

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
Board of Education Meeting Room
This Meeting is Being Recorded

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Time: 7:02 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, 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		
Abigail Goff	X		
Anthony Puluse	X		
Bruce Reicher	X		
Tania Sanford	X		
Mike Sciarra	X		
Marco Totaro	X		
Louis B. Turco	X		
Michael Doyle	X		

Also Present: Richard A. Spirito, Superintendent of Schools
Trude Engle, 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, sign in, 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:**

November 19, 2019 – Regular Meeting – Public & Private

CORRESPONDENCE:**PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2018-2019 Audit – Mr. Swisher of Suplee, Clooney and Company

REPORTS:

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

Mr. Spirito reported on the following items:

- Hour of Code – High school December 11
- Winter Concerts
- TREPS Event
- Referendum – meeting to discuss summer 2020 projects
- Mrs. Pasquale has been accepted to present at Techspo on January 31 in Atlantic City

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**Abigail Goff, 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	Date	Group	Destination	Transportation	Cost Per Student	Outside Funding
LMS	12/18/19	ARCH 6-8	Dollar Tree	HPS	\$3.00	
LMS	12/20/19	ARCH 6-8	Christmas Tree Shop	HPS	\$0.00	
LMS	1/10/20	Enrichment Network Gr. 6	Haskell Public School	HPS	\$0.00	
Elem	1/22/20	Path – Gr. 5	School #1 Little Falls	HPS	\$0.00	
HHS	1/23/20	Enrichment Network Gr. 9/10	P.C.T.I.	HPS	\$0.00	
LMS	1/27/20	Enrichment Network Gr. 8	School #20 Passaic	HPS	\$0.00	
LMS	2/4/20	Enrichment Network Gr. 6	Memorial School Midland Park	HPS	\$0.00	
LMS	2/7/20	Enrichment – Gr. 8	Lakeside MS Pompton Lakes	HPS	\$0.00	
HHS	2/11/20	Enrichment – Gr. 11 & 12	Liberty Science Center	HPS	\$30.00	
LMS	2/21/20	Enrichment Network Gr. 7	High Mountain School N.	HPS	\$0.00	

School	Date	Group	Destination	Transportation	Cost Per Student	Outside Funding
			Haledon			
JS/ WS	2/27/20	Enrichment – Gr. 5 Path & Path Plus	Roosevelt School	HPS	\$0.00	
LMS	3/18/20	7 th Grade Band and Network	NY Philharmonic Lincoln Center	County Bus	\$36.00	
JS	4/15/20	First Grade	Health Barn USA	HPS	\$20.00	\$5.00 PTO
WS	4/20/20	Fourth Grade	Liberty Science Center	HPS	\$26.00	\$6.00 PTO

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-2.	Felician School	\$311.26 per diem for 142 days \$44,198.92	N/A	N/A	Student (file #120119)	11/1/19- June, 2020	19-20 SY

- CI-3. Approval of contractual agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division for Teacher of the Deaf services for Hawthorne resident student (file #120219) requiring this service during the 2019-2020 school year at a rate not to exceed \$495.00.
- CI-4. Approval of agreement with Four Winds Hospital to provide bedside instruction for Hawthorne resident student (file #120319) at a rate of \$58.00 per hour for 10 hours of instruction per week commencing November 15, 2019.
- CI-5. Approval of contractual agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division for speech services for Hawthorne resident student (file #120419) requiring this service during the 2019-2020 school year at a rate not to exceed \$5,687.50.
- CI-6. Approval of contract with Center for Children's Behavioral Health, Fairfield, NJ for home instruction services at a rate of \$75.00 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year commencing December 9, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- CI-7. Approval of the following therapists for services provided to Hawthorne resident students during the 2019-2020 school year.

Vendor	Service Provided	Rate per Session
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Dr. Richard Hahn	Psychological Evaluation	\$1000 per evaluation
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CI-8. Approval of staffing agreement with Swing Education to staff paraprofessionals and substitutes on an as needed basis during the 2019-2020 school year.

