

HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY  
 Tuesday, February 21, 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	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 2 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:**

January 24, 2023 – Regular Meeting - Public & Private

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

- 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:**

**REPORTS:**

- A. Student Council Representative's Report – Paul Duerr – See attached report.
- B. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Richard A. Spirito
  - Kindergarten 2023 registration remains open
  - Naviance Parent Night, Tuesday, February 28, 2023
  - SMORE Update
  - High School Athletics updates
  - All families are encouraged to review the valuable weekly announcements shared by each school.

**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	Marching Band	Ridgefield St. Patrick’s Day Parade	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
HHS	Senior Class	The Tides	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
RS	Grade 5	Hinge Cliff Stadium	HPS	\$18.00 Total	\$8.00 PTO
LMS	Arch Grades 6-8	Home Depot	HPS	\$0.00	CBF Funded
*HHS	Broadcasting 2	Roosevelt School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
*HHS	Broadcasting 2	Jefferson School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
*HHS	Broadcasting 2	Washington School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

- a. Student (file #020123) – Instruction starting date: 1/30/23  
Home Instructor(s) – Matthew Spagnuolo

- b. Student (file #020223) – Instruction starting date: 2/12 – 2/27/23  
Home Instructor(s) – Kelly Iwaki, Osvaldo Duran, BCSS

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-3.	North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency	\$410.83 per diem for 83 days \$34,098.89	\$175.00 per diem for 83 days \$14,525.00	N/A	Student (file #020323)	2/14/23 - 6/30/2023	22-23 SY
CI-4.	Department of Children and Families Office of Education	\$235.41 per diem for 225 days \$52,967.25	N/A	N/A	Student (file #020423)	7/1/22 – 6/30/23	22-23 SY
CI-5.	The Deron School	Previously approved Placement	Addition of Extraordinary Services \$195/day \$15,795	N/A	Student (file #020523)	2/13/2023- 6/22/2023	22-23 SY
CI-6.	Shepard Preparatory High School	\$317.94 per diem for 72 days \$22,891.68	N/A	N/A	Student (file #020223)	2/27/23- 6/30/2023	22-23 SY

- CI-7. Approval of an agreement with Supreme Consultants, LLC to provide translating services, on an as needed basis, at a cost of \$52.00 per hour/2-hour minimum.
- CI-8. An agreement with Christopher Trigani, Ph.D. to provide an independent psychological evaluation for one (1) Hawthorne student (file #020623) at a cost of \$400.00 per hour, for total anticipated consultation cost of \$2,800.
- CI-9. Retroactive approval for the FY 2023 Title 1 Funds to compensate the following employees:

Name	School	% Title	Title Funded	Title	Description
Madison Thomsen	Washington	100%	\$56,015.00 pro-rated	I A	Due to vacancy created by Cassidy Rodenberg

- CI-10. Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, for Speech and Language Therapy Services for one (1) student (file #020723) for the 2022-2023 school year. Services will not exceed \$790.00.

- CI-11. Revised Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, for Home Instruction, which was previously approved, for one (1) student (file #020223) for the 2022-2023 school year. Services are being extended through February 27, 2023. Services will not to exceed \$5,700.00.
- CI-12. Approval of the agreement with Above and Beyond Learning Group, LLC from February 27, 2023-June 21, 2023 to provide BCBA consultation to the ABA preschool classroom three days per week at the rate of \$165 per hour. Total cost not to exceed \$44,000.
- CI-13. Approval of Homebound Instruction Agreement with Silvergate Prep for Hawthorne resident student (file #020823) at a rate of \$50 per hour for a total of 10 hours of instruction per week commencing February 13, 2023. Length of stay is estimated 4-6 weeks.
- CI-14. Agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, for Speech and Language Evaluation for one (1) student (file #021923) for the 2022-2023 school year. Services will not exceed \$790.00.

