

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY  
Wednesday, February 17, 2021  
Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.  
No Action Will Be Taken

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

**Time:** 7:07 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.
Joseph Carr	X		
Abigail Goff	X		
Alma Morel	X		
Anthony Puluse	X		
Bruce Reicher	X		
Marco Totaro	X		
Louis B. Turco	X		
Alex Clavijo	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, 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](mailto:HawthorneBOE@hawthorne.k12.nj.us). 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:** No one wished to speak

**PRESENTATION:**

Ethics Training – Mr. Stephen Fogarty

**PUBLIC BE HEARD:** No one wished to speak

- *As a reminder: When submitting questions or comments via email please be sure to include your first and last name, address, and your question. Thank you.*

**MOTION TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION:**

At 8:13 p.m. Mr. Puluse moved the board go into executive session, seconded by Ms. Goff

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

**MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:**

At 8:47 p.m. Ms. Goff moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Carr

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

At 8:49 p.m. Mr. Turco moved the board adjourn, seconded by Dr. Morel

Ayes	-	Mr. Totaro, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Carr, Mr. Goff Mr. Reicher, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Turco, Dr. Morel
Nays	-	None
Abstain	-	None
Absent	-	None

Respectfully submitted,

Trude Engle,  
Board Secretary