CI-9. Revised approval for use FY 2019 Title I funds to compensate the following employee.

Employee	Location	Assignment	% Title	Title
Kirsten Kral	WS	BSI Teacher	100% \$43,556	I

CI-32. Approval of home instruction for Hawthorne resident pupil as follows:

- a. Student (file #120719) – Instruction starting date: ASAP
Home Instructor – Theresa Whitty

CI-33. Adoption of the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, consistent with the schedule of dates contained in a report submitted under separate cover, a copy of which shall be incorporated as an integral part of this resolution and reported in the official minutes of this meeting.

CI-1-9, CI-32-33 - Moved by Ms. Goff, seconded by Ms. Sanford

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

Nays - None

Abstain - None

Absent - None

PERSONNEL:

Abigail Goff

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 Term. Date	Reason/ Account
P-10.	Joseph Vallerini	Retire	Grade 4 Teacher	n/a	n/a	RS	2/1/20	1/31/20	Retirement
P-11.	Miriam Lamourt	Decline	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	District	n/a	n/a	Declined Appointment. Never on Payroll
P-12.	Jorgi-Anadi Ilmojahid	Resign	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	HHS	12/4/19	12/3/19	Resignation as Part Time Para.
P-13.	Sajani Mathews-Perez	Hire	Part Time Para Not to Exceed 5.75 Hours Per Day	n/a	\$16.52 per hour not to exceed 5.75 hours per day No Benefits	District	12/16/19	6/19/20	Part Time Para Appointment
P-14.	Therese Doll	Hire	Part Time Para Not to Exceed 5.75 Hours Per Day	n/a	\$16.52 per hour not to exceed 5.75 hours per day No Benefits	District	Upon Completion of Criminal History Review	6/19/20	Part Time Para Appointment

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Term. Date	Reason/ Account
P-15.	Tyler TenKate	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	12/7/19 and 12/12/19	n/a	Chaperone for student (file #120519) for Santa Parade and HHS Holiday Dance
P-16.	Mathew Trejos	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	12/2019	6/2020	Chaperone for student (file #120619) for Digital Media Club
P-17.	Michelle Sontag	Appoint	Softball – Ass't	n/a	\$5,600 Stipend	HHS	2019-2020 Season	n/a	Extra Duty Softball Assistant Coach
P-18.	Nicole D'Ascoli	Appoint	Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach	n/a	n/a	HHS	2019-2020 Season	n/a	Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

** 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-19. Acceptance of the following student to complete her student field experience in education in the Hawthorne Public School District during the 2019-2020 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 substitute a teacher in the Hawthorne Public School District contingent upon obtaining a county substitute certificate.

Student	College	Type	Subject Area	Coop. Teacher	Loc
Dimodugno, Grace	WPU	Student Teacher	Special Ed	Mrs. Casey	JS

Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Term. Date	Reason/ Account
P-34.	Paul Wojciechowski	Leave	Physical Education Teacher	n/a	n/a	HHS	12/2/19	1/6/20	Medical Leave
P-35.	Nicholas Andriani	Appoint	Substitute Physical Education Teacher	n/a	\$95/day No Benefits	WS	Upon Completion of Criminal History Review	Upon the Return of the Regular Teacher	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Leave of Paul Wojciechowski
P-36.	Wendy Chorlian	Decline	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	District	n/a	n/a	Declined Appointment. Never on Payroll
P-37.	Brittany Sabatello	Resign	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	JS	12/23/19	Last Day 12/23/19	Resignation

- P-38. The following students will be administering components of the psychological assessment to eight Hawthorne students under the supervision of the Clinical Assistant Professor, Ms. Erika Oak, from Fairleigh Dickinson University, subject to the satisfactory completion of the criminal history records check required by law. In the event the criminal history checks are not completed these placements are subject to the approval of the County Superintendent for emergent hiring procedures.