**CI-1-14 - Moved by Dr. Morel, 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**

**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.	Dawn Moore	Retire	Elementary School Teacher	n/a	n/a	WS	4/1/23	Last Day on FMLA 3/31/23	Retirement
P-2.	Eileen Siss	Retire	Elementary School Teacher	n/a	n/a	RS	7/1/2023	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/23	Retirement
P-3.	Joanne Hurley	Retire	Elementary School Teacher	n/a	n/a	RS	7/1/2023	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/23	Retirement
P-4.	Claudia Rossi; Madison Thomsen; Alyson La Spisa; Melanie Krzeminski	Extra Duty	Instructors for Family Math Nights	n/a	\$150 Stipend per Instructor	WS	3/15/23 - Grade 2 & 3 3/29/23 – Kdg & Grade 1	n/a	Family Math Nights paid through Title I Funds
P-5.	Alyson LaSpisa; Raquel	Extra Duty	Instructors for Morning Math Support	n/a	\$34.77 per hour	WS	3/7/23 for 2 days per week for	End of 4 week period	Morning Math Support Program funded by Title I

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	Pisacreta; Beslira Bajrami, Silvana Prell		Program Funded by Title I				4 weeks		for 2 days per week for 4 weeks
P-6.	Amy Phiefer; Matthew Spagnuolo	Extra Duty	Home Instructors	n/a	\$35.94 per hour	District	1/25/23	6/30/23	Home Instructors
P-7.	Matthew Trejos	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	2/2023	n/a	For student (file #020923) for Chamber Chorus
P-8.	Sylvia Zawistowska	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	LMS	1/31/23	n/a	For student (file #021023) for Craft Club
P-9.	Kristine Blau	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	LMS	2/10/23	n/a	For student (file #021123) for LMS Dance
P-10.	Joseph Walker	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	2022- 2023 Season	End of Season	For student (file #021223) for Outdoor Track
P-11.	Philip Schneider	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	3/23/23	n/a	For student (file #021223) for HHS Dance
P-12.	Teresa Magna Davenport	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	3/23/23	n/a	For student (file #021323) for HHS Dance
P-13.	Amie Ingunza	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	LMS	2/10/23	n/a	For students (file #021423 & #021523) for LMS Dance
P-14.	Faiza Jatkar	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$20.00 per hour	LMS	2/10/23	n/a	For students (file #021623 & #021723) for LMS Dance
P-15.	Julia Abahazy	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	2022- 2023 Season	End of Season	For student (file #021823) for Winter Track
P-16.	Alexandra Nicolaou	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	1/20/2023	2/2/2023	Chaperone Girls Basketball Team as Needed
P-17.	Monica Moss	Leave	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	LMS	3/7/23	4/11/23 or sooner	FMLA Leave
P-18.	Marissa Sabia	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	2/22/23 Pending Completion of Criminal History Review	6/21/23	To Fill a Vacancy
P-19.	Luz Mendez	Decline	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	District	n/a	n/a	Hired on agenda item P-15. at the 1/24/23 meeting. Did not respond to calls or emails Never on Payroll
P-20.	Izabela Shakjir	Resign	Bus Aide	n/a	n/a	District	2/6/23	Last Day on Payroll 2/3/23	Resignation
P-21.	James Garrison	Resign	Security Guard	n/a	n/a	HHS	3/1/23	Last Day on Payroll 3/1/23	Resignation

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
P-22.	Shanne Borja; Andraya Reddish	Hire	Non-Instructional Aides	n/a	\$14.13 per hour No Benefits not to exceed 5 hours per day	JS	Pending Criminal History Review	6/21/23	To Fill a Vacancy

*\* 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-23. Appointment of the following staff to serve in the positions listed below for the 2022-2023 School Year in accordance with rates listed in Appendix D of the teachers’ contract on file in the Board office.

<b>Home Therapy</b>
Mackenzie Friedman

P-24. 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
Francesca Fanetti	Felician	Observation	School Nurse	Stacey Porto	RS

**P-1-24 – Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Mr. Shortway**

- 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:**

**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 January, 2023 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 to make the necessary transfers for the period January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023, 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-3. 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-4. Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Hawthorne School District in the county of Passaic, hereby approves the submission of these School Facilities Capital Renovation Projects to the Department of Education for review and approval and for amendment to the Long-Range Facilities Plan.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the submission of the application for funding for the Projects as per the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, N.J.S.A. 1SA:7G-1 et seq., effective July 18, 2000 (“EFCFA”) for Regular Operating Districts under P.L.2022, c.18. The projects will be submitted in separate applications for each school for Capital Projects Review and Approval.

