HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
Tuesday, April 28, 2020– 7:00 P.M.
Budget Presentation
Meeting Being Held Virtually
This Meeting is Being Recorded

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.

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**		
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 15 members of the public virtually through You Tube and Zoom

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.

If you wish to make a comment or ask a question during the public portion of the meeting, you may submit the question by accessing the "Q&A" feature on the bottom of the Zoom screen or you may submit a question via our Board of Education email address at HawthorneBOE@hawthorne.k12.nj.us which is available on our district website. When submitting questions via zoom or email please be sure to include your ***first and last name, address, and email address followed by your question***. We will do our best to answer all questions in the order in which they are received. If for some reason we are unable to answer your question, someone from the district will respond using the email address you've provided.

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

OATH OF OFFICE – NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER of the BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Gertrude Engle - Administers the oath of office to the newly appointed member

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	Time of arrival after meeting has been called to order.
Joseph Carr	**X**		
Alex Clavijo	**X**		
Abigail Goff	**X**		
Anthony Puluse	**X**		
Bruce Reicher	**X**		
Tania Sanford	**X**		
Marco Totaro	**X**		
Louis B. Turco	**X**		
Michael Doyle	**X**		

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Alex Clavijo, Chairperson

BUDGET PRESENTATION: 2020-2021 Budget Power Point Presentation by Mr. Spirito

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 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education of Hawthorne hereby adopts the following proposed budget for 2020-2021 school year:

The proposed 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	$43,781,257
Special Revenue Fund	1,043,458
Repayment of Debt	1,995,365
Total Expenditures	**$46,820,080**
Revenue	
Budgeted Fund Balance	$ 295,846
Local Tax Levy	
Current	39,385,917
Debt Service	1,496,068
Capital Reserve	200,000
Misc. Revenue	49,250
Medicaid Reimbursement	74,877
Tuition	15,000
State Aid	
Current (includes extraordinary aide)	3,760,367
Debt Service	499,297

Special Revenue Fund	1,043,458
Total Revenue	**$46,820,080**

Be it further resolved in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-A-10.3(b) that the 2020-2021 school year budget includes banked cap in the amount of $344,927 to help support our programs. The implementation of these programs will be completed by the end of the budget year and will not be deferred or inclemently completed over a longer period of time.

Be it further resolved that the 2020-2021 school year budget includes allowable enrollment adjustments in the amount of $31,310 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-39 (e).

Be it further resolved, that the district's general tax requirements to support the proposed 2020-2021 budget, as stipulated by the Hawthorne Board of Education Finance Committee and Hawthorne Borough Municipal Officials, as follows:

General Fund:	$39,385,917
Debt Service:	1,496,068
Total:	$40,881,985

Capital Reserve Statement of purpose included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve-Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects is $200,000 for additional costs of the school district's capital projects approved by the voters at the special school election held September 24, 2019. The total cost of this project is now ($24,387,000 plus $200,000) of which $24,387,000 was determined to be final eligible costs and $0 was determined to be excess costs representing expenditures for school construction elements that exceed the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

F-2. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education policy #6471 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2 (b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2019/2020 school year.

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education appropriated $60,000 for travel during the 2019/2020 school year and has spent $19,641.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2020/2021 school year at the sum of $60,000 and

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Board members commented on the challenges of the 2020-2021 budget prior to voting.

F-1-2 - Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mrs. Sanford

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

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

- As a reminder: When submitting questions via zoom or email please be sure to include your **first**

and last name, address, and email address followed by your question. Thank you.

- Questions will be answered in the order in which they are received.

Mr. Sciarra congratulated Joseph Carr on his appointment to the Board.

Dr. Morel had questions concerning the technology position and the alternative program.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Doyle moved the board adjourn, seconded by Ms. Sanford

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

Respectfully submitted

Gertrude Engle
Board Secretary