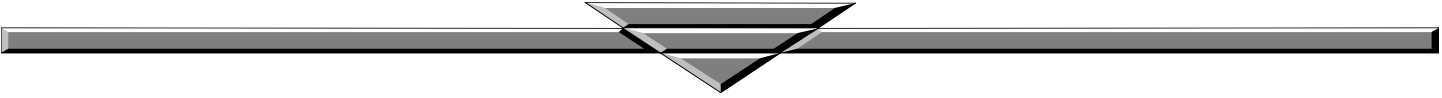


HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY



Tuesday, July 18, 2023
Regular Meeting – 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
Jenine Murray, Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Next Meeting
Regular Meeting
August 22, 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
Jenine Murray, 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:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 6, 2023 – Regular Meeting - Public & Private
June 27, 2023 – Regular Meeting - Public & Private

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	<u>Mr. Carr</u>	<u>Mr. Clavijo</u>	<u>Mr. Doyle</u>	<u>Ms. Ehrentraut</u>	<u>Dr. Morel</u>	<u>Mr. Puluse</u>	<u>Mr. Shortway</u>	<u>Mr. Totaro</u>	<u>Mrs. Goff</u>
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS:

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

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
HHS	Choir & Marching Band	Washington D.C.	Sunshine Travel Charter	\$1,189	Fundraising
TH	Bear Cave/Transition House	Leisure Trips	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
TH	Bear Cave/Transition House	Bergen Town Center	HPS	TBD	\$0.00
TH	Bear Cave/Transition House	Tokyo Hibachi	HPS	TBD	\$0.00
TH	Bear Cave/Transition House	Conklin Farms	HPS	\$10.00	\$0.00
TH	Bear Cave/Transition House	Turtle Back Zoo	HPS	\$15.00	\$0.00
TH	Bear Cave/Transition House	ShopRite	HPS	TBD	\$0.00
TH	Bear Cave/Transition House	Work Based Learning	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
TH	Bear Cave/Transition House	Retro Fitness	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00

CI-2. Approval of home instruction for Hawthorne resident pupil as follows:

- a. Student file #070123 – Instruction starting date: 7/5/2023
Home Instructor(s) – Ashley Baber, BCSS

- CI-3. Request to establish a special education program in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 6A:14, Special Education and N.J.A.C. 6A-26 Educational Facilities.
 - Preschool/Elementary Resource Program – Pull/Out, replacement

- CI-4. Request to establish a special class program in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 6A:14, Special Education and N.J.A.C. 6A-26 Educational Facilities.
 - Special Class Program High School Chemistry Resource
 - Special Class Program High School LLD Chemistry
 - Special Class Program Elementary LLD Severe

- CI-5. Request to eliminate a special class program in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 6A:14, Special Education and N.J.A.C. 6A-26 Educational Facilities.
 - Special Class Program High School Study Skills
 - Special Class Program High School Resource Algebra II
 - Special Class Program High School Resource Geometry
 - Special Class Program High School Resource English IV
 - Special Class Program High School LLD Algebra I
 - Special Class Program High School Resource Earth & Environmental Science

- CI-6. Hawthorne Board of Education accepts the Non-Public Aid Entitlement from the State of New Jersey for the 2022-2023 School year as follows:

NON-PUBLIC NURSING		
	Hawthorne Christian Academy	\$56,040.00
	St. Anthony School	\$21,480.00
	Total	\$77,520.00

- CI-7 Approval of an agreement with Karen Kabaki to provide speech and language therapy services from August, 2023 through June, 2024 at a rate of \$90.00 per 30 minutes.

- CI-8 Approval of a contract with Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises Division, for Senior Experience/Transition Services for the 2023/2024 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$13,524.00. This is to be funded by Title IV Funds.

- CI-9 Approval of a contract with Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises Division, to provide a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for one resident student for the 2023/2024 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$13,200.00. (Student file #070223)

- CI-10 Approval of a contract with Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises Division, to provide a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for one resident student effective December 2023 through June 2024, at a rate not to exceed \$8,580.00. (Student file #070323)

- CI-11 Approval of a contract with Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises Division, to provide a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for one resident student for the 2023/2024 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$6,600.00. (Student file #070423)

- CI-12 Approval of a contract with Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises Division, to provide a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for one resident student for the 2023/2024 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$6,600.00. (Student file #070523)

- CI-13 Approval of a contract with Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises Division, to provide a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for one resident student for the 2023/2024 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$6,600.00. (Student file #070623)

- CI-14 Approval of a contract with Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises Division, to provide a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for one resident student for the 2023/2024 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$13,200.00. (Student file #070723)

- CI-15 Approval of a contract with Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises Division, to provide Home Instruction Services for one resident student for a maximum of five (5) hours weekly effective July 2023, at a rate not to exceed \$1,800.00. (Student file #070123)

- CI-16 Approval of a contract with Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises Division, to provide Audiological Services for resident students for the 2023/2024 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$6,204.00. (Student file #'s 070223, 070323, 070423, 070523, 070623, 070723)

- CI-17 Approval an agreement with St. Joseph's Health for neurodevelopmental evaluations by Dr. Aparna Mallik and Dr. Natalia Karvova for the 2023/2024 school year at a rate of \$450.00 per evaluation.