School	Project	DOE Project #	Cost
Roosevelt Elementary School	Roof Replacements	31-2100-080	\$1,077,150
Lincoln Middle School	Roof Replacements	31-2100-070	\$ 557,500

- F-5. Submission of the required Certification of purpose to, and acceptance of the \$108,042.00 appropriation from, the School Development Authority Emergent and Capital Needs program to fund a portion of the district’s share of the Mechanical Replacement (HV/HVAC) project costs.
- F-6. The Board hereby approves the transfer of \$280,958 from the capital reserve account to the capital outlay/major account to fund the district’s portion of the previously approved \$1,049,000 Mechanical Replacement Project at the Lincoln Middle School and Jefferson Elementary School. The balance of the project is being funded by the grant award from the NJ Board of Public Utilities, School and Small Business Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair Program and School Development Authority Emergent Capital Needs Program.
- F-7. Approval of the agreement with West Publishing Corporation, a Thomson Reuters business, for subscription access to CLEAR for Government Fraud, ENCLR PRO Gov License Plate Recognition, and BATCH CLEAR ID Confirm & Risk Inform from on or about April 1 – June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$9,048.
- F-8. Approval of the Consultation Contract with Grant Specialties to provide School Violence Prevention Program grant development, writing, budget proposal, letters of support, MOU templates and grants.gov/Justgrants portal management for the U.S. Dept of Education COPS School Violence Prevention program grant. The cost of these services is \$5,000.
- \*F-9. Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Hawthorne School District in the county of Passaic, previously approved the submission of project applications for grant funds to the New Jersey Clean Energy Program and hereby approves submission of the project applications to the Department of Education for review and approval and for amendment to the Long-Range Facilities Plan. The district will receive up to 75%, to a maximum of \$660,000, of the requested amounts from the grant.

School	Project	DOE Project #
Jefferson Elementary School	Mechanical Upgrades	31-2100-090
Lincoln Middle School	Mechanical Upgrades	31-2100-070

\*F-10. Columbia Bank is designated as the depository for the general fund account of the Hawthorne Board of Education. This account has authorized signatures of the Board President, Board Secretary and Superintendent of Schools.

Be it resolved that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to close the Columbia Bank account ending in 6822 and open a new account.

A-1. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2022-2023: HHS 239477 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: HHS 240335 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 239526 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 239396 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 240050 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: HHS 239815 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.

**F-1-10, A-1-6 – 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:**

**Jennifer Ehrentraut**

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

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

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

**CL-1 – Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Mr. Clavijo**

- 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:**

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Date and Times</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
Basketball Gym	Saturday, March 11, 2023 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b>Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne</b> BGC Basketball Championship Games
HHS Track/Surrounding Pavement	Sunday, May 7, 2023 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	<b>Hawthorne Stigma Free</b> Walk for Mental Health and Wellness
Cafeteria – Room 123	Tuesdays, June 6, 2023 & November 7, 2023 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b>Borough of Hawthorne</b> Primary & General/School Board Elections

**LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Date and Times</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
Cafeteria, Gym, First Floor Hallways, Parking Lot/Playground	Tuesdays - March 14, 2023, March 21, 2023 & April 4, 2023 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b>Hawthorne Police Department</b> HPA Jr. Police Academy
Cafeteria	Tuesdays, June 6, 2023 & November 7, 2023 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b>Borough of Hawthorne</b> Primary & General/School Board Elections

**ROOSEVELT SCHOOL:**

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Date and Times</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
Gym	Tuesdays, June 6, 2023 & November 7, 2023 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b>Borough of Hawthorne</b> Primary & General/School Board Elections

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL:**

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Date and Times</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
Gym	Tuesdays, June 6, 2023 & November 7, 2023 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b>Borough of Hawthorne</b> Primary & General/School Board Elections

- 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:

<b>ROUTE #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b># of Students</b>	<b>Cost + Surcharge</b>	<b>Dates</b>
2802	Washington South – BCSS	Ace Transportation	1	\$37,101.00 + \$1,113.03	1/17/23 – 6/2023

- BG-3. Approval of change order #1 awarded to Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc. for the High School Science and Media Center renovation project. This change order includes electrical work and a new acoustical CLG system. The cost of these changes is \$52,848.65 to the original contract price.

**BG-1-3 – Moved by Mr. Totaro, seconded by Ms. Ehrentraut**

- 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. Second Reading and Adoption of the following Policies and Regulations:**

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

**PO-1- Moved by Dr. Morel, seconded by Mr. Totaro**

- 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

None

Finance & Administration ..... Alex Clavijo

The committee met on February 13, 2023 and reviewed the preliminary 2023-2024 budget information. After receipt of State Aid numbers, it's recommended the Board review the proposed budget in a public work session.

Additionally, the committee reviewed and supported the submission of a ROD grant application for roofing projects; submission of a certification for use of the Emergent Capital Grant appropriation related to the previously approved HV/HVAC project, as well as partnering with a grant writer for a COPS application for replacement of districtwide PA system.

The committee reviewed the capital reserve and maintenance reserve balances and proposed projects.

PCSBA ..... Alex Clavijo

The next PCSBA meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2023 at Clifton High School co-sponsored by NJSBA and Passaic County.

Council Liaison ..... Jen Ehrentraut

Mayor Lane announced information regarding two scholarship opportunities for our students due by Friday, March 10, 2023.

Hawthorne Library and Community Center will be hosting cyber security awareness presentations on Friday, March 17, 2023 and Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Ms. Ehrentraut is working with Mayor Lane to apply for NJ Governor’s “We Value our Veterans” award.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 the Passaic County Clerk will be at the municipal building for the outreach program.

NJSBA..... Abigail Goff

Reminder that Financial Disclosure Statements are due.

Policy ..... Alma Morel

The committee met on February 21, 2023. The meeting focused on two policies: Policy 0152 – relates to how we elect board officers during reorganization meeting, and Regulation 2425 relates to Emergency Virtual Remote instruction program.

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

NJ SEPAC is hosting a virtual meeting tomorrow night.

Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald project can be dropped off at any of the schools. This year’s Color Run is expected to be May 7, 2023.

The Education Foundation will be hosting a Food Truck Festival Sunday, May 21, 2023.

Hawthorne High School PTO & Project Graduation are hosting Pocketbook Bingo on Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Boys & Girls Club.

Curriculum & Instruction ..... Alma Morel

The committee met on February 13, 2023. The supervisors provided updates on building a community of learners and strategies to improve and differentiate instruction.

End of marking period assessments were discussed.

Ms. Smith shared information regarding SMORE for interactive, engaging newsletters.

The committee discussed numerous High School course offerings in Humanities and Math/Science, as well as the process of selecting a new K-5 ELA Program.

The Seal of Biliteracy designation will be added to eligible graduates’ diplomas

Buildings & Grounds..... Marco Totaro

The committee met on February 13, 2023. ROD grant applications were on tonight’s agenda for partial roof replacements at Roosevelt Elementary School and Lincoln Middle School.

Reviewed Strategic Planning Goal #3 – Facilities.

**PUBLIC BE HEARD:**

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

None

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

Mr. Clavijo, Ms. Ehrentraut, and Mrs. Goff congratulated the Tri-Op hockey team and are proud the board could support this opportunity.

Ms. Ehrentraut encouraged the board to submit a NJSBA application for innovations in exemplary programs and services for students with special needs.

The board congratulated Mr. Totaro on accomplishing his Master Board Member certification.

Everyone congratulated the retirees and thanked them for their years of service.

Mr. Shortway congratulated the Wrestling Team for making the State tournament.

Mr. Doyle commented on an article regarding the State health benefit concerns.

**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 7:48 p.m. Mr. Clavijo 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 9:42 p.m. Mr. Shortway moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Dr. Morel

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 9:44 p.m. Dr. Morel 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,



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Board Secretary