

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
 Tuesday, March 9, 2021
 Special Meeting – 5:00 P.M.
 Meeting Being Held Virtually
 This Meeting is Being Recorded

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Time: 5:00 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. |
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| 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 0 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. 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: None

- *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.*

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Louis B. Turco, 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, a tenured employee whose name is on file in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools was suspended with pay on October 16, 2020, pending the outcome of an investigation and an evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the investigation has been completed and the Board of Education is in receipt of the results of the evaluation.

BE IT RESOLVED that the employee is reinstated to her position, effective March 10, 2021, subject to a reentry meeting with the Superintendent and her compliance with any terms and conditions required by the Superintendent for her resumption of employment in the District.

- A-2. WHEREAS, an employee whose name is on file in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools was suspended with pay on January 19, 2021, pending the outcome of an investigation and an evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the investigation has been completed and the Board of Education is in receipt of the results of the evaluation.

BE IT RESOLVED that the employee is reinstated to his position, effective March 10, 2021, subject to a reentry meeting with the Superintendent and his compliance with any terms and conditions required by the Superintendent for his resumption of employment in the District.

A-1-2 – Moved by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Puluse

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

PUBLIC BE HEARD: None

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 5:08 p.m. Mr. Totaro moved the board adjourn, seconded by Ms. Goff

**Ayes - Mr. Totaro, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Carr, Mr. Goff
Mr. Puluse, Dr. Morel**

Nays - None

Abstain - None

Absent - Mr. Reicher, Mr. Turco

Respectfully submitted,

Trude Engle
Board Secretary