- CI-18 Approval of tuition contract for student placement from Prospect Park Board of Education to Hawthorne Board of Education in the Roosevelt Elementary School, emotional regulation impairment class, from September 5, 2023 - June 19, 2024 at a rate of \$4,150 per month. (Student File #070823)

- CI-19 Approval of an agreement with Supreme Consultants, LLC to provide Interpreting Services at a rate of \$52.00 per hour at a 2 hour minimum.

- CI-20 Approval of an agreement with State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for one resident student at a cost of \$2,200.00 for the 2023/2024 school year. (Student file # 070923)

- CI-21 Approval of an agreement with State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for one resident student at a cost of \$2,200.00 for the 2023/2024 school year. (Student file #071023)

- CI-22 Approval of an agreement with State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for one resident student at a cost of \$2,200.00 for the 2023/2024 school year. (Student file #071123)
- CI-23 Approval of an agreement with Maylin Rodriguez to provide educational evaluations at a rate of \$375.00 per evaluation for the 2023/2024 school year.
- CI-24 Approval of an agreement with Northern Region Educational Services Commission to provide physical therapy services ten (10) hours per week for the 2023/2024 school year, at a rate of \$95.00 per hour.
- CI-25 Approval of an agreement with Melissa Phillips to provide educational evaluations at a rate of \$950.00 per evaluation, \$100.00 for meeting attendance and travel fees for the 2023-2024 school year.

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-26	North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency (NJEDDA)	\$427.05 per diem for 186 days \$79,431.30	\$190.00 per diem for 210 days \$39,900.00	\$427.05 per diem for 24 days \$10,249.20	Student file # 071223	7/3/23 - 6/2024	ESY & 23-24 SY
CI-27	North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency (NJEDDA)	\$427.05 per diem for 186 days \$79,431.30	\$190.00 per diem for 210 days \$39,900.00	\$427.05 per diem for 24 days \$10,249.20	Student file # 071323	7/3/23 – 6/2024	ESY & 23-24 SY
CI-28	The Felician School for Exceptional Children	\$343.40 per diem for 183 days \$62,842.20	\$134.00 per diem for 202 days \$27,068.00	\$343.40 per diem for 19 days \$6,524.60	Student file # 071423	7/5/23 – 6/2024	ESY & 23-24 SY
CI-29	The Felician School for Exceptional Children	\$343.40 per diem for 183 days \$62,842.20	N/A	\$343.40 per diem for 19 days \$6,524.60	Student file #071523	7/5/23 – 6/2024	ESY & 23-24 SY

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	<u>Mr. Clavijo</u>	<u>Mr. Doyle</u>	<u>Ms. Ehrentraut</u>	<u>Dr. Morel</u>	<u>Mr. Puluse</u>	<u>Mr. Shortway</u>	<u>Mr. Totaro</u>	<u>Mr. Carr</u>	<u>Mrs. Goff</u>
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

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.	Debbie Kinney Chen	Adjust	Social Worker	n/a	\$67.33 Per Hour up to an additional 20 hours	District	7/5/23	8/31/23	Summer Evaluations
P-2	Hana Selimovic	Decline	Teacher in the ESY Program	n/a	n/a	District	7/5/23	n/a	Declined Position
P-3	Matthew Wachira	Decline	Summer Technology Intern	n/a	n/a	District	7/5/23	8/31/23	Declined Position
P-4	Katie Huffman, Teresa Magna Davenport	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 Per Hour	LMS	8/14/23	8/18/23	Leadership Camp Chaperone
P-5	Mary Roca	Extra Duty	Teacher in the ESY Program	n/a	\$45.51 Per Hour	District	7/5/23	7/31/23	Teacher in the Extended School Year Program
P-6	Cathy Della Pesca	Adjust	Social Worker	n/a	\$53.42 Per Hour up to an additional 20 hours	District	7/5/23	8/31/23	Summer Evaluations
P-7	Holly Knepper	Hire	Bus Aide	n/a	\$15.00 per hour	District	7/5/23	7/31/23	Bus Aide for the Extended School Year Program
P-8	Sara Gustafson	Hire	Special Education Teacher	BA/1	\$282.00 per diem	LMS	8/31/23	11/27/23	To fill a Vacancy Created by the Maternity Leave of Jennifer Roncinske
P-9	Tara Oostdyk	Hire	Part time Administrative Assistant	n/a	Prorated on the basis of an annual salary of \$19,250	RS	8/21/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Change in Position of Lori Lodato
P-10	Kaylee Seiders	Adjust	Teacher of Students with Disabilities	n/a	\$58,015	JS	8/31/23	6/30/24	From Tenure Track Position to Coronavirus Response and the American Rescue Plan ARP/ESSER Position

