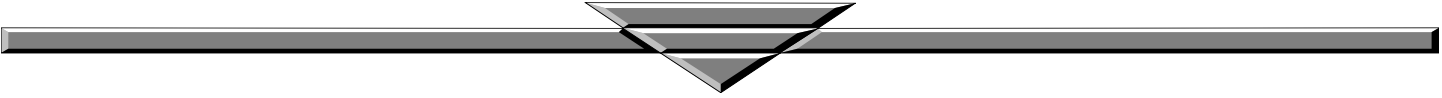


HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY



Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Budget – 7:00 P.M.  
Board of Education Meeting Room


This Meeting is Being Recorded

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD


Abigail Goff, President  
Alex Clavijo, Vice President

Joseph Carr  
Michael Doyle  
Jennifer Ehrentraut  
Alma Morel  
Anthony Puluse  
Jay Shortway  
Marco Totaro

Richard A. Spirito, Superintendent of Schools  
Cheryl Ambrose, Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Next Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
May 9, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.



**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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			
Alex Clavijo			
Michael Doyle			
Jennifer Ehrentraut			
Alma Morel			
Anthony Puluse			
Jay Shortway			
Marco Totaro			
Abigail Goff			

Also Present: Richard A. Spirito, Superintendent of Schools  
 Cheryl Ambrose, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
 And approximately \_\_\_\_\_ 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:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**BUDGET PRESENTATION:** 2023-2024 Budget Power Point Presentation by Dr. Spirito

**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. APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education of Hawthorne hereby adopts the following budget for the 2023-2024 school year:

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Expenditures

Total General Fund Expenses	\$49,912,950
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 1,557,460
Repayment of Debt	\$ 1,971,994

**Total Expenditures** \$53,442,404

Revenue

Budgeted Fund Balance – operating	\$ 531,348
Budgeted Fund Balance – debt service	\$ 75,000
Local Tax Levy	
Current	\$42,727,653
Debt Service	\$ 1,385,602
Tuition	\$ 45,000
Misc. Revenue	\$ 157,700
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 117,342
State Aid	
Current (includes extraordinary aid)	\$ 5,051,117
Debt Service	\$ 511,392
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 1,557,460
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	\$ 1,282,790

**Total Revenue** \$53,442,404

Included in the budget is the use of \$736,655 Health Care Cost Adjustment. The Adjustment for Health Care Costs is to help offset the 15.1% increase in School Employees’ Health Benefit Program expenses.

Be it further resolved, that the district’s general tax requirements to support the proposed 2023-2024 budget, as stipulated by the Hawthorne Board of Education Finance Committee and Hawthorne Borough Municipal Officials, as follows:

General Fund:	\$42,727,653
Debt Service:	\$ 1,385,602
Total:	\$44,113,255

