

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
 Tuesday, September 19, 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
 Jenine Murray, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 And approximately 5 members of the public and 7 via 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:

August 22, 2023 – Regular Meeting - Public & Private

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

- 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 – Brianna Counsellor

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

- NJGPA Testing Presentation – Dr. Kristen Trabona
- Welcomed Brianna
- Addressed the incident at the high school
- Referendum update

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
LMS	Enrichment	Castle Shakespeare	HPS	\$25.00	\$0.00
LMS	Middle Steps Life Skills	Conklin Farm U-Pick	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Middle Steps Life Skills	Bergen Town Center	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Middle Steps Life Skills	Farms View Farm and Garden Center	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
ELEM	Enrichment – Gr 4 – Path	Newark Museum	HPS	\$25.00	\$0.00
HHS	Peer Leaders	Passaic County Team Summit – WPU	PC Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Enrichment – Gr 6	State Theater	HPS	\$15.00	\$0.00
ELEM	Enrichment – Gr 5 – Path	Newark Museum	HPS	\$25.00	\$0.00
*WS	Kindergarten	Abama’s Farm	HPS	\$13.00	\$6.00 PTO
*JS	3 rd Grade	Meadowlands Environmental Center	HPS	\$0.00	PTO

CI-2. Approval of contract with Tri-County Behavioral Care for services as needed at the following rates:

- School Clearance Assessment at a charge of \$165 per assessment
- Substance Evaluation and Treatment to include assessment and ALCO screen at a charge of \$215 per assessment/screening

- CI-3. Approval of Agreement between the Hawthorne Board of Education and CCBH Inc. for home instruction services for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$95.00 per hour for student (file #090123).
- CI-4. Approval of an agreement with ProCare Therapy for services for the 2023-2024 school year. Further approval of an Addendum to the Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.
- CI-5. Revision to an approval of an agreement with Northern Region Educational Services Commission for Physical Therapy Services for the 2023-2024 school year to add one (1) hour of logging and notes at a rate of \$95.00 per hour.
- CI-6. Revision to an approval of an agreement with Glen Rock Board of Education for placement of their resident student (file # 090223) into the Bear Cave 18-21 Transition Program for the 2023-2024 school year at a tuition rate of \$42,647.00 removing the shared paraprofessional.

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-7.	Bergen County Special Services New Bridges Middle School/High School		\$6,400.00	\$8,225.00	Student (file #090323)	6/27/23-8/4/23	ESY
CI-8.	New Bridges Middle School/High School	\$82,620.00 plus \$7,000.00 out of county fee	N/A	N/A	Student (file #090323)	9/2023–6/30/24	23-24 SY
CI-9.	DCF Regional Passaic Campus	\$234.91 per diem for 225 days \$52,828.00	N/A	N/A	Student (file #090423)	7/1/23 – 6/30/24	ESY & 23-24 SY

- CI-10. Approval of 2023-2028 Strategic Plan
- Whereas, the Hawthorne Public School District worked with various stakeholders to develop long range goals to address the needs of the district
- Whereas, the District participated in a strategic planning process during the 2022-2023 school year to identify areas of need in order to support students and staff,
- Whereas, the strategic planning committee created four long range goals that were previously shared with the board, along with an action plan in achieving these goals, and
- Now Therefore Be It Resolved that, the Hawthorne Public School District hereby recommends approval of the the strategic plan 2023-2028; and

Be it further resolved that, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Hawthorne Board of Education authorizes the superintendent on behalf of the Board with regard to exercising the intent of this resolution.

CI-11. Approval of the following District Goals that align to the strategic plan for the 2023-2024 school year

GOAL # 1: To develop a rigorous educational environment that challenges all students to succeed throughout and beyond the Hawthorne Public Schools

GOAL # 2: To cultivate a sense of belonging among all community stakeholders that fosters a commitment to the Hawthorne Public Schools

GOAL # 3: To improve the physical environment to stimulate and inspire students and teachers.

GOAL #4: To create a safe environment for all stakeholders to thrive emotionally, socially, and physically

*CI-12. Approval of home instruction for Hawthorne resident pupil as follows:

- a. Student file #090723 – Instruction starting date: 9/20/23
Home Instructor(s) – Kelly Iwaki, Ashley Smith, Steven Johnson, Osvaldo Duran, Lucia Dolin

*CI-13. Approval of an agreement with Northern Region Educational Services Commission for a Guidance Counselor for the 2023-2024 school year not to exceed two days per week for the period beginning October 2, 2023 through the return of Hawthorne’s regular Guidance Counselor, at a rate of \$371.00 per day.

CI-1-13 - Moved by Dr. Morel, seconded by Mr. Totaro

- 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

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.	Joey Carradori	Retire	Teacher of Art	n/a	n/a	JS/WS	1/1/24	Last Day on Payroll 12/31/23	Retirement
P-2.	Jennifer Feeling	Adjust	Teacher of Life Skills	n/a	n/a	LMS	11/28/23	4/28/24	Adjustment in Return Date from Maternity/Child Rearing Leave
P-3.	Ramon Guartan	Resign	Bus Driver	n/a	n/a	District	10/9/23	Last Day on Payroll 10/8/23	Resignation
P-4.	Blanca Garcia	Hire	Bus Driver	Step 1	\$29.05 per hour	District	10/1/23 Pending Criminal	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of

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							History Review		Ramon Guartan
P-5.	Tanner Rusyniak	Adjust	From Substitute to Long Term Substitute	n/a	\$296 per diem No Benefits	LMS	9/20/23	9/30/23	Adjustment in Pay Rate for Transition Period
P-6.	Tanner Rusyniak	Adjust	Teacher of Social Studies	BA/6	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$59,210	LMS	10/1/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Retirement of Tanya Cicerale
P-7.	Sarah Abaza	Hire	Teacher of Broadcasting	BA/15	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$83,270	HHS	Pending Certification and Pending Criminal History Review	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Matt Small
P-8.	Christina Pilcer	Hire	Teacher of Art	BA/9	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$62,990	LMS	9/20/23 Pending Criminal History Review	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Sylvia Zawistowska
P-9.	Sihana Asani	Adjust	Teacher of Students with Disabilities	BA/4	\$56,965	RS	8/31/23	6/30/24	Adjustment in Degree Status
P-10.	Melissa Gonzalez	Adjust	Speech Language Specialist	MS/7	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$64,010	WS/ LMS	9/11/23	6/30/24	Adjustment in Degree Status
P-11.	Lisa Thompson-Struckus	Adjust	Teacher of Business	B+15/13	\$75,300	HHS	8/31/23	6/30/24	Adjustment in Degree Status
P-12.	Jenna Schreiber	Leave	Teacher of Science	n/a	n/a	LMS	1/25/24	6/30/24	Approval of Maternity Leave and Federal/State Family Leave of Absence in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act followed by Child Rearing Leave
P-13.	Andrew Zaborney	Decline	Teacher of Broadcasting	n/a	n/a	HHS	n/a	n/a	Declined Contract. Mr. Zaborney was never on payroll.
P-14.	Michelle Lynch	Resign	Teacher of Spanish	n/a	n/a	LMS/JS/RS/WS	10/27/23 or sooner upon filling position	Last Day on Payroll 10/27/23 or sooner	Resignation
P-15.	Amanda Mohre	Resign	Teacher of Students with Disabilities	n/a	n/a	RS	10/20/23 or sooner upon filling position	Last Day on Payroll 10/20/23 or sooner	Resignation
P-16.	Kerri Oetting	Extra Duty	Speech Language Specialist	n/a	\$46.70 per hour up to another additional 20 hours	District	7/1/23	8/31/23	Additional Summer Hours
P-17.	Christopher Warner	Extra Duty	Teacher of PE/HE	n/a	\$69.10 per hour 8:30 a.m.	District	8/28/23	8/28/23	Conduct CPR Training

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P-18.	Kristen Segreto	Extra Duty	Multisensory Reading Instructor	n/a	\$35.94 per hour	District	9/2023	6/2023	Multisensory Reading Instruction for Students (File #090523 and #090623)
P-19.	Kristine Blau; Teresa Magna Davenport; Irene Villano	Extra Duty	Chaperones	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	LMS	9/22/23	9/22/23	Chaperones for LMS Dance
P-20.	Stephanie Donatello; Michelle Lynch; Tyler Ten Kate; Daniel Ferraro; Jonelle Genberg; Jenna Schreiber; Kimberly Bednar; Melanie De Dios; Joshua Kalmikoff; Kristine Blau; Rita Klein-Poma; Amie Ingunza; Erin Harney; Matthew Wagner; Elizabeth Salerno; Barbara Mulvey; Alexandria Soto	Extra Duty	Chaperones	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	LMS	9/5/23	6/19/24	Chaperones for LMS Activities
P-21.	Stephanie Donatello; Laura Thomas; Daniel Ferraro; Allison Happ; Jenna Longo; Kathleen Huffman; Mathew Massahos; Rita Klein-Poma; Elizabeth Salerno; Alexandria Soto; Susan Hahn; Like Sperling	Extra Duty	Lunch Detention	n/a	\$27.73 per period	LMS	9/5/23	6/19/24	Detention Coverage
P-22.	Stephanie Donatello; Daniel Ferraro;	Extra Duty	Detention	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	LMS	9/5/23	6/19/24	Detention Coverage

