

HAWTHORNE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Hawthorne, New Jersey
Tuesday March 24, 2026
Executive Session – 5:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
Washington Elementary School

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Time: 5:34 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 at 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		
Jennifer Ehrentaut		X	
Abigail Goff	X		
Erica Mulkey-Koltzan	X		
Anthony Puluse	X		
Lisa Spohn	X		
Gisselle Vega		X	
Marco Totaro	X		

Also Present: Matthew Mignanelli, Superintendent of Schools
Sandy Vicale, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
And 1 member of the public and 0 via You Tube.

FLAG SALUTE:

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

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: 5:36 p.m.**Board of Education Roll Call Vote***Moved by Mr. Carr, seconded by Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan*

	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion	1				2				
Aye	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent			X					X	

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION: 6:51 p.m.**Board of Education Roll Call Vote***Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Puluse*

	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion	1				2				
Aye	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X					X		

MOTION TO GO INTO REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING:

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote*Moved by Mrs. Goff, seconded by Mr. Carr*

	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion		1					2		
Aye		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent	X					X			

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting – Public and Private

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

Moved by Mrs. Goff, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion	1						2		
Aye	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent					X			X	

CORRESPONDENCE: Passaic County Legislation Dinner

REPORTS:

A. Student Council Representative Report – Jonathan Barbarisi

- Mr. Barbarisi reported on Spring sports which started on March 9th, Student Council Spirit Week, Bear Olympics, Read Across America, Library Events, Student Book Club events, and HHS Chess Tournament.

B. Superintendent's Report – Matthew Mignanelli

- Mr. Mignanelli reported on 26/27 Budget, Facilities updates, HOF induction, Passaic County Association Unsung Heroes, Leadership Camp, and thanked 5th Grade teachers.

RECONVENE: The Board reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**COMMITTEE****CHAIRPERSON**

- C. Legislative..... Joseph Carr
Vaping awareness, job posting requirements, solar energy grant program, artificial food dyes, and payments for nonresident students.
- D. Finance & Administration..... Alex Clavijo
26/27 Budget, Bear Cave lease, thanked Finance Committee, BA, Administration, BS.
- E. Council Liaison..... Abigail Goff
No Report
- F. Personnel..... Abigail Goff
Resignations
- G. Curriculum & Instruction..... Abigail Goff
iReady K-8, iReady Data Night, QSAC, QSAC Cap, and Envisions.
- H. NJSBA..... Erica Mulkey-Koltzan
Women's Leadership Conference.
- I. PCSBA..... Erica Mulkey-Koltzan
Unsung Heroes.
- J. HEF/SEPAC/PTOs..... Anthony Puluse
SEPAC Zoom meeting tomorrow, 5K Run, Washington School popcorn sale fundraiser, Parents Night event, and Pocketbook Bingo.
- K. Buildings & Grounds..... Erica Mulkey-Koltzan
Capital Reserve withdrawal, smartboards, security vestibules, maintenance reserve, transportation routes
- L. Policy..... Erica Mulkey-Koltzan
Policies up for first reading.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**Abigail Goff, 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
HHS	Flag Football Players/Coach	Alliance Orthopedics	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
JS/WS	Enrichment-Grade 5 Path	Hawthorne High School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00

School	Group	Destination	Transportation	Cost Per Student	Outside Funding
HHS	Peer Leaders	Escape Room	HPS	\$0.00	Municipal Alliance
RS	First Grade	Town Tour	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
HHS	NJIC Sportsmanship Award Recipients	Biaggios	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
HHS	Peer Leaders	William Paterson University	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
JS/RS	Enrichment-Grade 5 Path	Washington Elementary School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
RS	Enrichment-Grade 5 Path	Hawthorne High School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Enrichment-Grade 5 Path	Hawthorne High School	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
LMS	Network – Grade 7/8	William Paterson University	HPS	\$40.00	\$0.00
RS	Second Grade Classes	The Hermitage	HPS	\$0.00	PTO
HHS	Marching Band	Former TD Bank Skyline Drive Ringwood	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
HHS	Marching Band	Washington Street Hoboken	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
HHS	Biology	Turtle Back Zoo	HPS	\$15.00	\$0.00
HHS	Marching Band	LMS	HPS	\$0.00	\$0.00
*WS	Third Grade	In School Field Trip	n/a	\$14.00	\$6.00 PTO

CI-2. 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.

