HAWTHORNE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Hawthorne, New Jersey
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Executive Session – 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
Roosevelt School

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: **Time: 6:01 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 Ehrentraut		X	Arrived at 7:15 p.m.
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 23 members of the public and 25 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: 6:04 p.m.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

Moved by Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan, seconded by Mrs. Goff

	Mr. Carr	Mr. Clavijo	Ms. Ehrentraut	Mrs. Goff	Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan	Mr. Puluse	Mrs. Spohn	Dr. Vega	Mr. Totaro
Motion				2	1				
Aye	X	X (Arrived at 6:12 p.m.)		X	X	X (Arrived at 6:04 p.m).	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent			X						

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION: 6:19 p.m.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

Moved by Mr. Carr, seconded by Dr. Vega

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

MOTION TO GO INTO REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING: **Time: 6:20 p.m.**

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

Moved by Mr. Puluse, seconded by Mrs. Goff

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

BOARD GOAL TRAINING - by Kelly Mitchell from NJSBA

RECONVENE: The Board reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

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:

January 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting – Public and Private

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Carr

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

A. Student Council Representative Report – Jonathan Barbarisi - ABSENT

B. Superintendent's Report – Matthew Mignanelli

- Mr. Mignanelli reported on Kindergarten Registration, February- Black History Month Events, Read Across America, National School Counseling Week, Fifth Grade Leadership Camp at Lincoln Middle School. 2nd Annual Multi-Cultural Night, Winter Sports Clubs and Extracurricular activities, and 30th Annual Poster Contest.
  - Passaic County Poster Contest Winners- presented by Mr. Pisacane

First Place Winner
Sarah Durgaj – Roosevelt School

Honorable Mention
Mila Day – Jefferson School
Esmeralda Franceschi -Roosevelt School
Jon Tolentino Jr. – Washington School

Art Teachers
Tricia Collova – Jefferson and Washington Schools
Krista Hascup – Roosevelt School

PRESENTATION:

2024-2025 Audit: Mr. Swisher of Suplee, Clooney & Company – by Mr. Swisher

RECONVENE: The Board reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

COMMITTEE	**CHAIRPERSON**

C. Legislative..... Joseph Carr
Updates on payment in lieu of taxes and laws

D. Finance & Administration..... Alex Clavijo
26/27 Budget, Bear Cave rent, Referendum leftover funds.

E. Council Liaison..... Jennifer Ehrentraut
Leadership Scholarship Competition, 2nd Round Application Hometown Heroes, Hawthorne Rotary Club, next council meeting-tomorrow night

F. Personnel.....Jennifer Ehrentraut
No Report

G. Curriculum & Instruction..... Abigail Goff
1A update, Elementary Literacy Night, Academic Coordinator, HS Scholarship Program, Redistricting, HIB Training

H. NJSBA.....Erica Mulkey-Koltzan
No Report

I. PCSBA.....Erica Mulkey-Koltzan
Next meeting will be at West Milford HS

J. HEF/SEPAC/PTOs.....Anthony Puluse
HS PTO meeting 2/18 pancake breakfast for class 2027; SEPAC- events, 3/3- Inclusive event, 5/3- 5K Run; Roosevelt PTO – 2/26- Bowling Fundraiser

K. Buildings & Grounds.....Gisselle Vega
Referendum Projects, Swipe entries, Visitor Management System, Security to BOE Office, Bear Cave rent, Update Safety Procedures, 1/29- Thanked Manny for cleaning building and dealing of pipe freezing.