Samantha Sovelove on 01/27/20

Laura Atehortua on 01/27/20

Eunice Gavieres on 1/30/20

Anthony Cali on 01/30/20

Jessica Block 02/03/20

Elizabeth Froner on 02/03/20

Brittany Badal on 02/06/20

Ian "Theo" Alves on 02/06/20

P-10-19, P-34-38 - Moved by Ms. Goff, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

- Ayes - Ms. Sanford, Mr. Turco, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle
Mr. Reicher, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Sciarra, Ms. Goff, Mr. Totaro**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - Mr. Puluse on P-15 only**
- Absent - None**

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Tania Sanford, Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

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

- F-20. Approval to set up the Thomas G. Phillips Memorial Scholarship fund in the amount of \$43,917.10. Guidelines for the scholarship are housed in the Guidance Office.
- F-21. Acceptance of the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for November 2019.
- F-22. Approval to make the necessary transfers for the period November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019, for the budget year 2019-2020 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-23. Approval to participate in TIPS Cooperative Contract (Trinity 3 Technology) during the 2019-2020 school year.
- F-24. **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.**
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent in consultation with the Business Administrator to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAF) with no recommendations and no findings as prepared by the firm of Suplee, Clooney and Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 and further, that the Board has publicly reviewed the Audit Synopsis.
- The review and acceptance of the independent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report with no recommendations and no findings of the Hawthorne Board of Education; the Auditor Management Report for the period ending June 30, 2019; and the Audit Synopsis

Report prepared by the firm of Suplee, Clooney and Company in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A23-1 through 11.

- F-25. Approval to move money from the Maintenance Reserve account to the General Fund account to cover the cost of replacing lighting fixtures in all the schools in the amount of \$130,316.00.

- A-26. WHEREAS, formal disciplinary proceedings were initiated against a student whose name is on file (hereinafter referred to as the "Student") with the Hawthorne Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), regarding allegations that, on or about October 17, 2019, Student emailed a teacher a swastika symbol that caused the teacher serious emotional distress, possessed inappropriate images and communications on the Hawthorne School District's server and attempted to email vulgar, threatening and obscene images to several of his teachers that were captured by the District's content filter, in violation of Board Policy Nos. 5610 (Suspension), 5600 (Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct), 5751 (Sexual Harassment), 2361 (Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources), 8465 (Hate Crimes and Bias Related Acts) and N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 (Causes for Suspension or Expulsion of Pupils).

WHEREAS, on or about November 13, 2019, Student's parents were provided with notice of a disciplinary hearing to be held before the Board on November 19, 2019 and of their right to be represented by counsel, to present evidence and witnesses on behalf of the Student, to cross-examine any and all witnesses presented by the Board, and to have a translator present at the Board's expense; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 15, 2019, the attorney representing the Student and the Student's parents contacted the attorney representing the Board to discuss the charges and the November 19, 2019 disciplinary hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Student and the Student's parents do not contest the charges against the Student, have waived their right to appear before the Board, and have agreed to accept disciplinary action; and

WHEREAS, the Student and the Student's parents have acknowledged and do not challenge the Child Study Team's findings in the Manifestation Determination; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all of the evidence, the Student's academic, attendance, and disciplinary records, the Manifestation Determination Report, Board Policy and Regulation Nos. 5610 (Suspension), 5600 (Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct), 5751 (Sexual Harassment), 2361 (Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources), 8465 (Hate Crimes and Bias Related Acts) and N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 (Causes for Suspension or Expulsion of Pupils).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby determines that, based upon a preponderance of the competent and credible evidence, on or about October 17, 2019, Student emailed a teacher a swastika symbol that caused the teacher serious emotional distress, possessed inappropriate images and communications on the Hawthorne School District's server and attempted to email vulgar, threatening and obscene images to several of his teachers that were captured by the District's content filter and that such conduct is grounds for discipline.

