

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY
 Tuesday, April 30, 2024
 Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Budget – 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	7:08 p.m.
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 16 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: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

BUDGET PRESENTATION: 2024-2025 Budget Power Point Presentation by Dr. Spirito

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 BUDGET FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education of Hawthorne hereby adopts the following budget for the 2024-2025 school year:

The 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

Total General Fund Expenses	\$50,687,547
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 1,465,365
Repayment of Debt	<u>\$ 1,940,418</u>

Total Expenditures \$54,093,330

Revenue

Budgeted Fund Balance – operating	\$ 2,187,905
Budgeted Fund Balance – debt service	\$ 64,786
Local Tax Levy	
Current	\$43,582,206
Debt Service	\$ 1,370,701
Tuition	\$ 122,478
Misc. Revenue	\$ 272,250
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 126,311
State Aid	
Current (includes extraordinary aid)	\$ 4,166,397
Debt Service	\$ 504,931
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 1,465,365
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	\$ 200,000
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	<u>\$ 30,000</u>

Total Revenue \$54,093,330

Be it further resolved, that the district’s general tax requirements to support the 2024-2025 budget, as stipulated by the Hawthorne Board of Education Finance Committee and Hawthorne Borough Municipal Officials, as follows:

General Fund:	\$43,582,206
Debt Service:	<u>\$ 1,370,701</u>
Total:	\$44,952,907

Note: The 2024-2025 School District 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 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 \$50,000 for the additional acquisition costs of the New Board of Education Offices and \$150,000 for the District Network infrastructure upgrades at Hawthorne High School and Lincoln Middle School. 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 New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Be It Further Resolved, included in budget line 630 Budgeted withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve is \$30,000 for required maintenance costs of the district.

F-3. 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 district acquisition costs for the New Board Office and District infrastructure upgrades.

F-4. APPROVAL OF WITHDRAWAL FROM MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Be it Resolved, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approves the withdrawal of \$30,000 from Maintenance Reserve for required maintenance costs of the district.

F-5. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education policy #6471 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 (p) 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 2024-2025 school year.

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education appropriated \$42,025 for travel during the 2023-2024 school year and has spent \$23,427.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2024-2025 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-1-5 – Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Puluse

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

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 7:39 p.m. Mr. Shortway moved the board adjourn, seconded by Mr. Totaro

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jenine Murray
Board Secretary