L. Policy..... Giselle Vega
No Report

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
WS	4th Grade Classes	Mayo Performing Arts Center	HPS	$6.00	$6.00 PTO
RS/WS	5th Graders (RS & WS)	LMS (5th Grade Orientation)	HPS	$0.00	$0.00
JS/RS	5th Graders (JS & RS)	LMS (5th Grade Orientation)	HPS	$0.00	$0.00
JS/WS	Enrichment – Gr. 5 PATH	Hawthorne High School	HPS	$0.00	$0.00
LMS	½ of 7th Graders	Nyoda Hills	HPS	$10.00	Municipal Alliance and PTO
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LMS	8th Grade Band	Dorney Park	HPS	$105.00	Offset by Fundraisers
ELEM	5th Grade Classes	HHS (LMS Play)	HPS	$0.00	$0.00
HHS	AP Environmental Science	Passaic County Community College	HPS	$0.00	$0.00
HHS	HS ARCH Program	New Chef King Chinese Restaurant	HPS	$0.00	Bear Brews Fund
JS	4th Grade Classes	Liberty Hall Museum	HPS	$0.00	PTO
HHS	Cheerleaders	Washington School	HPS	$0.00	$0.00
HHS	Cheerleaders	Jefferson School	HPS	$0.00	$0.00
HHS	Esports Team	Georgian Court University Casino	HPS	$0.00	$0.00
HHS	Spanish Club	Liberty State Park	HPS	$0.00	$0.00

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.	Learn Well-Bergen New Bridge Medical Center	$62.55 per hour for 10 hours of educational services per week. A total not to exceed $2,502.00	N/A	N/A	(File #020126)	1/20/26-2/16-26	25/26 SY

CI-4. Approval of home instruction for Hawthorne resident pupil(s) as follows:

a. Student (file #020226) – Instruction starting date: 2/9/26
Home Instructor(s) – Cynthia Colella

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions CI-1 – CI-4

Moved by Mrs. Goff, seconded by Ms. Ehrentraut

Board Comments: Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan commented on CI-1.

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

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.	Richard Prezioso	Adjust	Music Teacher	BA/18	Pro-rated on the basis of an adjusted annual salary of $91,365	LMS	Increase in Longevity Payable 3/15/26 Retroactive as of 2/1/26	6/30/26	Adjustment in salary based on the adjusted longevity payment as per the 2025-2026 negotiated contract
P-2.	Amanda Cardenas	Leave	Science Teacher	n/a	n/a	LMS	5/4/26 on payroll and estimated date of 6/16/26 without pay FMLA estimated 9/1/26-11/21/26	6/30/27	Approval of Maternity Leave and Federal/State Family Leave of Absence in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act followed by Child Rearing Leave
P-3.	James Kayal	Leave	Computer Teacher	n/a	n/a	LMS	FMLA estimated 5/10/26-6/30/26	6/30/26	Approval of Paternity Leave and Federal/State Family Leave of Absence in accordance with the Federal/State Family Leave Act
P-4.	Ashley Baber	Extra Duty	Home Instructor	n/a	$35.94 per hour	District	2/18/26	6/18/26	Home Instructor
P-5.	Matthew Trejos	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 2 hours 15 minutes	LMS	1/30/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020326) for Light Up the Night Dance