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

	School	SY Tuition	Additional Services	ESY Tuition	Student #	Dates of Term	Discussion
CI-3.	ECLC of NJ	A per diem rate of \$455.60 for 73 days. A total fee not to exceed \$33,258.80.	A per diem rate of \$280.00 for 73 days. A total fee not to exceed \$20,440.00.	N/A	Student (file #030126)	3/5/26-6/18/26	25/26 SY
CI-4.	Learn Well-Bergen New Bridge Medical Center	\$62.55 per hr 10 hr/wk for 1 week. A total fee of \$625.50	N/A	N/A	Student (file #030226)	3/9/26-3/13/26	25/26 SY

CI-5. Approval of a tuition contract for student (file #030326) placement from Pequannock Board of Education to Hawthorne Board of Education for a total tuition of \$19,116.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

CI-6. Approval of a tuition contract for student (file #030426) placement from Pequannock Board of Education to Hawthorne Board of Education for a total tuition of \$19,304.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

CI-7. Approval of a tuition contract for student (file #030526) placement from Pequannock Board of Education to Hawthorne Board of Education for a total tuition of \$18,824.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

CI-8. Approval of home instruction for Hawthorne resident pupil(s) as follows:

- a. Student (file #030626)) – Instruction starting date: 3/23/26
Home Instructor(s) – Educere
- b. Student (file #031326)) – Instruction starting date: 3/23/26
Home Instructor(s) – Educere
- c. Student (file #031426)) – Instruction starting date: 3/23/26
Home Instructor(s) – Educere

CI-9. Approval of the revised school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions CI-1 – CI-9

Moved by Mrs. Goff, seconded by Mr. Puluse

	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion		2						1	
Aye	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent				X			X		

PERSONNEL:

Jennifer Ehrentraut

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.	Kristen Trabona	Resign	Director of Education	n/a	n/a	District	7/1/26	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/26	Resignation
P-2.	Allison Banca-Ross	Adjust	Guidance Counselor	M+15/17	\$93,865	HHS	Increase in Longevity Payable 4/15/26 Retroactive as of 3/1/26	6/30/26	Adjustment in salary based on the adjusted longevity payment as per the 2025-2026 negotiated contract
P-3.	Ginelle Grunfelder	Adjust	Teacher of Multi-Sensory Reading	B+15/18	\$94,965	JS/WS	Increase in Longevity Payable 4/15/26 Retroactive as of 3/1/26	6/30/26	Adjustment in salary based on the adjusted longevity payment as per the 2025-2026 negotiated contract

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P-4.	Caryn Sorrento	Adjust	Elementary School Teacher	BA/18	\$93,365	RS	Increase in Longevity Payable 4/15/26 Retroactive as of 3/1/26	6/30/26	Adjustment in salary based on the adjusted longevity payment as per the 2025-2026 negotiated contract
P-5.	Jessica Ioime	Adjust	Elementary School Teacher	n/a	n/a	RS	3/27/26 on payroll and estimated date of 4/20/26 without pay FMLA estimated 9/1/26 – 11/19/26	11/19/26	Revision to maternity/FMLA dates approved on Item P-5 of the 12/16/25 Board of Education Meeting Agenda
P-6.	Denise DeMarco	Adjust	Part Time Para	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$21,275 plus \$1,854 ABA stipend if applicable, based on actual starting date 5.75 hours per day 5 days per week	District	3/2/26	4/5/26	End of Long-term substitute teacher position upon the return of the Regular Teacher
P-7.	Denise DeMarco	Adjust	Long Term Substitute Elementary School Teacher	n/a	\$130 per day until Mrs. Ioime comes off payroll on approximately 4/20/26, then \$300 per day	RS	4/6/26	6/18/26	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Maternity/FMLA Leave of Jessica Ioime
P-8.	Cynthia Pucci	Hire	Long Term Substitute Teacher	n/a	\$130 per day until Mrs. Cardenas comes off payroll on approximately 6/15/26, then \$299 per day	LMS	5/1/26	6/18/26 or the return of the regular teacher	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Maternity Leave of Amanda Cardenas
P-9.	Rebecca Grunfeld	Extra Duty	Choreographer	n/a	Stipend of \$1,252.00	HHS	In preparation and during the HHS Spring Musical	Last Performance 4/26/26	From Part Time Para to Full Time Paraprofessional To Fill a Vacancy
P-10.	Charlene Humphrey	Adjust	Permanent Substitute Teacher	n/a	\$150.00 per day No Benefits	HHS	3/16/26	3/27/26	Coverage for the Regular Permanent Substitute Teacher Christopher Willis

