HAWTHORNE BOARD OF EDUCATION

HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Executive Session – 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
Hawthorne High School

This Meeting is Being Recorded

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
Marco Totaro, President
Erica Mulkey-Koltzan, Vice President

Joseph Carr
Alex Clavijo
Jennifer Ehrentraut
Abigail Goff
Anthony Puluse
Lisa Spohn
Gisselle Vega

Matthew Mignanelli, Superintendent of Schools
Sandy Vicale, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Next Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2026
Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
Hawthorne High School

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: **Time**: _____

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			
Alex Clavijo			
Jennifer Ehrentraut			
Abigail Goff			
Erica Mulkey-Koltzan			
Anthony Puluse			
Lisa Spohn			
Gisselle Vega			
Marco Totaro			

Also Present: Matthew Mignanelli, Superintendent of Schools
Sandy Vicale, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
And _____ members of the public and ____ 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
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:

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

MOTION TO GO INTO REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING: **Time**: _____

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

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:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 21, 2026 – Regular Meeting – Public and Private
April 27, 2026 – Budget Presentation - Public

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS:

A. Student Council Representative Report – Jonathan Barbarisi

B. Superintendent's Report – Matthew Mignanelli

- **Recognition of the Student Representative to the Board**:

  Jonathan Barbarisi has served as Student Representative to the Board during the 2025-2026 school year. It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution of appreciation in honor of William.

  WHEREAS, Jonathan Barbarisi has served as the student representative to the Board of Education during the 2025-2026 school year; and

  WHEREAS, it has been his responsibility to voice the student perspective to the Board at their public meetings: and

  WHEREAS, he has been diligent and conscientious in attending the Board of Education meetings; and

  WHEREAS, he has conducted himself with poise and courtesy while listening attentively to many lengthy discussions pertaining to the governance of the school district; and

  WHEREAS, he has presented thoughtful and informative reports to the Board of Education on issues and events at the high school; and

  WHEREAS, since before his high school career started, he has achieved High Honor Roll every marking period; and

  WHEREAS, he was a member of the LMS Track and Field and is a member of the HHS Track and Field, Peer Leaders, Class Council, Heroes & Cool Kids Mentor Program, S.H.A.R.E Club, HHS Cheerleading, HHS Student Council, HHS National Honor Society, and HHS Italian Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, he is Youth Cheerleading Coach volunteer for the town programs, and a Soccer Referee for the Hawthorne Soccer Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Hawthorne Board of Education express their gratitude and appreciation to Jonathan Barbarisi for his service to the student body and Board of Education and send him their best wishes for success in all future endeavors.

The Hawthorne Board of Education hereby recognizes the following staff members upon their retirement.

Washington School: ***John Brown, Custodian (2/1/26)***
Hawthorne High School: ***Theresa Di Geronimo, Media Specialist***
Washington School: ***Ramon Figueroa, Custodian (9/1/26)***
Lincoln Middle School: ***Barbara Mulvey, Paraprofessional***
Hawthorne High School: ***Antonio Portanova, Custodian***
Hawthorne High School: ***James Romeo, Maintenance***
Roosevelt School: ***Julie Schmidberger, Paraprofessional (2/1/26)***
Jefferson School: ***Dawn Torpey, LDTC***

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

COMMITTEE	**CHAIRPERSON**
C. Legislative	Joseph Carr
D. Finance & Administration	Alex Clavijo
E. Council Liaison	Jennifer Ehrentraut
F. Personnel	Jennifer Ehrentraut
G. Curriculum & Instruction	Abigail Goff
H. NJSBA	Erica Mulkey-Koltzan
I. PCSBA	Erica Mulkey-Koltzan
J. HEF/SEPAC/PTOs	Anthony Puluse
K. Buildings & Grounds	Gisselle Vega
L. Policy	Gisselle Vega

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	Performing Arts Club	Hawthorne Senior Center	Walking	$0.00	$0.00
HHS	Heroes & Cool Kids	Various Schools Within District	HPS	$0.00	$0.00
JS	Preschool PSD & ABA	Abmas Farm	HPS	$0.00	PTO
*LMS	Enrichment – Network	Creation Art Studio	HPS	$30.00	$0.00
*Elem/ LMS	RFP Food Service Food Tasting	Hawthorne High School	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 out of district placements based upon NJ Department of Education Maximum:

	School	SY Tuition	Additional Services	ESY Tuition	Student #	Dates of Term	Discussion
CI-3.	Bergen County Special Services- HIP-MP Godwin		One-to-One Assistants and Nurses. A total fee of $4,900. The fee for additional related service therapy is $65.00 for each week.	Total fee $6,850.00	Student (File #050126)	6/29/26-7/24/26	26/27 SY
CI-4.	Bergen County Special Services-HIP-MP Godwin		One-to-One Assistants and Nurses. A total fee of $4,900. The fee for additional related service therapy is $65.00 for each week	Total fee $6,850.00	Student (File #050226)	6/29/26-7/24/26	26/27 SY
CI-5.	Bergen County Special Services-Bleshman Regional Day School		One-to-One Assistants and Nurses. A total fee of $4,900. The fee for additional related service therapy is $65.00 for each week	Total fee $6,850.00	Student (File #050326)	6/29/26-7/24/26	26/27 SY
CI-6.	Bergen County Special Services-Bleshman Regional Day School		One-to-One Assistants and Nurses. A total fee of $4,900. The fee for additional related service therapy is $65.00 for each week	Total fee $6,850.00	Student (File #050426)	6/29/26-7/24/26	26/27 SY
CI-7.	Bergen County Special Services-New Bridges Middle School/High School		One-to-One Assistants and Nurses. A total fee of $7,100. The fee for additional related service therapy is $65.00 for each week	Total fee $9,525.00	Student (File #050526)	6/29/26-8/5/26	26/27 SY

	School	SY Tuition	Additional Services	ESY Tuition	Student #	Dates of Term	Discussion
CI-8.	Bergen County Special Services-Washington Elementary School		One-to-One Assistants and Nurses. A total fee of $7,100. The fee for additional related service therapy is $65.00 for each week	Total fee $9,525.00	Student (File #050626)	6/29/26-8/5/26	26/27 SY
CI-9.	Bergen County Special Services-Washington Elementary School		One-to-One Assistants and Nurses. A total fee of $7,100. The fee for additional related service therapy is $65.00 for each week	Total fee $9,525.00	Student (File #050726)	6/29/26-8/5/26	26/27 SY
CI-10.	East Mountain School, HMH, Carrier Clinic	$487 per diem for 180 days. A total fee of $87,660		$487 per diem for 30 days. A total fee of $14,610	Student (File #050826)	7/6/26-6/18/27	26/27 SY
CI-11.	P.G. Chambers School	$532.71 per diem for 180 days. A Total fee of $95,887.80		$532.71 per diem for 30 days. A total fee of $15,981.30	Student (File #050926)	7/6/26-6/18/27	26/27 SY
CI-12.	P.G. Chambers School	$532.71 per diem for 180 days. A Total fee of $95,887.80		$532.71 per diem for 30 days. A total fee of $15,981.30	Student (File #051026)	7/6/26-6/18/27	26/27 SY

CI-13. Approval of home instruction for Hawthorne resident pupil(s) as follows:

a. Student (file #051126) – Instruction starting date: May 5, 2026
Home Instructor(s) – Educere

CI-14. Approval of agreement with Life InSight to provide psychological services as needed during year 2026-2027 at the rates below.

Licensed Psychological Rates:

Comprehensive Neuropsychological Evaluation	$5,500.00
Psycho-Educational Evaluation	$3,800.00
Psychological Evaluation	$1,200.00

Post-doctoral Fellow Rates under Dr. Rebecca Yun's supervision:

Comprehensive Neuropsychological Evaluation	$3,800.00
Psycho-Educational Evaluation	$2,500.00

Other services:

In school Observation (1 hr.) Includes write-up	$500.00

CI-15. Approval of an agreement with Starlight Homecare Agency, Inc. d/b/a Star Pediatric Home Care Agency to provide in school nursing services at a rate of $66.00 per hour for RN services and $56.00 per hour for LPN services from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 on an as needed basis throughout the year.

CI-16. Approval of an agreement with Access Communications & Therapy for AAC evaluations and consultation/training services on as needed basis for the 2026-2027 school year. Service fees are as follows:

-AAC Evaluations: $1350.00 includes full evaluation and report with recommendations.

-AAC Training, ongoing therapeutic and technical support: $170.00 per hr.

CI-17. Approval of the following service providers for Hawthorne resident students, during the 2026-2027 school year on an as needed basis throughout the year.