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P-6.	Kristen Fischer	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 2 hours 30 minutes	LMS	2/6/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020326) for Valentine's Day Dance
P-7.	Kristen Fischer	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 2 hours 30 minutes	LMS	2/6/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020426) for Valentine's Day Dance
P-8.	Kristen Fischer	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 2 hours 15 minutes	LMS	1/30/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020526) for Light Up the Night Dance
P-9.	Faiza Jatkar	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 1 hour per day	HHS	1/29/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020626) for Art Club
P-10.	Faiza Jatkar	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 1 hour 15 minutes	HHS	5/8/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020626) for HHS Spring Concert
P-11.	Teresa Davenport	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 2 hours 30 minutes	HHS	5/8/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020626) for HHS Spring Concert
P-12.	Faiza Jatkar	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour	HHS	2/2/26, 2/9/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020726) for Bowling
P-13.	Matthew Trejos	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 3 hours 45 minutes	HHS	5/8/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020726) for HHS Spring Concert
P-14.	Diane Maher	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 3 hours 45 minutes	HHS	5/8/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020826) for HHS Spring Concert
P-15.	Matthew Trejos	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for	HHS	2/9/26	na	Chaperone for student (file # 020926) for Bowling
P-16.	Cynthia Dockray; Nikolas Douvris; Jaminna Leon; Danielle Russo; Alyssa Schlossberg	Extra Duty	Chaperones	n/a	$33.66 per hour for a maximum of 3 hours per staff member	HHS	3/5/26	na	Chaperones for the Speedball Tournament
P-17.	Patrick Cao; Scott Crimmel; Lillian Wolsk; Colin Harty; Matthew Trejos; Teresa Magna Davenport; Thomas McKinley	Extra Duty	Chaperones	n/a	$33.66 per hour for a maximum of 3 hours per staff member	HHS	4/24/26	4/26/26	Chaperones for the Spring Musical
P-18.	Colin Harty	Extra Duty	Lunch Duty	n/a	$30.00 per period	HHS	9/4/25	6/18/26	Lunch Duty

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P-19.	Tara Oostdyk	Extra Duty	Administrative Assistant	n/a	$21.27 per hour not to exceed 5 hours	RS	3/4/26	n/a	Elementary Literacy Night
P-20.	Elizabeth Salerno	Extra Duty	Volunteer MS Track Coach	n/a	n/a	LMS	2025-2026 Season	End of Season	Volunteer Coach
P-21.	Michaela Raguseo	Extra Duty	Volunteer Softball Coach	n/a	n/a	HHSci-1	2025-2026 Season	End of Season	Volunteer Coach
P-22.	Latia Anderson	Rescind Contract	Part Time Para	n/a	n/a	District	2/2/26	n/a	Rescinded Contract. This candidate was never on payroll
P-23.	Belkys Bonnin	Adjust	Part Time Para	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of $17,020 plus $1,854 ABA stipend if applicable, effective 2/1/26 5.75 hours per day 4 days per week	WS	2/1/26	6/18/26	Adjustment from 5 days per week to 4 days per week
P-24.	Olivia Rosati	Hire	Part Time Para	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of $12,765 plus $1,854 ABA stipend if applicable, based on actual starting date 5.75 hours per day 3 days per week	District	2/18/26 Pending completion of criminal history review and receipt of substitute certificate or passing Para Pro	6/18/26	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the resignation of Basilia Garcia Liria
P-25.	Angelica Vasquez-Osorio	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	2/18/26 Pending completion of criminal history review and receipt of substitute certificate or passing Para Pro	6/18/26	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Retirement of Julie Schmidberger
P-26.	Kathleen Keyzer	Extra Duty	District Registration Coordinator	n/a	$2,500 per year	District	7/1/25	6/30/26	To Process Registrations for the District
P-27.	Kenneth Schroll	Adjust	Temporary Night Custodian	n/a	This does not affect salary	LMS	2/5/26	6/30/26 or until Mr. Schroll receives a boiler's license	Temporary Adjustment in Assignment from Head Custodian to Night Custodian
P-28.	Joseph Romeo	Adjust	Acting Head Custodian	n/a	Additional $75 per week while	LMS	2/5/26	6/30/26 or until Mr. Schroll	Temporary Adjustment in Assignment from Night

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
					in this position			receives his boiler's license	Custodian to Acting Head Custodian
P-29.	Jeremy Vanderhook	Hire	Non-Instructional Aide	n/a	$15.92 per hour for 3 hours per day	RS	2/18/26 Pending completion of criminal history review	6/18/26	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Aliyah Hamze

**** 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-30. Approval for the following staff members to plan and deliver workshops at the contractual stipends of $100.00 to plan the workshops and $100.00 to deliver the workshops for Elementary Literacy Night and Multicultural Night during the 25-26 SY. This will be paid out of Title III funds.