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	Jenna Schreiber; Kathleen Huffman; Mathew Massahos; Luke Sperling								
P-23.	Danielle Sico; Ashley Baber; Allison Happ; Kelly Iawaki; Carol Murphy; Daria Kotlarchuk; Steven Johnson; Lucia Dolin; Ashley Smith; Matthew Spagnuolo; Osvaldo Duran; Kristen Segreto; Catherine Corry; Lisa Thompson-Struckus	Extra Duty	Home Instructors	n/a	\$35.94 per hour	District	9/5/23	6/30/24	Home Instructors
P-24.	Alexander Davis;	Extra Duty	Home Instructor	n/a	20.00 per hour	District	9/5/23	6/30/24	Home Instructor
P-25.	Rebecca Herz; Amanda Lembo; Sunny Sotar	Hire	Substitute SACC Staff	n/a	\$25.19 per hour No Benefits	District	9/5/23	6/19/24	Substitutes in SACC Program
P-26.	Andraya Reddish	Adjust	From Non-Instructional Aide to Part Time Para	n/a	\$18,900 +ABA Stipend if applicable	District	8/31/23	6/30/24	Adjustment in Positions
P-27.	Alexa Dichio	Adjust	Part Time Para 3 Days per Week	n/a	\$11,340.00 +ABA Stipend if applicable	District	8/31/23	6/30/24	Adjustment of Work Schedule
P-28.	Peppi Gardner	Hire	Part-Time Para half-time mornings	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$9,450.00 +ABA Stipend if applicable	District	10/2/23 Pending Criminal History Review	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy
P-29.	Leonor Melendez	Hire	Part Time Para	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$18,900.00 +ABA Stipend if applicable	District	9/20/23	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy
P-30.	Elizabeth Albanese	Resign	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	District	2023-2024 SY	n/a	Resignation
P-31.	Angelli Flaz	Resign	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	District	2023-2024 SY	n/a	Resignation

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P-32.	Kathleen Meehan	Renewal	Non-instructional aide	n/a	\$15 per hour, not to exceed 3 hours per day No Benefits	LMS	9/11/23	6/18/24	Non-Instructional Aide paid out of ESSER Funds
P-33.	Sheila Gatti	Adjust	From Part Time Para to Non-instructional aide	n/a	\$15 per hour, not to exceed 3 hours per day No Benefits	WS	9/20/23	6/18/24	Non-Instructional Aide paid out of ESSER Funds
P-34.	Keri Colon	Hire	Non-instructional aide	n/a	\$15 per hour, not to exceed 3 hours per day No Benefits	WS	9/20/23 Pending Criminal History Review	6/18/24	Non-Instructional Aide paid out of ESSER Funds
P-35.	Carol Glesias	Hire	Non-instructional aide	n/a	\$15 per hour, not to exceed 3 hours per day No Benefits	LMS	9/20/23 Pending Criminal History Review	6/18/24	Non-Instructional Aide paid out of ESSER Funds
P-36.	Rita Bajdough	Decline	Non-instructional aide	n/a	n/a	WS	2023-2024 SY	n/a	Declined Contract. Ms. Bajdough was never on payroll for the 2023-2024 school year

** 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-37. 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
Samantha Biss	Substitute	n/a	\$105 per diem	JS	9/15/23, 9/18/23, 9/19/23	Transition Period	General Fund
Samantha Biss	Elementary/ BSI	MA/1	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$59,565	JS	9/20/23	Replacement of Deanna Maskley originally hired to replace Ginelle Grunfelder (ESSER)	General Fund

- P-38. Approval for the following member of the instructional staff, having satisfied the academic requirements of a higher category on the Teachers' Salary Guide, be approved for reclassification in accordance with his advanced academic training and that his annual salary for the 2023-2024 school year be adjusted to coincide with his new position on the 2023-2024 salary guide as listed below, retroactive as of August 31, 2023.

Name	School	New Classification	New Salary Inclusive of Longevity
Stephanie Donatello	LMS	B+15	\$64,540.00
Albert Weisz	RS	M+60	\$73,840.00

- P-39. Appointment of the persons listed in the report entitled “Extra-Duty Assignments School Year 2023-2024” dated September 19, 2023, as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover.