Vendor	Service Provided	Rate per Session
Delta T Group	See attached Rate Sheet	See attached Rate Sheet
Morton Fridman, M.D.	Psychiatric Evaluation	$950.00 per evaluation $500 per cancellation within 72 hrs. $1,000 per hr. for additional services
Sameh Ragheb, M.D. LLC	Psychiatric Evaluation	$850.00 per evaluation
Homecare Therapies dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing	See attached Rate Sheet	See Attached Rate Sheet

CI-18. Approval of an agreement with Kenyon Learning and Consulting LLC to provide Assistive Technology Training services for a maximum of 10 hours at a rate of $175.00 per hour or a flat rate of $1,100.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

CI-19. Approval of an agreement with Neurocognitive Associates, P.C., Michael Steinhardt, PSY.D for Neuropsychological Evaluation Services as needed during the school year of 2026-2027. The fee for a complete evaluation is $5,200.00. If additional services be required beyond the evaluation the hourly rate is $400.00.

CI-20. Approval of an agreement with Karen Kabaki Sisto, MS., CCC-SLP to provide speech and language therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $90.00 per 30 minutes.

CI-21. Approval of an agreement with Northern Region Educational Services Commission to Provide Nursing Services for the 2026 Extended School Year Program at a rate of $105.00 Per hour for the 2026-2027 school year.

CI-22. Approval of an agreement with Above and Beyond Learning Group for BCBA Services at a rate of $125 per hour, ABA Therapist/RBT at a rate of $70.00 per hour and Para-professional at a rate of $45 per hour for the 2026-2027 school year.

CI-23. Approval of an agreement with The Way You Say LLC for speech and language Evaluations at a rate of $1,000 per evaluations for the 2026-2027 school year.

CI-24. Approval of an agreement with Supreme Consultants to provide staffing services per the Attached fee sheet on as needed basis for the 2026-2027 school year.

*CI-25. Approval of tuition contract for student (file # 051226) for placement from Hackensack Board of Education to Hawthorne Board of Education for a total tuition of $5,628.60 for the 2025-2026 school year.

*CI-26. Approval of tuition contract for student (file # 051326) for placement from Hackensack Board of Education to Hawthorne Board of Education for a total tuition of $5,683.72 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

PERSONNEL: **Jennifer Ehrentraut**

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

P-1. Approval of positions that will not be filled for the 2026-2027 school year due to reasons of economy, resulting in a Reduction in Force as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover. Click here to access the list.

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-2.	Theresa Di Geronimo	Retire	Media Specialist	n/a	n/a	HHS	7/1/26	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/26	Retirement
P-3.	Ramon Figueroa	Retire	Night Custodian	n/a	n/a	WS	9/1/26	Last Day on Payroll 8/31/26	Retirement
P-4.	Amy Phiefer	Resign	Physical Education Teacher	n/a	n/a	JS	7/1/26	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/26	Resignation
P-5.	Luis Herranz	Resign	Spanish Teacher	n/a	n/a	HHS	7/1/26	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/26	Resignation
P-6.	Michaela Ragueso	Resign	Math Teacher	n/a	n/a	HHS	7/1/26	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/26	Resignation
P-7.	Amy Tanis	Adjust	Teacher of Mathematics	MA/18	$95,865.00	HHS	Increase in Longevity Payable 6/15/26 Retroactive as of 5/1/26	6/30/26	Adjustment in salary based on the adjusted longevity payment as per the 2025-2026 negotiated contract

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
P-8.	Terry Audino	Adjust	Elementary School Teacher	M+15/ 18	$99,565.00	RS	Increase in Longevity Payable 6/15/26 Retroactive as of 5/1/26	6/30/26	Adjustment in salary based on the adjusted longevity payment as per the 2025-2026 negotiated contract
P-9.	Irene Yetter	Adjust	Coordinator of Academics	M+30/ 18	$102,765.00	RS	Increase in Longevity Payable 6/15/26 Retroactive as of 5/1/26	6/30/26	Adjustment in salary based on the adjusted longevity payment as per the 2025-2026 negotiated contract
P-10.	Devin Frederickson	Adjust	Teacher of Music	BA/17	$89,565.00	RS/WS	Increase in Longevity Payable 6/15/26 Retroactive as of 6/1/26	6/30/26	Adjustment in salary based on the adjusted longevity payment as per the 2025-2026 negotiated contract
P-11.	Alyssa Schlossberg	Adjust	Teacher of English	M+30/ 18	$101,365.00	HHS	Increase in Longevity Payable 6/15/26 Retroactive as of 6/1/26	6/30/26	Adjustment in salary based on the adjusted longevity payment as per the 2025-2026 negotiated contract
P-12.	Osvaldo Duran	Extra Duty	Flag Football – Head Coach	n/a	Stipend of $3,605.00	HHS	2025-2026 Season	End of Season	To Fill a Vacancy
P-13.	Anthony Amadeo	Extra Duty	Flag Football – Assistant Coach	n/a	Stipend of $2,060.00	HHS	2025-2026 Season	End of Season	To Fill a Vacancy
P-14.	Tyler Menne	Volunteer	Volunteer Football Coach	n/a	n/a	HHS	2026-2027 Season Pending Completion of Criminal History Review and Receipt of NJ Substitute Certificate	End of Season	Volunteer
P-15.	Kathleen Keyzer	Extra Duty	District Registration Coordinator	n/a	Stipend of $2,500.00	District	7/1/26	6/30/27	To Process Registrations for the District
P-16.	Amanda Yale	Leave	Elementary School Teacher	n/a	n/a	WS	9/17/26 on payroll and estimated date of 11/16/26 without pay FMLA estimated 11/16/26-2/8/27	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