Catherine Corry	Ginelle Grunfelder	Tara Temprano
Jueine D'Alessandro	Krista Hascup	Jill Verrone
Heather Di Serio	Kirsten Leister	Irene Yetter
Steven Franklin	Claudia Rossi	
Rebecca Grunfeld	Kaylee Seiders	

P-31. 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.

Raymond Ponticelli				

P-32. 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
Charlene M. Trippeda	MSU	Observation	Science	Stephanie Donatello	LMS
Matthew E. Sarrel	MSU	Observation	Math	Abigail Poleway	LMS
Alexis V. Czerhoniak	MSU	Observation	Math	Jenna Longo	LMS
Jessie M. Martini	MSU	Observation	Math	Christina Siciliano	LMS
Roselynn Gauthier	PCCC	Observation	Math/Special Ed	Nicole Tise Daria Kotlarchuk	HHS

Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-33.	Samantha Jarquin	Adjust	Elementary School Teacher	n/a	n/a	RS	10/24/25	3/26/26	Extension of Maternity Leave

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions P-1 – P-32

Moved by Ms. Ehrentraut, seconded by Dr. Vega

Board Comments: *Mr. Carr commented on P-26. Ms. Ehrentraut commented on P-32 and thanked volunteer coaches, welcomed new hires, chaperones, and students.*

	Mr. Puluse	Mrs. Spohn	Dr. Vega	Mr. Carr	Mr. Clavijo	Ms. Ehrentraut	Mrs. Goff	Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan	Mr. Totaro
Motion			2			1			
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain				P30					
Absent									

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: **Alex Clavijo, Chairperson**

DONATIONS:

A. Acceptance of a donation from Emily Adair of a Tama 5-drum Drumset with ride, crash, hi hat, and throne, a Tama Drum Key, a DrumDial Precision Drum Tuner, a Remo 10" Practice Pad, 4 pairs x First Act 5B Drumsticks and a Vic Firth American Classic 5B Drumsticks at a total value of $458.82 to the Hawthorne High School Music Department.

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 September 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 September 1, 2025 through September 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-3. It is recommended by the Superintendent and Business Administrator that the Board of Education accept the 2024-2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Auditor's Management Report (AMR) as summarized in the Audit Synopsis presented by Suplee, Clooney & Company and submitted by the Business Office and the district auditors. Further be it resolved that the Board approves the 2024-2025 Corrective Action Plan (CAP) prepared by the Business Administrator in response to the recommendations

in the 2024-2025 CAFR and AMR.

A-1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 2025-2026: HHS 301199 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents and, directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

A-2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 2025-2026: LMS 301410 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents and, directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

A-3. 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-4. BE IT RESOLVED: That Paula D. Clark Law LLC. has the expertise and experience to provide professional services to the Hawthorne Board of Education for matters pertaining to negotiations on an as needed basis at a rate of $160.00 per hour.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Hawthorne Board of Education appoints Paula D. Clark Law LLC. for matters pertaining to negotiations.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions F-1 -F-3 & A-1 – A-4
Moved by Mr. Clavijo, seconded by Mr. Carr

Board Comments: *Mr. Puluse commented on A-4.*

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

CLAIMS: **Gisselle Vega**

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

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

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

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolution on CL-1
Moved by Dr. Vega, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

	Dr. Vega	Mr. Carr	Mr. Clavijo	Ms. Ehrentraut	Mrs. Goff	Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan	Mr. Puluse	Mrs. Spohn	Mr. Totaro
Motion	1		2						
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