- P-40. Approval for the following staff members to plan and deliver workshops at the contractual stipends of \$100.00 to plan the workshops and \$100.00 to deliver the workshops during New Teacher Orientation in August.

Jennifer Basilone		Meaghan Kelly		
Allyson Gerdes		Lauren Zuravner		

- P-41. 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
Teresa Cassidy-Bennett	Teresa Cassidy-Bennett

- P-42. 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.

Ariton Mimini		David Watts		
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- P-43. 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 2023-2024 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
Kyle Kreske	Kean	Intern	Guidance	Keshia Golding-Cooper	HHS

Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-44.	Garrett Postolakis	Leave	Teacher of Physical/Health Education	n/a	n/a	LMS	12/11/23	3/1/24	Approval of Paternity Leave and Federal/State Family Leave of Absence in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act followed by Child Rearing Leave
*P-45.	Grace Mariani	Hire	Teacher of Students with Disabilities	n/a	\$282 per diem No Benefits	RS	9/20/23	9/22/23	Per Diem Pay Rate During Transition Period
*P-46.	Grace Mariani	Hire	Teacher of Students with Disabilities	BA/1	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$56,465	RS	9/25/23	5/1/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Amanda Mohre
*P-47.	Monica Moss	Leave	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	RS	9/18/23	12/21/23	Unpaid Leave
*P-48.	Antonietta Porporino	Adjust	Non-Instructional Aide	n/a	4 ½ hours per day \$15.00 per hour	District	9/20/23	6/20/24	Increase from 3 Hours per Day to 4 ½ Hours per Day Paid out of ESSER

P-1-48 – Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Dr. Morel

- 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**

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Alex Clavijo, Chairperson

DONATIONS:

- A. Acceptance of a donation of dictionaries to each 3rd grade student in the Hawthorne Public School District from the Hawthorne Rotary Club at a value of \$960.00.

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 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-2. BE IT RESOLVED: That Jenine M. Murray, School Business Administrator be Appointed as Qualified Purchasing Agent for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- F-3. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Business Associate Agreement with Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc.
- F-4. Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hawthorne Board of Education approves Post & Kelly Electric Co, Inc. Payment Application #11, in the amount of \$172,284.00 and Payment Application #12, in the amount of \$100,891.00 for Hawthorne School District-wide Generator Projects.
- F-5. Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hawthorne Board of Education approves Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc. Payment Application #5, in the amount of \$441,539.00 and Payment Application #6, in the amount of \$342,010.20 for Hawthorne High School Science and Media Center Renovations.
- F-6. Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hawthorne Board of Education approves Signal Electric Corp. Payment Application #14, in the amount of \$9,800.00 and Payment Application #15, in the amount of \$9,800.00 for Hawthorne School District-wide fire alarm upgrades.
- F-7. Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hawthorne Board of Education approves Tri-Plex Industries, Inc. Payment Application #3, in the amount of \$183,591.86 for Hawthorne High School Elevator Renovation Project.
- F-8. Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hawthorne Board of Education approves Pattman Plumbing, Heating & A/C, Inc. Payment Application #3, in the amount of \$303,016.00 for Hawthorne School District Mechanical replacements.
- F-9. Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hawthorne Board of Education approves Jersey Architectural Door & Supply Payment Application #12 Final, in the amount of \$26,037.32 for Hawthorne School District door replacements.
- A-1. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education (the “Board”) approves Solutions Architecture, in conjunction with the district’s School Business Administrator, to update the district’s Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to include an additional property to house the district’s Administrative offices.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board hereby authorizes the submission of the necessary minor amendment of the district’s Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of School Facilities Planning.
- A-2. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education (the “Board”) has determined that it is in the best interests of the District to acquire additional facilities and enter into and execute a Contract for the Sale of Real Estate the property known as Lot 6 in Block 134 and known as 194 Warburton Avenue on the tax map of the Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the “Property”); and
- WHEREAS, Louis Della Pesca and Doris Della Pesca (the “Sellers”) desire to sell the aforementioned Property to the Board; and
- WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by law to acquire land, buildings, and other facilities necessary for educational purposes and to purchase equipment therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Sellers have reached an agreement on a Contract for the Sale of Real Estate for the Property for the Board to purchase the Property from the Sellers for the price of \$650,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board hereby ratifies and approves the terms of the Contract for the Sale of Real Estate with the Sellers for the property known as Lot 6 in Block 134 and known as 194 Warburton Avenue on the tax map of the Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey for the purchase price of \$650,000.00, which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract for the Sale of Real Estate and any other documents necessary to effectuate said acquisition of the Property.

A-3. Approval of Emergency Repairs at Hawthorne High School

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has consulted with the Executive County Business Administrator regarding the emergent nature of this condition; and

WHEREAS, there is significant damages at the Hawthorne High School; and

WHEREAS, the damage presented an issue of health and safety for our students, as well as potential structural damage to our building; and

WHEREAS, the Chief School Administrator has notified the Business Administrator of the emergency and the need for said contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education declare an emergency under N.J.S.A 18A:18A-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 allowing the work to be completed in an expedited fashion and to seek the approval of the Executive County Superintendent of Schools to immediately repair the damages; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the repairs will be made under the declaration of an Emergency, without the receipt of bids.

F-1-9, A-1-3 – Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Puluse

- 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**

CLAIMS:

Alma Morel

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

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

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

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

- 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**

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 #2 awarded to Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc. to laminate and prepare for the floor installation in the Media Center. The cost of this change adds \$4,643.86 to the original contract price.
- *BG-2. Approval of change order #2 awarded to Tri-Plex Industries, Inc. to install a battery back up to the elevator at the high school. The cost of this change adds \$12,960.00 to the original contract price.
- *BG-3. Approval of applications for use of school property, subject to non-interference with school activities and the execution of the appropriate releases, including receipt of a Certificate of Insurance.

HAWTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Roller Hockey Rink	10/1/23 – 4/20/24* Weekdays 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Weekends 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. *Dates to be coordinated with the Athletic Director *No parking on field level. May drive down to drop off gear, but must park on street level on game and practice days.	<u>Hawthorne Roller Hockey</u> Practice and Games

BG-1-2 – Moved by Mr. Totaro, 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**

BG-3 – Motion to Table – Moved by Mr. Totaro, seconded by Mr. Puluse

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

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

COMMITTEE

Legislative Joseph Carr
None

CHAIRPERSON

Finance & Administration Alex Clavijo

Dr. Spirito clarified A3.

Mr. Totaro asked if contractors are consortium or independent.

Ms. Goff thanked everyone who was able to help on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Clavijo thanked the community and leadership.

PCSBA Alex Clavijo

None

Council Liaison Jen Ehrentraut

Art in the Park / Fishing Derby

Hawthorne Day is September 30, 2023

Fire Academy starts October 5, 2023

Volunteer Ambulance Beefsteak

NJSBA..... Abigail Goff

Professional learning opportunities

Dr. Morel will attend in October.

Mr. Doyle reminded everyone about mandated training.

Policy..... Alma Morel

None

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

Washington Schools book drive was a success.

Laps for Lincoln was successful.

SEPAC membership drive. Next meeting is September 27, 2023.

Still collecting pull tabs

Curriculum & Instruction Alma Morel

Discussed high impact tutoring grant

Buildings & Grounds..... Marco Totaro

There was a discussion amongst the board members regarding the roller hockey rink.

Update on brick façade repairs.

Summer referendum work

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

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

Ms. Mulkey asked about the new board offices being approved. Dr. Spirito addressed her concerns.

Additionally, Ms. Mulkey congratulated our teachers for their movement on the guide. She also asked about the CCBH contract, Dr. Spirito answered.

Mr. Murphy had questions regarding Dr. Trabona’s presentation. Dr. Trabona addressed his concerns.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Morel started a discussion about air conditioning in our schools.

Mr. Shortway welcomed the Student Council Representative and extended a warm welcome to all the new hires.

Mr. Clavijo welcomed the Student Council Representative. Complimented the placement of the athletic banners and mentioned the Scouts open house.

Mr. Totaro welcomed the Student Council Representative and congratulated the football team for being 1st place for the week. Also, HHS has a student up for Athlete of the Week.

Ms. Ehrentraut welcomed the Student Council Representative and commented on the entrance bricks.

Mr. Puluse welcomed the Student Council Representative and welcomed back the students and staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

PRIVATE SESSION:

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

1. A matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
2. A matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
3. Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
4. A collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiation related to it
5. A matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds
6. Protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
7. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
8. Specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session
9. Deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss

Be it further resolved that it is anticipated that executive session will be for 45 minutes in duration and that public action may/may not be taken:

Be it further resolved that the minutes of the Executive Session will be made available upon a determination by the Board that the disclosure of the minutes will not detrimentally affect any right or interest of the Board and the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

MOTION TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION:

At 9:06 p.m. Dr. Morel moved the board go into executive session, 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

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

At 9:30 p.m. Mr. Shortway moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Carr

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 9:30 p.m. Dr. Morel moved the board adjourn, seconded by Mr. Carr

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jenine Murray
Board Secretary