

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Televised Budget Presentation
Municipal Council Meeting Room

April 27, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Time: 7:30 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 20 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.

PUBLIC BE HEARD - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: No one wished to speak

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Victor Terraglia, Chairperson

Mr. Terraglia presented an overview of the budget. He also thanked board members for their hard work on developing the budget.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Mr. Spirito presented the 2015/2016 Budget Power Point Presentation

ACTION ITEMS:

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

F-1. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Board of Education of Hawthorne hereby adopts the following budget for 2015-2016 school year:

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

Expenditures

General Current Expense	\$37,810,393
Special Revenue Fund	676,424
Repayment of Debt	<u>1,319,916</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$39,806,733</u>

Revenue

Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 100,000
Local Tax Levy	
Current	35,228,047
Debt Service	1,119,554
Budgeted Fund Balance	
Debt Service	7
Misc. Revenue	15,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	48,675
Tuition	4,414
State Aid	
Current	2,414,257
Debt Service	200,355
Special Revenue Fund	<u>676,424</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$39,806,733</u>

Be it further resolved the use of \$215,290.00 in prior years banked cap to be used in the 2015-2016 proposed budget.

Be it further resolved, that the district's general tax requirements to support the proposed 2015-2016 budget, as stipulated by the Hawthorne Board of Education Finance Committee and Hawthorne Borough Municipal Officials, as follows:

General Fund:	\$35,228,047
Debt Service:	<u>1,119,554</u>
Total:	\$36,347,601

F-1 – moved by Mr. Terraglia, seconded by Ms. Goff

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

PUBLIC BE HEARD – BUDGET AGENDA ONLY:

Ms. Kowalski questioned text book purchases and thanked the board for their hard work on developing the 15/16 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.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Terriaglia moved the board go into executive session, 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

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

At 8:10 p.m. Ms. Hyams moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Ms. Goff

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 8:10 p.m. Ms. Hyams moved the board adjourn, 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

Respectfully submitted,

Trude Engle
Board Secretary