

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
 Tuesday, February 20, 2024
 Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
 Board of Education Meeting Room

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.

(Ask for Roll Call)

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	Time of arrival after meeting has been called to order.
Joseph Carr	X		
Alex Clavijo	X		
Michael Doyle	X		
Jennifer Ehrentraut	X		
Erica Mulkey-Koltzan	X		
Anthony Puluse	X		
Jay Shortway	X		
Marco Totaro	X		
Abigail Goff	X		

Also Present: Richard A. Spirito, Superintendent of Schools
 Jenine Murray, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 And approximately 6 members of the public and 9 on YouTube.

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:

Dr. Alma Morel questioned C&I #3. What is NJDOE funding? Is this a grant, if so, which grant? Dr. Spirito will get information and let her know.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 23, 2024 – Regular Meeting - Public & Private

Minutes – Moved by Mr. Shortway, seconded by Mr. Totaro

- Ayes - Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

- A. Supplee, Clooney, and Company Auditor’s Report – Bill Swisher
- B. Student Council Representative's Report – Brianna Counsellor – Read by Dr. Spirito
- C. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Richard A. Spirito
 - Kindergarten registration underway online
 - New website live today – changed to @hawthorneschools.org
 - Black History Month activities in each school
 - Read Across America is in March
 - High School Director of Guidance started today
 - High School Capstone Group – regional steam tank competition
 - Athletic updates
 - Middle School updates
 - ✓ Leadership Camp registration is open
 - ✓ School spelling bee was last week
 - Elementary School updates
 - ✓ Calendar contest winner
 - ✓ Two Roosevelt students received honorable mention
 - ✓ Side Kicks Program visit elementary schools (4th)
 - Roosevelt Antibullying Crew
 - 5th grade ROAR Program
 - CJ Pride Job Fair is March 21, 2024
 - Encourage parents to look at weekly announcements from schools

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

Jennifer Ehrentraut, Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction recommends the following resolutions:

CI-1. Approval of Field Trips

Be it resolved, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approve the following in accordance with Policy 2340:

School	Group	Destination	Transportation	Cost Per Student	Outside Funding
WS	First Grade	Turtle Back Zoo	HPS	\$12.00	\$6.00 PTO
LMS	Enrichment	Morristown Unitarian Fellowship	HPS	\$35.00	\$0.00
3 Elem	Enrichment – Grade 5	Roosevelt School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
HHS	ARCH Students	Ramapo College	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	ARCH Life Skills	Ramapo College	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Enrichment – Network Gr 6	West Milford Public School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
RS	First Grade	Bergen PAC	HPS	\$0.00	PTO
LMS	Enrichment – Network Gr 7/8	Ryerson Middle School, Ringwood	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00

- CI-2. Approval of an agreement with Above and Beyond Learning Group for BCBA Consultation for the Extended School Year Program Monday through Thursday from July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024 at a rate of \$130.00 per hour plus an Administrative Fee of \$250.00.
- CI-3. Approval of an agreement with Learning Ally for an early literacy program that is being funded by NJDOE funding.
- CI-4. Approval of an agreement with Bergen County Special Services School District for Training for Occupational Therapy Coverage for Jillian McCabe for a maximum of 6 hours for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate not to exceed \$750.00.
- CI-5. Approval of an agreement with Learners’ Compass for services for the 2024 – 2025 school year, including the Extended School Year Program at the following rates:

School-Based Behavior Consultation	\$125.00 per hour
School-Based Behavior Teaching	\$125.00 per hour
School-Based Behavior Provider/Support	\$65.00 per hour
Home Based Behavior Consultation from the BA and ABA Coordination	\$125.00 per hour
ABA Home Instruction	\$70.00 per hour

- CI-6. Approval of an agreement between the Hawthorne Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services School District for a One to One Assistant for a resident student (file # 020124) from January 11, 2024 through June, 2024 at a rate of \$50,985.00.
- CI-7. Approval of an agreement with Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services for a Personal Care Assistant for one resident student (file # 020224) at a rate of \$45.00 per hour.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approve the following student out of district placements based upon NJ Department of Education Maximum:

	School	SY Tuition	Additional Services	ESY Tuition	Student #	Dates of Term	Discussion
CI-8.	Sage Alliance	\$398.08 per diem \$71,656.00	N/A	N/A	Student (file # 020324)	2/8/24 - 6/2024	23-24 SY
CI-9.	Shepard School	\$315.18 per diem for 88 days \$27,735.84	N/A	N/A	Student (file # 020424)	2/1/24 – 6/2024	23-24 SY
CI-10.	Pillar Care Continuum-Pillar Elementary School	\$405.64 per diem for 77 days \$31,234.28	\$230.00 per diem for 77 days \$17,710.00	N/A	Student (file # 020524)	2/20/24 – 6/2024	23-24 SY

CI-11. Approval of home instruction for Hawthorne resident pupil as follows:

- a. Student (file #020624) – Instruction starting date: 2/1/24
Home Instructor(s) – Jenny Charles

CI-1-11 - Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Mr. Puluse

- Ayes - Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Ms. Goff
- Nays - None
- Abstain - None
- Absent - None

PERSONNEL: Jennifer Ehrentraut, Chairperson

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
P-1.	Jessica Tomarchio	Transfer	School Counselor	n/a	n/a	HHS	3/1/24	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Retirement of John Codomo
P-2.	Olivia Wagner	Adjust	School Counselor	n/a	n/a	JS/WS	3/1/24	6/30/24	From ESSER Funded Position to Tenure Track Position
P-3.	Tamara Kipkeeva	Hire	School Counselor - ESSER	BA/1	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$56,465	RS	3/1/24 Pending Criminal History Review and State Certification	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Transfer of Jessica Tomarchio. This Position is paid through ESSER Funds
P-4.	Thomas McKinley	Adjust	ESL Teacher	M+45/4	Pro-rated on the	LMS/ HHS	2/21/24	6/30/24	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the

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					basis of an annual salary of \$66,265				Retirement of Lucia Dolin
P-5.	Anthony Mainiero	Resign	Special Education Teacher	n/a	n/a	LMS	1/29/24	n/a	Resignation
P-6.	Jaimie Martino	Adjust	Teacher of the Handicapped	n/a	n/a	RS	3/25/24	3/22/24	Adjustment in Maternity Leave Date
P-7.	Mary Vargas	Adjust	Teacher of the Handicapped	n/a	n/a	RS	2/6/24	2/5/24	Adjustment in Maternity Leave Date
P-8.	Albert Weisz	Leave	Elementary School Teacher	n/a	n/a	RS	3/11/24	5/31/24	Approval of Paternity Leave and Federal/State Family Leave of Absence in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act
P-9.	Cassandra Parkin	Leave	Elementary School Teacher – ESSER	n/a	n/a	JS	2/2/24	3/28/27	FMLA Leave
P-10.	Kristen Fischer	Leave	Paraprofessional	n/a	n/a	WS	1/19/24	2/26/24	FMLA Leave
P-11.	Monica Moss	Adjust	Paraprofessional	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$34,480 plus a stipend of \$1,800 for ABA if applicable	RS	2/16/24	6/30/24	From Part Time Para to Full Time Paraprofessional
P-12.	Jenny Charles	Extra Duty	Home Instructor	n/a	\$35.94 per hour	District	2/21/24	6/30/24	Home Instructor
P-13.	Andrea Napolitano	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	LMS	2/2024	6/2024	Chaperone for LMS Activities
P-14.	Irene Villano	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour	HHS	2/2024	6/2024	Chaperone for Student (file #020724) for Art Club
P-15.	Beslira Bajrami; Alyson LaSpisa; Raquel Pisacreta; Silvana Prell; Matthew Spagnuolo; Julia Waldron	Extra Duty	Instructors for Morning Math Support Program Funded by Title I	n/a	\$34.77 per hour	WS	3/11/24 2 days per week	4/22/24	Morning Math Support Program funded by Title I
P-16.	Kayla Aiosa	Extra Duty	Track-Ass't-G	n/a	Stipend of \$5,600	HHS	2023-2024 Season	End of Season	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the resignation of Jenny Charles
P-17.	Bailey Hansen	Extra Duty	Softball – Ass't	n/a	Stipend of \$5,600	HHS	2023-2024 Season	End of Season	Extra Duty Assignment
P-18.	Christopher Warner	Extra Duty	Golf	n/a	Stipend of \$3,849	HHS	2023-2024 Season	End of Season	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the resignation of Joseph Doughty

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P-19.	Marchelle Roniet	Extra Duty	Play Director 2nd Production (Spring)	n/a	Stipend of \$2,919	HHS	Spring 2024	n/a	Extra Duty Assignment
P-20.	Elizabeth Graber	Extra Duty	Assistant Play Director 2nd Production	n/a	Stipend of \$1,216	HHS	Spring 2024	n/a	Extra Duty Assignment
P-21.	Rebecca Grunfeld	Extra Duty	Choreographer	n/a	Stipend of \$1,216	HHS	Spring 2024	n/a	Extra Duty Assignment
P-22.	Marchelle Roniet	Extra Duty	Set Design (Spring)	n/a	Stipend of \$1,216	HHS	Spring 2024	n/a	Extra Duty Assignment
P-23.	Marchelle Roniet	Extra Duty	Costume Designer (Spring)	n/a	Stipend of \$1,216	HHS	Spring 2024	n/a	Extra Duty Assignment
P-24.	Kathleen Kirkman	Hire	Substitute Administrative Assistant	n/a	\$105 per full day; \$52.50 per half day No Benefits	District	2/21/2024	6/30/24	Substitute Administrative Assistant
P-25.	John Brown	Leave	Custodian	n/a	n/a	WS	2/12/24	5/3/24	FMLA Leave

** All appointments are subject to the satisfactory completion of the 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 checks are not completed, these applications are subject to the approval of the County Superintendent for emergent hiring procedures.*

P-26. Approval of the following person(s) to serve as (a) substitute teacher(s) in the Hawthorne Public School District for the 2023-2024 school year, subject to satisfactory completion of the criminal history records check required by law and subject to verification of job qualifications and prior experience if necessary, with the provision that he/she/they remain on call to serve as (a) daily substitute teacher(s) as the need may arise for which he/she/they will be compensated \$105.00 per full day, no benefits. Substitutes working a half day schedule shall receive \$52.50, no benefits. In the event the criminal history check(s) is/are not completed, this/these application(s) is/are subject to the approval of the County Superintendent for emergent hiring procedures. The employment of this/these individual(s) is/are subject to the determination of the administration as to when he/she/they is/are needed.

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P-27. Acceptance of the following student(s) to complete his/her/their student field experience(s) in education in the Hawthorne Public School District during the 2023-2024 school year. This/these placement(s) is/are subject to the satisfactory completion of the criminal history records check required by law. In the event the criminal history checks(s) is/are not completed this/these placement(s) is/are subject to the approval of the County Superintendent for emergent hiring procedures. Per this resolution this/these student(s) is/are also approved as (a) substitute teacher(s) in the Hawthorne Public School District contingent upon obtaining a county substitute certificate.

Student	College	Type	Subject Area	Coop. Teacher	Loc
Erin Foley	Rider	Observation	Special Education	Meghan Robbie	JS
Jason Shepctofsky	MSU	Observation	Behaviorist	Carrie Parker	JS

Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-28.	Rebecca Reilly	Volunteer	Volunteer Softball Coach	n/a	n/a	HHS	2023-2024	End of Season	Volunteer Coach

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							Season pending criminal history review		

P-1-27 – Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Mr. Puluse

- Ayes - Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

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. Acceptance of the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for October 2023, November 2023 and December 2023 and the Board Secretary certifies that no budgetary line item account has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation.
- F-2. Approval to make the necessary transfers for the period October 1 through December 31, 2023, for the budget year 2023 - 2024 in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11. A list of these transfers is submitted under separate cover and shall be made an integral part of this resolution.
- F-3. Approval of travel to events for Board members and employees in compliance with the travel policy. A list of these events has been submitted under separate cover and shall be made an integral part of this resolution.
- F-4. The Hawthorne Board of Education approves a withdrawal from the maintenance reserve in the amount of \$400,000.00 for use on emergency maintenance activities for school facilities, as declared September 19, 2023.
- F-5. Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hawthorne Board of Education approves Pattman Plumbing, Heating and A/C, Inc. Payment Application #6, in the amount of \$263,865.00 for mechanical upgrades to various schools.
- F-6. Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hawthorne Board of Education approves Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc. Payment Application #10, in the amount of \$38,848.76 for Hawthorne High School Science and Media Center Renovations.
- F-7. Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hawthorne Board of Education approves Post & Kelly Electric Co., Inc. Payment Application #15, in the amount of \$98,980.00 for districtwide generator project.

F-8. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent in consultation with the Business Administrator, the Hawthorne Board of Education accepts the Auditor's Management Report (AMR) of the district's 2022-2023 records, as prepared by the firm of Suplee, Clooney & Company, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A23-1 through 11.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education accepts the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) prepared by the firm of Suplee, Clooney and Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 with the following recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures – NONE
2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
 - a. 2023-01 Recommendation: That the District reconcile what was recorded on the Districts' accounting records for Federal grant expenditures with what was drawn down for reimbursement on the State of New Jersey, Department of Education, Office of Grant Management EWEG system.
3. School Purchasing Program — NONE
4. School Food Service
 - a. 2023-02 Recommendation: That the District take appropriate action to ensure that the net cash resources do not exceed three months average expenditures.
5. Student Body Activities – NONE
6. Application for State School Aid – NONE
7. Pupil Transportation – NONE
8. Capital Assets and Facilities – NONE
9. Miscellaneous – NONE
10. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations – NONE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approves the Corrective Action Plan.

F-9. Approval of the Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for Supervision of the School Facilities Project – Roof Replacements at Lincoln Middle School – SDA Project #2100-070-23-G5IF

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has obtained approval from the Department of Education for the project described as Roof Replacement – Lincoln Middle School, DOE Project #: 2100-070-23-R501, and

WHEREAS, the Schools Development Authority, SDA, has submitted a Section 15 Grant Agreement Offer, G5-6617, to the Board of Education,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education delegates authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities for the following ROD Grant Project:

Lincoln Middle School Roof Replacement
 DOE Project # 2100-070-23-R501
 SDA Project # 2100-070-23-G5IF
 Grant # G5-6617

Total Project Cost \$557,500
Grant Amount \$223,000

- F-10. Approval of the Authorization for the Execution and Delivery of Grant Agreement –Roof Replacement - Lincoln Middle School – SDA Project # 2100-070-23-G5IF

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has obtained approval from the Department of Education for the project described as Roof Replacement - Lincoln Middle School, DOE Project #: 2100-070-23-R501, and

WHEREAS, the Schools Development Authority, SDA, has submitted a Section 15 Grant Agreement Offer, G5-6617, to the Board of Education,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education authorizes the execution and delivery of the grant agreement for the following ROD Grant Project:

Lincoln Middle School Roof Replacement
DOE Project # 2100-070-23-R501
SDA Project # 2100-070-23-G5IF
Grant # G5-6617
Total Project Cost \$557,500
Grant Amount \$223,000

- F-11. Approval of the Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for Supervision of the School Facilities Project – Roof Replacements at Roosevelt Elementary School – SDA Project #2100-080-23-G5IG

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has obtained approval from the Department of Education for the project described as Roof Replacements – Roosevelt Elementary School, DOE Project #: 2100-080-23-R501, and

WHEREAS, the Schools Development Authority, SDA, has submitted a Section 15 Grant Agreement Offer, G5-6618, to the Board of Education,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education delegates authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities for the following ROD Grant Project:

Roosevelt Elementary School Roof Replacements
DOE Project # 2100-080-23-R501
SDA Project # 2100-080-23-G5IG
Grant # G5-6618
Total Project Cost \$1,077,150
Grant Amount \$430,860

- F-12. Approval of the Authorization for the Execution and Delivery of Grant Agreement –Roof Replacements - Roosevelt Elementary School – SDA Project # 2100-080-23-G5IG

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has obtained approval from the Department of Education for the project described as Roof Replacements - Roosevelt Elementary School, DOE Project #: 2100-080-23-R501, and

WHEREAS, the Schools Development Authority, SDA, has submitted a Section 15 Grant Agreement Offer, G5-6618, to the Board of Education,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education authorizes the execution and delivery of the grant agreement for the following ROD Grant Project:

Roosevelt Elementary School Roof Replacement
 DOE Project # 2100-080-23-R501
 SDA Project # 2100-080-23-G5IG
 Grant # G5-6618
 Total Project Cost \$1,077,150
 Grant Amount \$430,860

- F-13. Approval of a Shared Services Agreement for Hawthorne Board of Education to provide Technology Support Services to the Louis Bay 2nd Library from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at the following rates:

Field Technician Normal Business Hours Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm	\$60.00 per hour
After Business Hours Monday – Friday from 4:01 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday from 8:00 am – 9:00 pm	\$90.00 per hour

- F-14. The Hawthorne Board of Education approves its sponsorship of each school’s Parent Teacher Organization, and the Hawthorne Education Foundation, with respect to their liability for activities performed in pursuit of supporting Hawthorne students.
- A-1. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2023-2024: LMS 257552 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-2. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2023-2024: RES 258022 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-3. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2023-2024: WES 257325 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-4. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2023-2024: HHS 256903 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-5. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2023-2024: WES 257592 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-6. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2023-2024: RES 257932 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.
- A-7. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2023-2024: LMS 257389 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board’s decision.

A-8. Be it resolved that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB #2023-2024: LMS 257522 and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the parents of the Board's decision.

F-1-14, A-1-8 – Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Totaro

- Ayes - Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Goff
- Nays - None
- Abstain - Ms. Ehrentraut – A4
- Absent - None

CLAIMS:

Jennifer Ehrentraut

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(b), (c) 3, and (c) 4;

CL-1. Approval of the February 2024 Bill List.

It is recommended that the Board approve the bill list for the month of February 2024.

CL-1 – Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

- Ayes - Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Goff
- Nays - None
- Abstain - None
- Absent - None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Marco Totaro, Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds recommends the following resolutions:

BG-1. Approval of applications for use of school property, subject to non-interference with school activities and the execution of the appropriate releases, including receipt of a Certificate of Insurance.

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Gym, Cafeteria, Outdoor Playground	Tuesdays 3/12/24, 3/19/24, 3/26/24 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<u>Hawthorne Police Department</u> Junior Police Academy
Playground, Gym, Cafeteria	Monday – Friday 6/24/24 through 8/2/24 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<u>Hawthorne Board of Recreation</u> Summer Recreation

JEFFERSON SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
All Purpose Room	Saturday, June 22, 2024 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<u>Appletree Preschool</u> Pre-K Graduation

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant
Gym	Saturdays and Sundays 3/2/24, 3/3/24, 3/9/34, 3/10/24 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<u>Hawthorne Baseball and Softball Association</u> Youth baseball and softball clinics
Playground, Gym, All Purpose Room	Monday – Friday 6/24/24 through 8/2/24 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<u>Hawthorne Board of Recreation</u> Summer Recreation

BG-2. Approval of change order #1 awarded to Pattman Plumbing, Heating, and A/C, Inc. to re-route existing electrical at various schools. The cost of this change order deducts \$1,622.25 from the Owners Discretionary Allowance of \$23,000.00.

BG-3. Award of a transportation contract to the Northern Region Educational Services Commission, 82 Totowa Road, Wayne, NJ, for transportation of Hawthorne students to and from the school indicated in the amount and date listed on the contract:

ROUTE #	School	Contractor	# of Students	Cost + Surcharge	Dates
Q3150	Washington Elementary School	Omar Transportation	2	\$4,680.00 + \$140.40	1/2/24 – 2/29/24
Q3170	Shepard – Lower School	R & May Trans	1	\$5,225.00 + \$156.75	1/31/24 –2/29/24

BG-1-3 – Moved by Mr. Totaro, seconded by Mr. Carr

- Ayes - Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, Ms. Goff**
- Nays - None**
- Abstain - None**
- Absent - None**

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON

- Legislative Joseph Carr
- Electric School Bus
- Compostable school waste
- Grief instruction – 8-12 curriculum – Vet teach pilot program
- School Meals Program notice application
- Students with disability – emergency drills
- School Safety Task Force
- Transfer college credits to education
- QPA
- NJ Free Lunch 2024 – 2025 224% of poverty
- School Budget – Election Type II districts
- FASFA – graduation requirement
- Non Public School Transportation Consortium
- Youth Suicide Prevention
- Innovation Dual Enrollment Pilot Program
- Student Civic Engagement – excused absence
- Youth Disconnection Task Force

Finance & Administration Alex Clavijo
No meeting, memo with updates
Audit
Payroll Position
Grant
Budget Update
Clean Energy Grant

Policy Michael Doyle
Nothing to Report

Council Liaison Jennifer Ehrentraut
None

Curriculum & Instruction Jennifer Ehrentraut
No meeting, updates
Districtwide newsletter
Programs for student support and testing.

NJSBA..... Abigail Goff
Reminder about Ethics Disclosure

PCSBA Erica Mulkey-Koltzan
February 1, 2024 meeting on line Round Table
Advocacy and Special Education
Legislation
March 11, 2024 – Unsung Heroes
Next hybrid meeting is May 29, 2024

HEF/SEPAC/PTOs..... Anthony Puluse
Roosevelt – Zumba night, take out night, Urban Air in Hackensack
LMS – Habit Burger 20% give back, Taco Tuesday give back, Qdoba
Jefferson – Dinner Dance
SEPAC – Color Run

Buildings & Grounds..... Marco Totaro
Waiting on sidewalk quotes from the town
High School generator delivered February 16, 2024. They are not all connected yet.
Windscreen for LMS ordered.
LMS score board has been fixed.

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

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

Dr. Morel asked for an update on the new building. She further asked about open positions and different platforms to fill them, as well as if there is a way to get window air conditioners in some of the hotter classrooms.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Ms. Goff commented about the Hockey Rink Ad Hoc committee updates, updated rosters, the Board of Rec shared Service Agreement with North Haledon and how to accommodate summer construction schedule. Approximately \$150,000 bid. Total \$300,000.

Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan stated that SEPAC has virtual meetings and that they are informative and it's nice to have support of other families to talk to. Asked how to get more people involved. She also stated that the Bear Cave makes t-shirts, she has used them for her Pre-K students and now 5th grade in Hawthorne. She also commented how Leadership Camp is wonderful.

Mr. Shortway congratulated our athletes.

Mr. Doyle sent an article to the Board regarding NJ.com regarding Student of the Week, which is similar to Athlete of the Week.

Mr. Clavijo congratulated our Senior Athletes and congratulated our wrestlers and wished them luck. He also mentioned Max Matos has been nominated for Unsung Heroes.

Mr. Totaro congratulated our athletes. He mentioned that he signed his daughter up for Leadership Camp and that is a great event.

Ms. Ehrentraut congratulated Max Matos for being the Unsung Hero. She mentioned that the Marching Band will have their fundraiser on March 9, 2024. She also mentioned how a 2006 Alumni holds the Guinness World Record for climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro for one lung.

Mr. Puluse wants to promote school functions and fundraisers. Mentioned maybe include in newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

PRIVATE SESSION:

Be it resolved that the Hawthorne Board of Education convenes an Executive Session to discuss exempt matters pertaining to:

1. A matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
2. A matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
3. Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
4. A collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiation related to it
5. A matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds
6. Protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
7. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
8. Specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session

- 9. Deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss

Be it further resolved that it is anticipated that executive session will be for 45 minutes in duration and that public action may/may not be taken:

Be it further resolved that the minutes of the Executive Session will be made available upon a determination by the Board that the disclosure of the minutes will not detrimentally affect any right or interest of the Board and the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

MOTION TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION:

At 8:22 p.m. Mr. Clavijo moved the board go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Carr

- Ayes - Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, Mr. Puluse, Ms. Goff
- Nays - None
- Abstain - None
- Absent - None

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

At 9:27 p.m. Mr. Doyle moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan

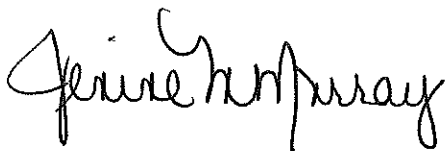
- Ayes - Mr. Totaro, Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Ms. Goff
- Nays - None
- Abstain - None
- Absent - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 9:28 p.m. Mr. Carr moved the board exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Doyle

- Ayes - Mr. Carr, Mr. Clavijo, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Ehrentraut, Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, Mr. Puluse, Mr. Shortway, Mr. Totaro, Ms. Goff
- Nays - None
- Abstain - None

Respectfully submitted,



Jenine Murray
Board Secretary