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
P-11.	Shannen Borja	Adjust	From Part Time Para to Full Time Paraprofessional	PARA	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$37,150 plus \$1,854 ABA stipend if applicable	District	4/6/2026	6/30/26	To Fill an Open Position
P-12.	Courtney Choi	Hire	Part Time Para	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of \$21,275 plus \$1,854 ABA stipend if applicable, based on actual starting date 5.75 hours per day 5 days per week	District	4/6/26 Pending completion of criminal history review and receipt of substitute certificate or passing Para Pro	6/18/26	To Fill a Vacancy Created by Increased Enrollment
P-13.	Camilla Maroldi	Hire	Spanish Teacher	MA/17	\$91,715	HHS	8/27/26	6/30/27	To Fill a Vacancy Replacing Staff from Language Network
P-14.	Gregory Solomon	Extra Duty	Assistant Football Coach	n/a	Stipend of \$7,004	HHS	2026-2027 Football Season	End of Season	To Fill a Vacancy
P-15.	George Kirchner	Extra Duty	Volunteer Baseball Coach	n/a	n/a	HHS	2025-2026 Baseball Season	End of Season	Volunteer Coach
P-16.	Matthew Trejos	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour for 2 hours	LMS	3/20/26	n/a	Chaperone for students (file # 030726 and 030826) for the PTO March Madness Dance
P-17.	Matthew Trejos	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour for 1 hour per date	LMS	4/7/26 5/20/26 6/3/26	n/a	Chaperone for students (file # 030826, 031026 and 031126) for the Lego Club
P-18.	Faiza Jatkar	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	\$33.66 per hour for 1 hour	LMS	5/5/26	n/a	Chaperone for student (file #031226) for the Concert and Art Show
P-19.	Dawn Moore	Hire	Substitute Non-Instructional Aide	n/a	\$15.92 per hour for 3 hours per day as needed	District	3/25/26 Pending completion of criminal history review	6/18/26	To Cover Non-Instructional Staff Absences

*** 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-20. Approval of the following person(s) to serve as (a) substitute teacher(s) in the Hawthorne Public School District for the 2025-2026 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 \$130.00 per full day, no benefits. Substitutes working a half day schedule shall receive \$65.00, 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.

Julia Ricciardi				
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- P-21. 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 2025-2026 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/Admin.	Loc
Nicole Ferrara	FDU	Observation	LDTC	Dawn Torpey	JS
Mikaila Terry	James Madison	Observation	Speech-Language Therapy	Ilana Schuchman	WS
Jennifer Nunez	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Michelle Gibaja	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Ana Blanquicett	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Slama Chavez	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Jacqueline Merino	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Jazmin Martinez	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Dangeline Fermin	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Melanie Meneses	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Rachel Everett	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Roselynn Gauthier	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Jahniah Hudson	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Yanisa Rodriguez	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Mariana DeDios	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem
Elijah Nunez	PCC	Observation	Special Education	TBD	Elem

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-22.	Heather Weinstein	Hire	Assistant Superintendent Pending County Approval	n/a	\$159,000.00	District	7/1/2026	6/30/2027	To Fill a Vacancy
*P-23.	Nikolas Douvris; Colin Harty	Extra Duty	Chaperones	n/a	\$33.66 per hour for 3 hours each	HHS	4/7/26	n/a	Chaperones for the STUCO Olympics

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-24.	Rene Auerbach	Leave	Elementary School Teacher	n/a	n/a	RS	8/28/26 on payroll and estimated date of 9/28/26 without pay FMLA estimated 9/30/26 – 12/31/26	1/3/27	Approval of Maternity Leave and Federal/State Family Leave of Absence in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act
*P-25.	Alison Montague	Resign	Payroll Clerk	n/a	n/a	Central Office	4/10/26	Last Day on Payroll 4/10/26	Resignation

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions P-1 – P-25

Moved by Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, seconded by Mr. Carr

Board Comments: Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan thanked Dr. Trabona and volunteers. Congratulation to Assistant Superintendent. Mrs. Goff thankful for Dr. Trabona. Mr. Carr thankful to Dr. Trabona and inquired about P-13.

	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion				2				1	
Aye	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent			X			X			

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Alex Clavijo, Chairperson

DONATIONS:

- A. Acceptance of a donation from the Hawthorne Athletic Booster Club for \$1,200.00 to be used as a stipend to pay for the high school athletic program after school weight lifting supervision during the spring.