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
Auditorium	Saturday, February 21, 2026 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	**NATRS Dance Ensemble** Practice for Multicultural Night	$0.00
Football field, and Restrooms	Saturday, June 20, 2026 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, June 21, 2026 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	**Hawthorne Caballeros Drum & Bugle Corps** Rehearsal of Field Show	$300.00
Baseball Field	Monday – Sunday 3/14/26 – 7/31/26* Times – When Available *Note: Specific dates and times need to be coordinated in advance with the Athletic Director	**Hawthorne Board of Recreation** JD Baseball Practice and Games	Custodial Fees for Saturdays and Sundays the Field is Used
Track	Saturdays 4/11/26 – 6/6/26 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.* *Note: May need to move start time to 1:00 p.m. if there is a lacrosse game. Coordinate with Athletic Director	**Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne** Track Program for 1st – 5th Grades	$900.00
*Room 100	Saturdays - 3/21/26, 4/18/26, 5/16/26, 6/13/26 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	**Hawthorne Custodial Maintenance and Bus Drivers Association** Union Meetings	$0.00

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant	Fees
Cafeteria, Gym, 2 Classrooms	Monday and Tuesday 3/16/26, 3/24/26, 4/7/26 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	**Hawthorne Police Department** Junior Police Academy	$0.00
*Gym	Thursdays, 4/9/26 – 5/28/26 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	**Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne** Girls Volleyball	$0.00

***ROOSEVELT SCHOOL:**

Facilities	Date and Times	Applicant	Fees
Gym	Thursday, March 5, 2026 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	**Hawthorne Board of Recreation** Hawthorne Baseball Softball Association - Clinic	$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
Q4201	Hawthorne High School	Kris Transport	1	3,864.00 + 231.84	1/15/26-1/30/26
Q4202	Lincoln Middle School	Omar Transportation	1	3,840.00 + 230.40	1/15/26-1/30/26
Q4203	Washington Elementary	Kris Transport	1	3,924.00 + 235.44	1/15/26-1/30/26

BG-3. Approval of an ESY Parental Contract for Student Transportation from 7/1/25-8/31/25 for one resident student (File #021026) to attend CTC Academy at a rate of $38.33/day for 30 days not to exceed $1,150.00.

BG-4. Approval of a Parental Contract for Student Transportation for the 2025-2026 school year for one resident student (File #021026) to attend CTC Academy at a rate of $54.95/day for 182 days not to exceed $10,000.00.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolutions BG-1 – BG-4

Moved by Dr. Vega, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

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

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. Second Reading and Adoption of the following Policies and Regulations:

Policy		Title
P 0142.1	-	Nepotism (M) (Revised)
P 0142.1C	-	Nepotism – Charter School (M) (Revised)
P 0174C	-	Legal Services – Charter School (M) (Revised)

Policy		Title
P 0177C	-	Professional Services – Charter School (M) (Revised)
P 1220	-	Employment of Chief School Administrator (M) (Revised)
P&R 1570C	-	Internal Controls – Charter School (M) (Revised)
P&R 1552	-	Sexual Harassment – Staff (M) (New)
P&R 2530	-	Resource Materials (Revised)
P&R 2535	-	Library Material (M) (Revised)
P 3362	-	Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
R 3362	-	Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)
P 4352	-	Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
R 4352	-	Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)
P&R 9130	-	Public Complaints (Revised)

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Resolution PO-1

Moved by Dr. Vega, seconded by Mr. Carr

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

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

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

- Alyssa Schlossberg inquired about money in the cafeteria fund.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Mr. Clavijo commented on the boys basketball game.
- Mrs. Spohn congratulated Poster winners.
- Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan commented on March Madness Dance, Junior Police Academy, HHS Diversity Dance on 2/25, and Mackenzie Doyle as Student of the Month.
- Mrs. Goff congratulated Poster winners and commented on basketball game.
- Ms. Ehrentraut commented on 2/28 Fish & Chips Dinner fundraiser.
- Mr. Puluse commented on 2/28 fundraiser.
- Mr. Totaro thanked the Buildings & Grounds crew for their help with the snow and Mrs. Vicale for working on the district's financials for the audit. He commented on Gal Pal Dance.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:11 p.m.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

Moved by Mr. Puluse, seconded by Mr. Clavijo

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Vicale

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary