

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Special Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
Board of Education Meeting Room

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Time: 6:00 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.
Joseph Carr	X		
Alex Clavijo	X		
Jennifer Ehrentraut	X		
Alma Morel	X		
Anthony Puluse	X		
Bruce Reicher	X		
Jay Shortway		X	Arrived at 6:05 p.m.
Abigail Goff	X		

Also Present: Richard A. Spirito, Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Ambrose, 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.

Persons wishing to speak must upon being recognized, rise, 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

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

Cheryl Ambrose administers the oath of office to the newly appointed board member Marco Totaro.

ROLL CALL- INCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Anthony Puluse	X		
Bruce Reicher	X		
Jay Shortway	X		
Marco Totaro	X		
Abigail Goff	X		

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Alex Clavijo, Chairperson

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 PRELIMINARY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education of Hawthorne hereby adopts the following preliminary proposed budget for the 2022-2023 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	\$47,189,162
Special Revenue Fund	4,568,155
Repayment of Debt	<u>1,998,601</u>

Total Expenditures \$53,755,918

Revenue

Budgeted Fund Balance – operating	\$ 927,208
Budgeted Fund Balance – debt service	155,235
Local Tax Levy	
Current	41,167,645
Debt Service	1,325,515
Tuition	31,222
Misc. Revenue	46,250
Medicaid Reimbursement	111,304
State Aid	
Current (includes extraordinary aid)	4,705,533

Debt Service	517,851
Special Revenue Fund	4,568,155
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	200,000
Total Revenue	<u>\$53,755,918</u>

Included in the budget is the use of \$281,932 of Banked Cap. The Banked Cap is to help support the following costs: \$146,000 for new Chrome books and cases, \$63,515 for full time high school behavioral teacher, and \$72,417 toward the cost of additional required transportation. The implementation of these programs will be completed by the end of the budget year and will not be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

Be it further resolved, that the district’s general tax requirements to support the proposed 2022-2023 budget, as stipulated by the Hawthorne Board of Education Finance Committee and Hawthorne Borough Municipal Officials, as follows:

General Fund:	\$41,167,645
Debt Service:	<u>1,325,515</u>
Total:	\$42,493,160

Note: The 2022-2023 School District Preliminary Proposed Budget is tentative pending approval by the Executive County Superintendent.

The Board authorizes the School Business Administrator /Board Secretary to make any adjustments to the budget submission to bring it in conformity with state regulations. Adjustments will be approved by the Board at its Public Budget Hearing.

F-2. APPROVAL OF WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE

Be it Resolved, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approves the withdrawal of \$200,000 from Capital Reserve to fund \$200,000 for the local share of parking lot repaving projects at the Hawthorne High School and Jefferson Elementary School.

F-3. APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Be It Further Resolved, that included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects is \$200,000 for other capital project costs including \$85,000 for the Hawthorne High School repaving project and \$115,000 for the Jefferson Elementary School repaving project. The total cost of these projects is \$200,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

F-4. 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 2022-2023 school year.

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education appropriated \$62,000 for travel during the 2021-2022 school year and has spent \$2,749.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2022-2023 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.

F-1-4 – Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Carr

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

PUBLIC BE HEARD: None

At this time, members of the public may ask questions or make comments on educational issues or school matters.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 6:37 p.m. Dr. Morel moved the board adjourn, seconded by Mr. Puluse

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ambrose
Board Secretary