

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
Special Meeting – 4:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Time: 4:03 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		
Jennifer Ehrentraut	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 member of the public virtually

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. 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

PERSONNEL:

Abigail Goff

The following resolutions are pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

ACTION ITEMS:

- P-1. Appointment of Cheryl Ambrose to the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the term starting on or about July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, subject to satisfactory completion of 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 check is not completed this application is subject to the approval of the Passaic County Interim Executive County Superintendent of emergent hiring procedures.
 1. The terms of the employment agreement with Cheryl Ambrose have been approved by the Passaic County Interim Executive County Superintendent.
 2. Cheryl Ambrose is appointed School Business Administrator/Board Secretary at an annual salary \$140,000.00. The contract is on file in the Board of Education Office.

P-1 – Moved by Ms. Goff, seconded by Mr. Totaro

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

Mr. Clavijo welcomed Ms. Ambrose.

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

- *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.*

Ms. Ambrose stated she appreciates the opportunity and consideration and looks forward to working in Hawthorne.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 4:10 p.m. Mr. Puluse moved the board adjourn, seconded by Dr. Morel

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

Respectfully submitted,

Trude Engle,
Board Secretary