**** 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-17. **Renewal of Contracts – Administrators and Supervisors**

Appointment of administrative and supervisory staff for the 2026-2027 school year as listed in reports entitled "Renewal of Administrator and Supervisor Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year" dated May 12, 2026, as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover, and in accordance with the contract on file in the Board Office.

P-18. **Renewal of Contracts – Tenured and Non-Tenured Teachers**

Appointment of certificated staff for the 2026-2027 school year as listed in reports entitled "Renewal of Tenured Teacher Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year" and "Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year" dated May 12, 2026, as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover, and in accordance with the contract on file in the Board Office.

P-19. **Renewal of Contracts – Paraprofessionals and Part Time Paras**

Appointment of paraprofessional staff for the 2026-2027 school year as listed in reports entitled "Renewal of Paraprofessionals Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year" and "Renewal of Part Time Para Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year" dated May 12, 2026, as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover, and in accordance with the contract on file in the Board Office.

P-20. **Renewal of Contracts – Central Office Staff, Director of SACC, Transition Coordinator, Technology Department Staff, Bus Aides, Security Personnel and Non-Instructional Aides**

Appointment of staff for the 2026-2027 school year as listed in a report entitled "Renewal of Non-Union Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year" dated May 12, 2026, as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover, and in accordance with the contracts on file in the Board Office.

P-21. **Renewal of Contracts – Administrative Assistants**

Appointment of paraprofessional staff for the 2026-2027 school year as listed in report entitled "Renewal of Administrative Assistant Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year" dated May 12, 2026, as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover, and in accordance with the contract on file in the Board Office.

P-22. **Renewal of Contracts -Custodians, Maintenance, and Bus Drivers**

Appointment of paraprofessional staff for the 2026-2027 school year as listed in reports entitled "Renewal of Custodial, Maintenance and Bus Driver Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year" dated May 12, 2026, as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover, and in accordance with the contract on file in the Board Office.

Appointments, Retirements, Terminations, Resignations, Rescissions:

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-23	Naria Araya	Extra Duty	Head Girls Volleyball Coach	n/a	Stipend of $7,880.00	HHS	7/1/26	2026-2027 Season	To Fill a Vacancy
*P-24.	Josephine Russo	Resign	Administrative Assistant	n/a	n/a	JS	7/1/26	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/26	Resignation
*P-25.	James Romeo	Retire	Maintenance	n/a	n/a	HHS	7/1/26	Last Day on Payroll 6/30/26	Retirement
*P-26.	Jennifer Teeling; Breda Snee	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 4.5 hours	LMS	6/8/26	6/8/26	Chaperones for LMS Dance
*P-27.	Marisa Smith	Hire	Administrative Assistant	n/a	Pro-rated on the basis of an annual salary of $40,000 for the 2025-2026 SY and $40,000 for the 206-2027 SY	HHS	6/1/26 Pending Completion of Criminal History Review	6/30/27	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Maranyeli De Dios
*P-28.	Kristen Fischer	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$33.66 per hour for 2 hours	LMS	5/5/26	5/5/26	Chaperone for student (file # 051426) for the LMS Band Concert & Art Show
*P-29.	Robert Schumody	Extra Duty	Chaperone	n/a	$20.00 per hour for 2 hours	LMS	5/5/26	5/5/26	Chaperone for students (file # 051526 and #051626) for the LMS Band Concert & Art Show
*P-30.	Jonelle Genberg	Adjust	Track-MS-G 1st Half of Season	n/a	Stipend of $1,921 for 1st Half of Season	HHS	1st Half of 2025-2026 Season	End of Season	Adjustment from entire 2025-2026 Season to 1st Half of Season Only
*P-31.	Matthew DiPietro	Extra Duty	Track-MS-G 2nd Half of Season	n/a	Stipend of $1,921 for 2nd Half of Season	HHS	2nd Half of 2025-2026 Season	End of Season	To Fill a Vacancy Created by the Absence of Jonelle Genberg
*P-32.	Raquel Koukoulis	Leave	Elementary School Teacher	n/a	n/a	WS	10/7/26 on payroll and estimated date of 12/9//26 without pay FMLA estimated 12/9/26 – 3/3/27	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