2. In light of the serious nature of the conduct, the Board imposes a long term suspension, 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 Student's current educational program and whether the Student's current alternative placement should continue or whether the Student should return to Hawthorne High School.
3. The Student shall not be present on any of the Board's school campuses outside of or during the regularly scheduled school day during the period of suspension, unless authorized by the Superintendent.
4. The Student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board and shall not be present for or attend any Board-sponsored activities either on campus or in any school district where the Hawthorne High School is participating in the activities during the period of the Student's suspension.
5. During the period of suspension, the Student shall be provided with home academic instruction, pursuant to Board Policy and Regulation No. 5114 (Suspension and Expulsion), State and Federal laws that meets the Core Curriculum Standards in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1 et seq. and the Student's IEP.
6. On the earliest possible date, the Student's Child Study Team shall meet with the Student's parents to discuss further evaluations and to determine an appropriate out- of-district placement for the Student and for the parents to give the District their consent to provide the Student's records to the educational institutions being considered for the Student's out-of-district placement.
7. When an appropriate out-of-district placement is determined for the Student, the Student shall be enrolled in such institution and be provided with an educational program pursuant to his IEP.
8. The Superintendent shall report to the Board at each subsequent Board meeting for the purpose of determining the status of the Student's suspension and the appropriateness of the Student's current educational program.
9. Further engagement by the Student in conduct warranting expulsion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 and/or failure to comply with any of the aforementioned terms and conditions shall amount to a knowing and voluntary waiver of the Student's right to a free and appropriate public education in the event that a decision to expel the Student is made by the Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.5.

F-20-25, A-26 - Moved by Ms. Sanford, seconded by Mr. Turco

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

CLAIMS:

Abigail Goff

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

CL-27. Approval of the December 2019 Bill List.

It is recommended that the Board approve the bill list for the month of December 2019.

CL-27 - Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Ms. Goff

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

Nays - None

Abstain - None

Absent - None

***Mr. Sciarra with reservation on vendor 2875**

***Mr. Turco with reservation on vendor 2875**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mike Sciarra, Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

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

BG-28. 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	Monday – Sunday 12/1/19 – 9/1/20 Weekdays 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sundays noon to 9:30 p.m.	<u>Hawthorne Board of Recreation</u> Roller Hockey Practice and Games
Football Field and Surrounding Black Top**	Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **NOTE: No Vehicles on the Track or Football Field	<u>Hawthorne Education Foundation</u> HEF 3 rd Annual Food Truck Festival

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Cafeteria, Gym	Friday, January 10, 2020 5:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	<u>Girl Scouts</u> Square dance

BG- 29. Award of a transportation contract to the Northern Region 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
FELSSF19	Felician School	Omar Transportation	1	\$7,830.00 + \$234.90	11/8/19- 12/20/19

BG-30. Award of a transportation contract to the Northern Region 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
NEWFL19	New Alliance	D&M Tours	1	\$8,280.00 + \$248.40	11/19/19 - June, 2020

BG-31. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") has solicited proposals for project management services in conjunction with pre-construction, construction and closeout services for the 2019 Referendum Project, which services fall within the definition of an extraordinary unspecifiable service (hereinafter referred to as "EUS") in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.4 and the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5; and;

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Board received two proposals, as summarized by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator in the Standard Certification Declaration of an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a contract for such services shall be awarded to Legacy Construction Management Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Legacy") for the following reasons:

1. The fee structures proposed are most advantageous to the Board, with price and other factors considered.
2. Experience and resources necessary to perform the contract have been demonstrated.
3. Reputation and responsibility of the Project Manager are satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, based on the fee structure and the positive reputation of Legacy, the Board desires to award the contract to Legacy; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-2 et seq. allows the Board to award EUS contracts without public bidding; and

WHEREAS, Legacy has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Form which certifies that Legacy has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the County of Passaic, Borough of Hawthorne, or the Board in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Legacy from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves the award of the contract for project management services to Legacy, in the estimated amount of \$482,930, subject to Legacy providing insurance in amounts deemed sufficient by the Board and executing a contract with the Board as prepared by the Board Attorney.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the Board Attorney to prepare a contract consistent with this Resolution. The Board President and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the contract and any other documents necessary to effectuate the award.
3. The Political Contribution Disclosure Form shall be placed on file with this resolution and a notice of award shall be published in the official newspaper of the Board.

