

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY  
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April 21, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

**Time:** 7:35 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 Hawthorne Press and The Record, and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Hawthorne.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	Time of arrival after meeting has been called to order.
Michael Doyle	X		
Abigail Goff	X		
Michele Hyams	X		
Anthony Puluse	X		
Bruce Reicher	X		
Mike Sciarra	X		
Victor Terraglia	X		
Louis B. Turco	X		
Alex Clavijo	X		

Also Present: Richard A. Spirito, Superintendent of Schools  
Trude Engle, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
and approximately 12 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, comments are invited regarding subjects on this agenda. The second opportunity occurs just prior to adjournment, when citizens may address general questions and comments to the Board.

Persons wishing to speak must upon being recognized, rise and state their name and address. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard if at all, who may speak, and for how long. All such rules shall be monitored by the presiding officer.

Please turn off cell phones.

Comments and questions shall be addressed to the Board President or the presiding officer, and shall be limited to agenda issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer may require the speaker to sit down.

**MEETING CALENDAR:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Monday, April 27, 2015	7:30 P.M.	Municipal Council Meeting Room	Budget Presentation – Public
Tuesday, May 12, 2015	7:30 P.M. 8:30-P.M. - Or at the Conclusion of the Public Session	Board Room	Monthly Meeting – Youth Night – Public Executive Session – Private

**PUBLIC BE HEARD - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Ms. Tolomeo questioned item BG-39 and asked if we are requesting parents pay this cost and also is this cost accurate. Ms. Tolomeo also questioned item CI-49 and why are we hiring a full time paraprofessional with benefits.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

March 17, 2015 – Regular Meeting – Public and Private

**Approval of Minutes – moved by Mr. Terraglia, seconded by Mr. Puluse**

- Ayes - Ms. Goff, Mr. Turco, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Terraglia  
Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hyams, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Clavijo**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS:**

- A. Acceptance of \$166.82 from Blue Moon Cafe, Wyckoff, New Jersey for the Life Skills Program. These funds were raised as a result of the Community Night held on March 4, 2015.
- B. Acceptance of \$300.00 from Mr. Hick Motlaq and Ms. Lynn Molinaro, Hawthorne, New Jersey for the Hawthorne High School Marching Band in memory of Rande Motlaq to be processed through the Hawthorne High School Internal Funds.

**Acceptance of Donations – moved by Ms. Hyams, seconded by Mr. Sciarra**

- Ayes - Ms. Goff, Mr. Turco, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Terraglia  
Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hyams, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Clavijo**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**

**Abigail Goff, Chairperson**

**REPORTS:**

- A. Student Council Representative's Report – See attached report
- B. Superintendent’s Report - Richard A. Spirito

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction recommends the following resolutions:

**Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:**

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Term. Date	Reason/ Account
CI-1.	Joanne Dallessio	Retire	Teacher of Science	n/a	n/a	HHS	7/1/15	6/30/15 Last Day	Retirement
CI-2.	Alyson Nilo	Appoint	Teacher of Language Arts Literacy	BA/1	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$50,475	LMS	4/27/15	6/30/15	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Retirement of Mary Ann Graziano
CI-3.	Sarah Wolpert	Appoint	Long Term Substitute Teacher of English	BA/1	\$252.38 per diem No Benefits	HHS	4/22/15	6/22/15 or Sooner Depending on Return of Regular Teacher	Leave of Absence Replacement
CI-4.	James Hurley	Adjust	Part Time Paraprofessional/Three Days per Week	n/a	\$90 per diem No Benefits	District	2/3/15	6/19/15	Adjustment from Four Days per Week to Three Days per Week
CI-5.	Jennifer Seisz	Adjust	Part Time Paraprofessional/Four Days per Week	n/a	\$90 per diem No Benefits	District	4/22/15	6/19/15	Adjustment from One Day per Week to Four Days per Week
CI-6.	Nicole Tanis	Appoint	Part Time Paraprofessional/ Four Days per Week	n/a	\$90 per diem No Benefits	District	4/22/15	6/19/15	Part Time Paraprofessional
CI-7.	Brittany Sumter	Resign	Part Time Paraprofessional	n/a	n/a	JS	3/19/15	Last Day 3/18/15	Resignation
CI-8.	Joshua Zabler	Resign	Part Time Paraprofessional	n/a	n/a	LMS	5/14/15	Last Day 5/13/15	Resignation
CI-9.	Steven Johnson Beth Solomon	Appoint	Home Instructors	n/a	\$34.46 per hour	District	4/22/15	6/30/15	Home Instructors

*\* 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.*

CI-10. Acceptance of the following student to complete her student field experience in education in the Hawthorne Public School District during the 2014-2015 school year. This placement is subject to the satisfactory completion of the criminal history records check required by law. In the event the criminal history check is not completed this

placement is subject to the approval of the County Superintendent for emergent hiring procedures. Per this resolution this student is also approved as a substitute teacher in the Hawthorne Public School District contingent upon obtaining a county substitute certificate.

Student	College	Type	Subject Area	Coop. Teacher	Loc
Kafah, Meredith	WPU	Shadow	Principal	Mr. La Grone	HHS

CI-11. Approval of the following therapists for services provided to Hawthorne resident students during the 2014-2015 school year.

Vendor	Service Provided	Rate per Session
Mint Education Consulting, LLC	Student Evaluations	\$300 per evaluation

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

- a. Student (file #040115) – Instruction starting date: 3/23/2015  
Home Instructors - Pamela Hoogerhyde, Steven Johnson and Carol Murphy
- b. Student (file #040215) – Instruction starting date 3/24/2015  
Home Instructors – Pamela Hoogerhyde and Carol Murphy
- c. Student (file #040315) – Instruction starting date 4/14/15  
Home Instructors – Jody Mulkey and MarissaWentworth

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approve the following student out of district placements based upon NJ Department of Education Maximum:

Item #	School	Action	SY Tuition	Additional Services	ESY Tuition	Student #	Dates of Term	Discussion
CI-13.	Windsor Academy	Approve	\$267.39 per diem for 63 days \$16,845.57	N/A	N/A	file #040415	3/16/15 – 6/15	14-15 SY
CI-14.	Shepard	Approve	\$281.24 Per diem for 63 days \$17,718.12	N/A	N/A	file #040515	3/16/15- 6/15	14-15 SY
CI-15.	Allegro School	Approve	\$448.00 per diem for 52 days \$23,296.00	\$135.00 per diem for 52 days \$7,020.00	N/A	file #040615	3/30/15- 6/15	14-15 SY

CI-16. Approval to enter into a contractual agreement for home/bedside instruction with St. Clare's Hospital, Boonton, New Jersey for Hawthorne resident student (file #040715) beginning April 13, 2015 through April 15, 2015 at a rate of \$54.00 per hour for one hour a day while a patient at St. Clare's hospital. The student number is on file in the Hawthorne Board of Education office.

CI-17. Approval to enter into a contractual agreement for home instruction with Professional Education Services, Inc., Glassboro, New Jersey, for Hawthorne resident student (file #040815) attending High Focus Centers of Paramus, New Jersey beginning April 6, 2015 for approximately 4-6 weeks, Monday through Friday, for two hours per day at a cost of \$34.46 per hour. The student number is on file in the Hawthorne Board of Education office.

CI-18. Approval to enter into a contractual agreement for home instruction with Professional Education Services, Inc., Glassboro, New Jersey, for Hawthorne resident student (file #040915) attending High Focus Centers of Paramus, New Jersey beginning April 13, 2015 for approximately 4-6 weeks, Monday through Friday, for two hours per day at a cost of \$34.46 per hour. The student number is on file in the Hawthorne Board of Education office.

CI-19. **Approval of Field Trips**

Be it resolved, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approve the following in accordance with Policy 2340:

School	Date	Group	Destination	Transportation	Cost Per Student	Total Trans Cost	Outside Funding
AL	4/22/15	PreK	Jefferson School	HPS	\$0.00	\$100.00	
HHS	4/24/15	HHS Life Skills	Paramus AMC Theater	HPS	\$13.00	\$7.50	
HHS	4/27/15 4/30/15 Raindate	HHS Life Skills	Van Saun Park Zoo	HPS	\$0.00	\$4.50	
LMS	4/29/15	Life Skills	Food Basics	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WS	4/30/15	Third Grade	James McFaul Environmental Center	HPS	\$3.48	\$106.21	
HHS	5/6/15 5/22/15	HHS Life Skills	Goffle Brook Park	Walking	\$0.00	\$0.00	
J/R/W	5/12/15	Enrichment Path	NJ Marine Sciences Consortium	D&M	\$30.00	\$525.00	
HHS	5/12/15 5/29/15 6/4/15	HHS Life Skills	Walking Trip Around Town	Walking	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LMS	5/13/15	Life Skills	Food Basics	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00	
HHS	5/14/15	Foreign Language Students	William Paterson University	Teacher's Cars	\$0.00	\$0.00	
HHS	5/19/15	Broadcasting & Media Arts	NBC Studios/Paley Center for Media, NYC	Murphy Bus	\$4.50	\$440.00	
HHS	5/19/15	HHS Marching Band	Lincoln Middle School	Walking	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LMS	5/19/15	Life Skills	Hawthorne High School	Walking	\$0.00	\$0.00	
HHS	5/20/15	HHS Marching Band	Hoboken	HPS	\$0.00	\$291.00	
RS	5/20/15	Kindergarten	Van Saun Park	D&M	\$8.62	\$280.00	
LMS	5/21/15	LMS Student Council	Eva's Kitchen Valley Hospital Pancake House	HPS	\$0.00	\$140.00	
HHS	5/22/15	Ecology Club	Hackensack River Keeper	HPS	\$15.00	\$152.30	
HHS	5/25/15	HHS Marching Band	Franklin Lakes	HPS	\$0.00	\$170.00	

School	Date	Group	Destination	Transportation	Cost Per Student	Total Trans Cost	Outside Funding
HHS	5/25/15	HHS Marching Band	Rea Avenue	Walking	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LMS	5/28/15	Life Skills	Abma’s Farm	HPS	\$10.00	\$0.00	
LMS	5/29/15	Life Skills	Goffle Brook Park	Walking	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LMS	6/1/15	Enrichment – Network	Haledon Public Schools	HPS	\$0.00	\$99.00	
R/W	6/2/15	Enrichment – Grade 4	Jefferson School	HPS	\$0.00	\$73.50	
RS	6/5/15	Fifth Grade	Intrepid	Metropolitan Shuttle	\$12.38	\$1620.00	
LMS	6/5/15	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	Dorney Park, Allentown, PA	Wagner Tours	\$45.00	\$525.00	
WS	6/5/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Classes	Essex County Environmental Center	HPS	\$8.32	\$146.00	

- CI-20. 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 from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- CI-21. Approval for Passaic County Educational Services Commission to operate summer school at Hawthorne High School from June 30, 2015 through July 28, 2015 from 7:20 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- CI-22. Approval of Shared Service Agreement with Bergen County Technical Schools Board of Education for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for Technology Support Services: Level I Technician at an annual cost of \$61,200.00.
- CI-23. Approval of Shared Service Agreement with Bergen County Technical Schools Board of Education for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for Technology Support Services: Level II Technician at an annual cost of \$75,000.00.

**Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:**

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Term. Date	Reason/ Account
CI-41.	Marc Tracy	Appoint	Full Time Paraprofessional	n/a	\$26,659	WS	4/22/15	6/30/15	Full Time Paraprofessional
CI-42.	Brian Padilla	Appoint	Part Time Paraprofessional/ Four Days per Week	n/a	\$90 per diem No Benefits	District	4/22/15	6/19/15	Part Time Paraprofessional

Mr. Spirit wished Ms. Dallessio a happy and healthy retirement retirement and thanked her for her years of service in the District.

**CI-1-23, CI-41-42 – moved by Ms. Goff, seconded by Mr. Doyle**

- Ayes - Ms. Goff, Mr. Turco, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Terraglia  
Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hyams, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Clavijo**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

**Victor Terraglia, Chairperson**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Finance and Administration recommends the following resolutions:

F-24. Approval of travel to events for Board members and employees subject to conformance 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-25. The Board of Education confirms the following payments made from the Cafeteria Account:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Check</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>
4/2/15	3377	\$497.15	Firematic & Safety	Repairs
4/2/15	3378	\$816.02	Jay-Hill Repairs	Repairs
4/2/15	3379	\$84,444.65	Pomptonian	Various

F-26. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board of Education”) filed a verified petition with the Commissioner of Education (Agency Ref. No. 316-10/14 and OAL Docket No. EDU 16073-2014N) which seeks a determination that the parents of two (2) students are liable to the Board of Education for the payment of tuition for the 2013-2014 school year; and

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into an agreement to resolve the Board of Education’s claim for tuition;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agreement with the parents for the payment of tuition for an agreed amount in accordance with a payment schedule and authorizes the superintendent of schools and board secretary/business administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

F-27. Acceptance of the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Report for March 2015.

F-28. Approval to make the necessary transfers for the period March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 for the budget year 2014-2015 in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11. A list of these transfers is submitted under separate cover and shall be made an integral part of this resolution.

F-29. **APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS IN EXCESS OF 10% OF THE ORIGINAL BUDGET**  
Approval of a transfer in the amount of \$135,689.00 from account 11-2XX-100-XXX (Special Education) and \$137,813.00 from account 11-4XX-X00-XXX (Other

Instruction Program) to account 11-000-219-XXX-XXX (Child Study Team).

Approval of a transfer in the amount of \$213,686.00 from account 11-XXX-XXX-2XX (Employee benefits) and \$160,450.00 from account 12-000-4XX-931 (Capital Reserve Transfer) to account 12-000-4XX-XXX (Construction Services).

A-30. Read and Adopt the following policies:

- Bylaws 0134 - Board Self Evaluation
- Bylaws 0152 - Board Officers
- Policy 2622 - Student Assessment
- Policy 3212 - Attendance (Teaching Staff Members)
- Policy 3218 - Substance Abuse (Teaching Staff Members)
- Policy 4212 - Attendance (Support Staff Members)
- Policy 4218 - Substance Abuse (Support Staff Members)
- Policy 5200 - Attendance (Pupils)
- Policy 5460 - High School Graduation
- Policy 5465 - Early Graduation
- Policy 6640 - Cafeteria Fund
- Policy 8630 - Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility

A-31. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2014-2015:23, and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.

A-32. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2014-2015:24, and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.

A-33. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2014-2015:25, and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.

A-34. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2014-2015:26, and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.

A-35. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2014-2015:27, and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.

**F-24-29, A-31-35 – moved by Mr. Terraglia, seconded by Ms. Hyams**

- Ayes - Ms. Goff, Mr. Turco, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Terraglia**
- Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hyams, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Clavijo**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

**CLAIMS:**

**Michele Hyams**

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

CL-36. Approval of April 2015 Bill List.

It is recommended that the Board approve the bill list for the month of April 2015.

**CL-36 – moved by Ms. Hyams, seconded by Mr. Puluse**

- Ayes - Ms. Goff, Mr. Turco, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Terraglia  
 Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hyams, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Clavijo**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

**Michael Doyle, Chairperson**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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

- BG-37. Award of a transportation contract to the Passaic County Educational Services Commission, 45 Reinhardt 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 Students	Cost + Surcharge	Dates
7182	Shepard School Aide	Jordan	1	\$2,950.00 + \$88.50	3/16/15-6/15
SHPD	Shepard School	First Student	1	\$6,798.00 + \$203.94	3/2/15-3/31/15
WASO	Washington South	First Student	1	\$6,993.00 + \$209.79	3/2/15-3/31/15
8106	Windsor Academy	Station Wagon	1	\$3,465.00 + \$103.95	3/16/15-6/15
8210	Shepard School	4 Diamond	1	\$10,710.00 + \$321.30	4/1/15-6/15
8212	Allegro School	A-1 Elegant	1	\$13,734.00 + \$411.72	4/1/15-6/15
8208	Phoenix Center	4 Diamond	2	\$12,880.00 + \$386.40	4/1/15-6/15

- BG-38. Approval of the revised Application for Use of School Property form, a copy of this application has been submitted under separate cover and shall be made an integral part of this resolution.
- BG-39. Approval to transport approximately 20 middle school students to Montclair State University Monday through Friday from July 20, 2015 through July 31, 2015, as part of the Write On Sports Summer Camp Program, at an approximate cost of \$550.00.
- BG-40. 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
High School Field	Sundays April 12, 2015 – 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. April 19, 2015 – 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. May 17, 2015 – 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. May 31, 2015 – 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 14, 2015 – 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.	<b><u>Ajax Soccer Club</u></b> Soccer Games
High School Football Field	Sunday, April 26, 2015 8:30 a.m. to dusk	<b><u>Hawthorne Caballeros</u></b> Practice

Auditorium	Wednesday, June 24, 2015 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b><u>Dance Arts</u></b> Rehearsal and Dance Recital
	Friday, June 26, 2015 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	

**LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Gym	Wednesdays 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10/15 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Boys &amp; Girls Club</u></b> Dodgeball Program

**ROOSEVELT SCHOOL:**

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Gym and Cafeteria	Wednesdays 9/9/15 – 11/18/15 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Hawthorne Cheerleading Association</u></b> Cheerleading Practice

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL:**

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Field	Monday – Friday 3/23/15 – 6/12/15 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b><u>Ajax Soccer Club</u></b> Soccer Practice

**REA AVENUE FIELD:**

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Field	Saturday-Sunday 9/5/15 – 11/22/15 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	<b><u>Hawthorne Soccer Association</u></b> Soccer Practice
	Monday – Friday 8/1/15 – 11/20/15 5:00 p.m. to dark	

**BG-37-40 – moved by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Terraglia**

- Ayes - Ms. Goff, Mr. Turco, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Terraglia  
Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hyams, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Clavijo
- Nays - None
- Abstain - None
- Absent - None

**REPORTS FROM ANY OTHER COMMITTEES:**

**COMMITTEE**

**CHAIRPERSON**

Board of Recreation Liaison..... Alex Clavijo

Mr. Clavijo reported that the next Board of Recreation meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2015.

Buildings & Grounds..... Michael Doyle

Mr. Doyle reported the following from the April 14 committee meeting:

- Converting unused locker rooms at Roosevelt into classroom space
- District wide wireless internet access assessment
- Use of School Property policy and revised forms.
- Door replacements and security hardware throughout District
- Donation of protective padding for Roosevelt School stage.
- Proposed necessary high school track repairs
- Ad-Hoc committee for turf fields

Council Liaison ..... Michael Doyle  
 No Report

Curriculum & Instruction ..... Abigail Goff

Ms. Goff reported the following from the April 14 committee meeting:

- High school graduation rate for 2014 was 98.6% of which 33% was special education students.
- In 2015/2016 funds have been budgeted to provide PSAT testing to the entire sophomore class.
- Final exam exemption for underclass students has been removed and all underclass students are now required to take final exams.
- Ms. Markman provided an update on ELL (English Language Learners) and PATH Programs.
- Mr. Spirito shared the new District Website that is being developed.

Negotiations..... Michele Hyams

Ms. Hyams reported that the committee is meeting with the HTA on May 5 and will schedule a meeting with the HESA after that.

Legislative ..... Anthony Puluse

Mr. Puluse shared a report from Governor Christie regarding pension reform.

Finance & Administration ..... Victor Terraglia

Mr. Terraglia reported that the committee met on April 14 and discussed the following:

- Prescription Benefits Plan
- Available Referendum Funds
- Negotiations
- Abundant Life contract

**OLD BUSINESS:** No

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Hyams read a letter from NJSBA congratulating our Board on achieving the New Jersey School Boards Association Board Certification Award. Ms. Hyams also congratulated Ms. Goff on receiving enough credits to receive her Certificated Board Member Award.

**PUBLIC BE HEARD:**

Ms. Tolomeo congratulated the Board on receiving the Certification Award and Ms. Goff on becoming a Certificated Board Member.

She questioned what our budget surplus will be and if we will still take the bank cap; and also requested an update on the digitalization of the library. She then extended her congratulations for a

successful student trip to Italy.

Ms. Kowalski stated that she was privileged to be a chaperone on the recent Italy trip and shared that she and the administration were proud of the students for being so well-behaved and respectful during the trip. She also stated that parents pay for most PATH trips and had questions concerning the costs.

Mr. Wojetecki disagreed with changing the By Laws in a single meeting.

Ms. Tolomeo questioned recent retirees and if this was accounted for in the new budget.

**MOTION TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION:**

**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 negotiations 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 8:30 p.m. Ms. Hyams moved the board go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Terraglia**

<b>Ayes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ms. Goff, Mr. Turco, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra,</b>
		<b>Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hyams, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Terraglia</b>
<b>Nays</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>None</b>

**MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:**

**At 9:00 p.m. Ms. Hyams moved to close executive session, seconded by Mr. Turco**

<b>Ayes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ms. Goff, Mr. Turco, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hyams, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Terraglia</b>
<b>Nays</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>None</b>

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**At 9:00 p.m. Ms. Hyams moved the board adjourn seconded by Mr. Sciarra**

<b>Ayes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ms. Goff, Mr. Turco, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Terraglia Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hyams, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Clavijo</b>
<b>Nays</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>None</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Engle  
Board Secretary