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
P-11	Steven Franklin	Hire	Teacher of Music	BA/8	\$60,910	LMS/HH S	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Adam Nuzzi
P-12	Lauren Zuravner	Hire	BCBA	MA/14	\$81,510	LMS/HH S	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Megan Parks
P-13	Robert Schumody	Hire	Paraprofessional	n/a	\$18,900.00 +ABA Stipend if applicable	District	8/31/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy
P-14	Olivia Wagner	Resign	Administrative Assistant	n/a	n/a	RS	8/18/23	8/18/23	To Assume a position as a Guidance Counselor funded by ARP ESSER
P-15	Debra Spellmon	Leave	Bus Driver	n/a	n/a	District	12/1/23	4/15/24	Approval of Maternity Leave and Federal/State Family Leave of Absence in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act
P-16	Kieran McAllister	Hire	Substitute Nurse	n/a	\$180 per day/ \$90 per half day	District	2023-2024 SY	End of SY	Substitute Nurse
P-17	Jen Stier	Adjust	LDTC	n/a	\$64.85 Per Hour up to an additional 20 hours	District	7/5/23	8/31/23	Summer Evaluations
P-18	Nicole Cedeno	Hire	Paraprofessional	n/a	Prorated on the basis on an annual salary of \$18,900.00 plus ABA stipend if applicable	District	Pending Criminal Background Check	6/30/24	To fill a Vacancy
P-19	Stacy Grawehr	Hire	School Nurse	BA+15 /16	\$89,765	RS	Pending Criminal Background Check	6/30/24	To fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Stacy Porto
P-20	Rebecca Sonia	Hire	Dance/Theater Teacher	BA/13	\$73,750	HHS	8/31/23	6/30/24	Hire
P-21	Lori Lodato	Adjust	Administrative Assistant	n/a	Prorated on the basis of an annual salary of \$39,310	RS	8/21/2023	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy created by the Resignation of Olivia Wagner
P-22	Matthew Warhol	Decline	Teacher of Physics	n/a	n/a	HHS	8/31/23	Last day on Payroll 6/30/23	Declined Contract

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 change order #1 awarded to Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc. to remove and replace damaged existing acoustic ceiling system in the Art Wing corridor. The cost of this change adds \$7,848.65 to the original contract price.

BG-2 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 Student s	Cost + Surcharge	Dates
2520	Chapel Hill Academy	York Transportation	1	\$4,297.00 + \$128.91 surcharge	7/5/23 – 8/15/23
2608	Career Crossroads – BCSS/Visions	Omar Transportation	1	\$4,381.88 + \$131.46 surcharge	7/5/23 – 7/28/23
2666	New Bridges	Omar Transportation	1	\$7,425.00 + \$222.75	6/27/23 – 8/4/23
2802	Washington South BCSS	Ace Transportation	1	\$13,287.22 + \$398.62	6/27/23 – 8/4/23
2831	Norman Bleshman BCSS	FYFA, LLC	1	\$6,602.12 + \$198.06	7/5/23 – 7/28/23
2915	Cornerstone Day School	Jersey Kids Trans	2	\$12,488.00 + \$374.64	7/10/23 – 8/24/23
2926	ECLC – Hohokus	Jersey Kids Trans	2	\$3,431.24 + \$95.32	7/5/23 – 8/1/23
2934	The Forum School	J & W Financial	1	\$4,707.00 + \$141.21	7/5/23 – 7/28/23
2937	New Beginnings	Jersey Kids Trans	1	\$3,666.00 + \$109.98	7/5/23 – 8/15/23
2938	The Godwin School	American Star Trans	1	\$3,285.00 + \$98.55	7/5/23 – 7/28/23
2953	New Alliance	American Star Trans	1	\$2,025.00 + \$60.75	7/10/23 – 7/28/23

2968	PG Chambers	Jersey Kids Transportation	1	\$14,100.00 + \$423.00	7/10/23 – 8/18/23
2978	Shepard Prep-Morristown	Jersey Kids Transportation	5	\$14,700.00 + \$441.00	7/5/23 – 8/15/23
2992	Washington South BCSS	American Star Trans	2	\$4,900.00 + \$147.00	6/27/23 – 8/4/23
3012	NJEDDA Elementary	Jersey Kids Transportation	2	\$10,560.00 + \$316.80	7/3/23 – 7/28/23
FSESY	Felician School	Omar Transportation	1	\$4,370.00 + \$131.10	7/5/23 – 7/31/23

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	<u>Mr. Puluse</u>	<u>Mr. Shortway</u>	<u>Mr. Totaro</u>	<u>Mr. Carr</u>	<u>Mr. Clavijo</u>	<u>Mr. Doyle</u>	<u>Ms. Ehrentraut</u>	<u>Dr. Morel</u>	<u>Mrs. Goff</u>
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

COMMITTEE

Legislative	Joseph Carr
Finance & Administration	Alex Clavijo
PCSBA	Alex Clavijo
Council Liaison	Jen Ehrentraut
NJSBA.....	Abigail Goff
Policy.....	Alma Morel
HEF/SEPAC/PTOs.....	Anthony Puluse
Curriculum & Instruction	Alma Morel
Buildings & Grounds.....	Marco Totaro

CHAIRPERSON

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