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 2025 and the Board Secretary certifies that no budgetary line 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, 2025 through October 31, 2025, for the budget year 2025-2026 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. Acceptance of the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for November 2025 and the Board Secretary certifies that no budgetary line account has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation.
- F-4. Approval to make the necessary transfers for the period November 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025, for the budget year 2025-2026 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-5. Acceptance of the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for December 2025 and the Board Secretary certifies that no budgetary line account has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation.
- F-6. Approval to make the necessary transfers for the period December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the budget year 2025-2026 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-7. Acceptance of the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for January 2026 and the Board Secretary certifies that no budgetary line account has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation.
- F-8. Approval to make the necessary transfers for the period January 1, 2026 through January 31, 2026, for the budget year 2025-2026 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-9. That the Board of Education approves Trafera LLC for the purchase of chromebooks in the amount of \$128,400 using the Hunterdon Educational Services Commission contract #CAT-25-06-R.
- *F-10. Acceptance of FY 2025 carryover funds for the IDEA grants in the following amounts:

IDEA Basic	
Hawthorne Public Schools	\$14,507
St. Anthony's/HCA	\$ 88,154
Total Carryover	\$ 102,661

- *F-11. APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education of Hawthorne hereby adopts the following preliminary proposed budget for the 2026-2027 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

Total General Fund Expenses	\$58,255,607
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 1,353,897
Repayment of Debt	<u>\$ 1,867,844</u>

Total Expenditures \$61,447,348

Revenue

Budgeted Fund Balance – operating	\$ 2,191,022
Budgeted Fund Balance – debt service	\$ 30,937
Local Tax Levy	
Current	\$49,170,493
Debt Service	\$ 1,201,840
Tuition	\$ 100,000
Misc. Revenue	\$ 120,250

Medicaid Reimbursement \$ 81,453

State Aid

 Current (includes extraordinary aid) \$ 4,675,076

 Debt Service \$ 635,067

Special Revenue Fund \$ 1,353,897

Withdrawal from Capital Reserve \$ 1,151,511

Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve \$ 645,802

Transfer from Other Funds \$ 90,000

Total Revenue \$61,447,348

Be it further resolved, that the District's general tax requirements to support the proposed 2026-2027 budget, as stipulated by the Hawthorne Board of Education Finance Committee and Hawthorne Borough Municipal Officials, as follows:

General Fund:	\$49,170,493
Debt Service:	<u>\$ 1,201,840</u>
Total:	\$50,372,333

The 2026-2027 preliminary budget reflects that the District has an automatic adjustment for an increase in health care costs in the amount of \$ 2,481,098.

Note: The 2026-2027 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-12. 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 \$1,151,511 for capital projects costs of \$281,005 for Lincoln Middle School security vestibule, costs of \$98,376 for Hawthorne High School security vestibule, costs of \$90,000 for creation of Central

Office conference room, costs of \$582,130 for Hawthorne High School student bathroom renovations, and costs of \$100,000 for paving at Washington Elementary School which represent 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 \$645,802 for required maintenance costs of the district.

***F-13. APPROVAL OF WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE**

Be it Resolved, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approves the withdrawal of \$1,151,511 from Capital Reserve to fund district acquisition costs for the District infrastructure upgrades.

***F-14. APPROVAL OF WITHDRAWAL FROM MAINTENANCE RESERVE**

Be it Resolved, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approves the withdrawal of \$645,802 from Maintenance Reserve for required maintenance costs of the district.

***F-15. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education policy #6471 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 (p) provide 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 2026-2027 school year.**

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education appropriated \$81,523 for travel during the 2025-2026 school year and has spent \$79,852.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2026-2027 school year at the sum of \$59,000 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-16. WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education policy #0177 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)1, provide that in each pre-budget year, the Hawthorne Board of Education is required to establish a maximum for professional services, to include Public Relations, Architect, Attorney, Auditing and other professional services fees for the budget year which may not be exceeded;**

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the maximum expenditure for professional services includes all that is supported by State and local funds;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has not elected to exclude professional service expenditure supported by federal funds from the maximum professional service expenditures amount;

AND RESOLVED, that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum, professional service expenditures amount for the 2026-2027 school year at \$766,000.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions F-1 – F-16***Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Carr***

Board Comments: Mr. Totaro commented on the 26/27 Budget, healthcare, salaries, Reserve accounts, max allowable, tax levy 7.42% and \$1.9 million reduction. Mr. Clavijo Commented on the 26/27 Budget and healthcare costs. Mrs. Goff inquired about item A. Thanked the Finance Committee, Superintendent and Business Administrator.

	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion			2	1					
Aye	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X			X				

CLAIMS:**Anthony Puluse**

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

CL-1. Approval of the March 2026 Bill List.

It is recommended that the Board approve the bill list for the month of March 2026.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions CL-1***Moved by Mr. Puluse, seconded by Mrs. Goff***

	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion					2		1		
Aye		X	X		X		X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain						X			
Absent	X			X					

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**Gisselle Vega, 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.

HAWTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant	Fees
New Cafeteria	Monday, March 23, 2026 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Hawthorne Office of Emergency Management Rail Safety Course – Sponsored by NJT	\$0.00
Rooms 120/122	Tuesdays, 4/7/26 & 4/14/26 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Course	\$0.00
New Cafeteria	Tuesday, June 2, 2026 Tuesday, November 3, 2026 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Borough of Hawthorne Elections	\$0.00
Auditorium and Main Cafeteria	Friday, November 20, 2026 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Hawthorne Board of Recreation Hawthorne Cheer Awards Ceremony	\$0.00
Auditorium and Room 123	Sunday, May 17, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Moriah's Dance Studio Dance Performance	\$1,300.00
Auditorium, Dressing Room, Room 123	Thursday – Friday 6/26/26 - 6/26/26 5:00 p.m. to 8pm Sat 6/27/26 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Victoria's Dance Haven Dance Rehearsal and Performance	\$1,600.00

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant	Fees
Cafeteria	Tuesday, June 2, 2026 Tuesday, November 3, 2026 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Borough of Hawthorne Elections	\$0.00

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant	Fees
Gym	Tuesday, June 2, 2026 Tuesday, November 3, 2026 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Borough of Hawthorne Elections	\$0.00

JEFFERSON SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant	Fees
Gym	Saturday, June 6, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Appletree Preschool PreK Graduation	\$550.00

WASHINGTON SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant	Fees
Gym	Tuesday, June 2, 2026 Tuesday, November 3, 2026 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Borough of Hawthorne Elections	\$0.00

- BG-2. Award of a transportation contract to Northern Regional 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 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Route #	School (s)	Contractor	# of Students	Estimated Cost per Route (Incl. surcharge)	Starting Date
4186	Windsor Learning Center	Omar Transportation	1	\$20,020.00 + \$1,201.20	2/2/26- 6/25/26

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions BG-1 – BG-2***Moved by Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, seconded by Mr. Puluse******Board Comments:*** Mr. Carr commented on elections in building. Mrs. Goff inquired about election location. Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan commented on the cause of calendar change due to election. Mr. Puluse inquired about election calendar.

	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion					1	2			
Aye	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent			X					X	

POLICY:**Gisselle Vega, Chairperson****ACTION ITEMS:**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Policy recommends the following resolutions:

PO-1. First of the following Policies and Regulations:

Policy		Title
P 8507	-	Breakfast Offer Versus Serve (OVS)
P 8508	-	Lunch Offer Versus Serve (OVS)
P 5120	-	Assignment of Students

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions PO-1***Moved by Mrs. Goff, seconded by Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan***

	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion			1	2					
Aye	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X					X		

PUBLIC BE HEARD: None

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:

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Mr. Puluse congratulated Dr. Trabona and welcomed new Assistant Superintendent.
- Mrs. Goff commented on the college fair and thanked HS staff for everything.
- Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan congratulated Dr. Trabona and commented on Multi-Cultural night, wax museum, Junior Police Academy and wished everyone a Happy Easter.
- Mrs. Spohn congratulated Dr. Trabona and welcomed new Assistant Superintendent, and commented on Wax Museum.
- Mr. Carr congratulated the Assistant Superintendent and was thankful to Dr. Trabona.
- Mr. Clavijo thanked the PTO and commented on World Language Induction, Read Across America, Happy Birthday to the Hawthorne Board, Bear Cave students for shirts and acknowledged service members. Thank you to Washington School.
- Mr. Totaro welcomed the Assistant Superintendent and thanked for Dr. Trabona. He commented on HOF Night, Junior Police Academy, and thanked Admin for all their work.

MOTION TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION: 8:19 p.m.**Board of Education Roll Call Vote*****Moved by Mrs. Goff, seconded by Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan***

	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion		1	2						
Aye		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent	X					X			

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION: 9:05 p.m.**Board of Education Roll Call Vote*****Moved by Mrs. Goff, seconded by Mr. Carr***

	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion	1					2			
Aye	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent					X			X	

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:05 p.m.**Board of Education Roll Call Vote*****Moved by Mrs. Goff, seconded by Mr. Carr***

	Ms. <u>Mulkey-Koltzan</u>	Mr. <u>Puluse</u>	Mrs. <u>Spohn</u>	Dr. <u>Vega</u>	Mr. <u>Carr</u>	Mr. <u>Clavijo</u>	Ms. <u>Ehrentraut</u>	Mrs. <u>Goff</u>	Mr. <u>Totaro</u>
Motion					2			1	
Aye	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent				X			X		

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Vicale
Business Administrator/Board Secretary