

**HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
Wednesday, August 30, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.**

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING BEGINS:

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	Time of arrival after meeting has been called to order.
Alex Clavijo	X		
Michael Doyle	X		
Abigail Goff	X		
Anthony Puluse	X		
Bruce Reicher	X		
Tania Sanford	X		
Victor Terraglia	X		
Louis B. Turco		X	Arrived 6:33
Mike Sciarra	X		

Also Present: Richard A. Spirito, Superintendent of Schools
Trude Engle, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
and approximately 1 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, sign in and state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to 5 minutes. 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.

WORK SESSION:

- Goal Setting
- Power Point Presentation by Kathy Hellerwa, New Jersey School Boards Representative
- Power Point Presentation by Mike Sciarra “Student Achievement”

PUBLIC BE HEARD: No one wished to speak

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 8:00 p.m. Ms. Sanford moved the board go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Terraglia

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

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Clavijo moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Terraglia

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

MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC SESSION:

At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Turco moved the board enter public session, seconded by Mr. Puluse

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

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Bruce Reicher, Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

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

A-1. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the “Board of Education”) conducted a disciplinary hearing on the continued suspension of a student;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the preponderance of competent and credible evidence supports the disciplinary charges;

BE IT RESOLVED that due to the nature and severity of the offense the Board of Education hereby imposes a long term suspension to commence with the 2017-2018 school year, which shall be reviewed at each subsequent Board of Education meeting for the purpose of determining the status of the student’s suspension; the appropriateness of the suspended student’s current educational program and whether the suspended student’s current alternative placement should continue or whether the student should return to Hawthorne High School;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education after reviewing the case, in consultation with the Superintendent hereby continues the suspension until the next regular board meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby determines that the student will remain in an alternative education program during the period of his continued suspension;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the student shall not be present on the Board of Education’s school campus before, during and after regularly scheduled school day during the period of his suspension, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby determines that the student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board of Education and shall not be present for or attend any Board of Education sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the Hawthorne School District is participating in the activities during the period of suspension;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the suspension shall be reviewed at every subsequent regular board meeting to determine whether the suspension will be continued until the next regular board meeting.

A-1 – moved by Mr. Reicher, seconded by Mr. Terraglia

**Ayes - Mr. Turco, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Clavijo, Ms. Goff
Ms. Sanford, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Terraglia**

Nays - None

Abstain - None

Absent - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 9:12 p.m. Mr. Puluse moved the board adjourn, seconded by Mr. Turco

**Ayes - Mr. Turco, Mr. Sciarra, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Clavijo, Ms. Goff
Ms. Sanford, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Terraglia**

Nays - None

Abstain - None

Absent - None

Respectfully submitted,

Trude Engle
Board Secretary