseph Carr

On June 1st and 5th legislative committees met to advance bills pertaining to K12 education including:

- A5329- extends the useful life of certain school buses
- A4639- Eliminates high school graduation proficiency test
- A1516- establishes program requirements for school counselor certification and outlines role and duties of a School Counselor
- Establish Sustainable NJ fund- DCA would annually distribute funds to support efforts for environmental and economic sustainability

Finance & Administration Alex Clavijo

The Committee met earlier this evening. Updates on COPS grant submission, maintenance and capital reserves, and referendum projects were discussed. A reminder that the excess surplus will be returning to 2% from the 4% that had been permitted during the pandemic.

PCSBA Alex Clavijo
No Report

Council Liaison Jen Ehrentraut
• Council discussed the Roller Hockey improvements
• Peer Leadership PSA recognition
• Hawthorne’s 125th celebration will be held on Saturday June 10

NJSBA..... Abigail Goff
• CSA evaluations were emailed to all Board members with a due date of 7/1. We are waiting for legal guidance on anyone who may be conflicted.
• Evaluation will be finalized in June 27th executive session

Policy..... Alma Morel
No report

HEF/SEPAC/PTOs..... Anthony Puluse
• Mr. Clavijo reported on HEF/SEPAC in Mr. Puluse’s absence.
• SEPAC will be making a \$5,000 to Special Education
• PTO – thanked everyone who volunteered throughout the year

Curriculum & Instruction Alma Morel
• Discussed possibility of purchasing an Anatomage Table in the HHS Referendum science room
• Curricular changes on new novels in the Middle School
• Summer reading
• Pacing Guides – align Reading Wonders and Phonics First
• Preliminary NJ GPA results appear favorable

Buildings & Grounds..... Marco Totaro
• HHS first floor main hallway will be removing lockers and replacing it with a Hall of Fame Wall
• New Goal Posts will be installed later this month
• Fencing Project anticipated in the Budget will begin in July
• New movable Bleachers ordered for the baseball field
• Asphalt patching started today

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

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

- David Neeb – Discussed the tree roots along the property line encroaching on his property
- Coach Carl Malone – requested BOE support of creating a free clinic for youth to participate in open gym time after school hours and on weekends.
- Hope Foley echoed Coach Carl’s enthusiasm for this initiative.

- River Foley echoed the request for open gym time.
- MaryBeth Como – requested information on the decision to combine classes at Jefferson Elementary School.
- Erika Mulkey Koltzan – supports the open gym proposal. Discussed disappointment in the senior night sports awards and that the Baseball team were left out.

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

Ms. Ehrentraut congratulated Mrs. Goff on her 10 years of service.

Mr. Clavijo expressed pride in the cohesive culture that exists in Hawthorne.

Mrs. Goff stated that every Board decision affects students and the opportunities provided. She expressed appreciation for her fellow BOE members

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Carr mentioned the June 30th HHS brick sale.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Ehrentraut commended the student representatives who participated in the May 9th BOE meeting. She discussed the highlights of the Spring Drama Production, Art Show Athletics, and Awards.

Mr. Totaro commended the impressive students who participated in the Peer Leaders as well as the Capstone STEAM TANK Competition. He mentioned former student, Patrick Ola, who was one of the first Capstone participants, is now a member of the first-place team in a NASA competition

PRIVATE SESSION:

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

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 8:28 p.m. Mr. Clavijo moved the board go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Carr

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

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

At 10:24 p.m. Dr. Morel moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Carr

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 10:26 p.m. Mr. Doyle moved the board adjourn, seconded by Ms. Ehrentraut

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ambrose
Board Secretary