BG-28-31 - Moved by Mr. Sciarra, seconded by Mr. Totaro

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

Nays - None

Abstain - None

Absent - None

***Mr. Sciarra with reservation on BG-28 and 29**

***Mr. Turco with reservation on BG-29 and 30**

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**COMMITTEE****CHAIRPERSON**

Referendum Michael Doyle

Mr. Doyle reported that the committee met on December 3 and discussed:

- Construction manager
- Various projects
- Project schedule

Curriculum & Instruction Abigail Goff

Ms. Goff reported on the following items:

- Update on special education programs in the District
- High school quarterly assessments
- Curricular happenings
- AP numbers for 2019-2020

Policy Abigail Goff

No Report

HEF/SEPAC/PTOs Anthony Puluse

Mr. Puluse reported on the following items:

HEF - Apologized for the inconvenience of Krispy Kreme delivery delay; HEF reported a profit of \$3300 thanked everyone for their support of this fundraiser.

SEPAC – Provide professional development to paraprofessionals for January professional development day.

PTO's

- 50/50 Drawing – Roosevelt School
- Washington – Thank you grams in November, Candy cane gram in December, Kindness Club in January
- High school – Clue was a great event; January 8 is Band Parent meeting
- LMS – January 30 painting night
- Jefferson – January 6 PBA and Jefferson PTO fundraiser for 2 families

Family Engagement Anthony Puluse

No Report

Buildings & Grounds..... Mike Sciarra

Mr. Sciarra reported on the following items:

- Everase white boards
- Washington gym floor
- Painting and furniture at high school cafeteria
- Pick-up truck

NJSBA..... Mike Sciarra

No Report

Finance & Administration Tania Sanford

Ms. Sanford reported on the following items:

- Construction Manager
- Lighting
- Washington gym floor
- High school painting and furniture
- Auditor

Legislative Tania Sanford

Ms. Sanford reported on the following items:

- Promoting school meals
- Apprenticeship programs
- Strengthening gifted and talented programs
- Sports related injury with n/p programs
- Sports in hot weather
- Seizure action plan
- ACES scholarship program
- Mandatory immunization
- Special Education Unit

Council Liaison Marco Totaro

Mr. Totaro reported that the Council met on December 11:

- Mr. Bertolo was acknowledged for 16 years of service
- Mr. Sinning was acknowledged for his years of service and dedication to the town of Hawthorne
- Tree lighting ceremony

PCSBA Louis B. Turco

No Report

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

Ms. Gonzales questioned the use of aides as substitute teachers. Her child has a shared aide and periodically para is being used as a substitute teacher.

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

Ms. Sanford thanked everyone for their involvement in the TREPS Program; great program

Mr. Clavijo expressed his gratitude for our administration

Mr. Reicher stated that 1:1 initiative is a referendum priority

Mr. Sciarra attended the high school production of “Clue” which was wonderful and the Santa Parade. He also discussed morning announcements at high school and wished everyone happy holidays

Mr. Totaro wished everyone happy holidays and is excited by a new year on the Board

Ms. Goff commented on the TREPS program and Roosevelt winter concert

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Clavijo questioned high school quarterly’s

Mr. Reicher questioned if a town lost funding can taxes be raised above the 2% without a vote.

Ms. Goff – School Leader Magazine has a lot of information about late start times.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Sciarra – adding Clubs

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. Mr. Turco moved the board go into executive session, seconded by Ms. Goff

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

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

At 8:50 p.m. Ms. Goff moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Ms. Sanford

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Clavijo moved the board adjourn, seconded by Mr. Turco

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

Respectfully submitted,

Trude Engle
Board Secretary