Item #	Name	Action	Position	Degree /Step	Salary	School	Effective Date	Notice Date or Ending Date	Reason/ Account
*P-33.	Wendy Post; Jennifer Teeling	Extra Duty	Home Instructors	n/a	$35.94 per hour	District	5/13/26	6/30/26	Home Instructors
*P-34.	Irene Yetter; John Passero	Extra Duty	ESY Coordinator	n/a	Stipend of $2,500 each	District	2026 Summer Extended Year Program	n/a	To Fill (2) Vacancies

*P-35. Approval of administrative leave of employee #3832 effective May 7, 2026 through June 18, 2026, pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

*P-36. Approval of 2026 summer employment for the following guidance counselors for the allocated number days at their per diem rate:

Employee	Loc	Days	Per Diem
Allison Banca-Ross	Hawthorne High School	5	$469.33
Michael Galluccio	Hawthorne High School	5	$419.70
Breanna Walker	Hawthorne High School	5	$348.30
Erin Harney	Lincoln Middle School	5	$382.38
Natasha Saavedra	Lincoln Middle School	5	$344.05
Tamara Kipkeeva	Roosevelt School	5	$300.30
Jessica Strom	Jefferson/Washington	5	$323.05

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

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. Be It Resolved, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approves the agreement between the Board of Education and Vision Service Plan (VSP) for provision of vision insurance to District employees for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

*F-2. Be It Resolved, that the Hawthorne Board of Education approves the agreement between the Board of Education and Delta Dental for provision of dental insurance to District employees for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

*F-3. Acceptance of the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for February 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-4. Approval to make the necessary transfers for the period February 1, 2026 through February 28, 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.

A-1. Approval for Hawthorne Christian Academy to dispose of the following obsolete/non-working computer equipment listed below.

Type	Serial	School Year
Samsung Galaxy Tab A	R52J908KL7A	2017-18
Samsung Galaxy Tab A	R52J908L5ZH	2017-18
Samsung Galaxy Tab A	R52J908KY4L	2017-18
Samsung Galaxy Tab A	R52J908L5RM	2017-18
Samsung Galaxy Tab A	R52J908KY2A	2017-18
Samsung Galaxy Tab A	R52J908LJ1J	2017-18
Samsung Galaxy Tab A	R52J908LBSN	2017-18
Samsung Galaxy Tab A 8.0	R52KAOMXX8E	2018-19
Samsung Galaxy Tab A 8.0	R52KAOJX7QD	2018-19
Samsung Galaxy Tab A 8.0	R52KAOJXMEZ	2018-19
Samsung Galaxy Tab A 8.0	R52KAOJXX4P	2018-19
Samsung Galaxy Tab A 8.0	R52KA0JXLQY	2018-19
Samsung Galaxy Tab A 8.0	R52KA0JXLXZ	2018-19
Apple iPad A1432	F4KJXXOPF196	2013-14
Apple iPad A1432	F7QMRB9GF196	2013-14
Apple iPad A1395	DYTLWFLRDKPH	2013-14
Apple iPad A1474	DMPP4CZNFK11	2014-15

A-2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 2025-2026: HHS 307397 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. BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 2025-2026: HHS 307390 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-4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 2025-2026: RES 306833 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-5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 2025-2026: LMS 306607 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-6. BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 2025-2026: RES 306565 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-7. BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 2025-2026: LMS 306429 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-8. BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No 2025-2026: LMS 306105 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

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

CLAIMS: **Erica Mulkey-Koltzan**

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

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

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

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	Dr. Vega	Mr. Carr	Mr. Clavijo	Ms. Ehrentraut	Mrs. Goff	Ms. Mulkey-Koltzan	Mr. Puluse	Mrs. Spohn	Mr. Totaro
Motion									
Aye									
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
Track and Football Field	Sunday, May 17, 2026 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	**Hawthorne Stigma Free Committee** Mayor's Walk for Wellness	$0.00
High School Auditorium	Friday, June 5, 2026 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2026 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	**Islamic Education Foundation** High School Graduation Rehearsal and Ceremony	$1,680.00
High School Football Field Area	Saturday, June 20, 2026 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	**Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce** Community Event with the Caballeros	$0.00
Gym (main or auxiliary)	Monday – Friday 6/29/26 – 7/24/26 2 days per week 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Actual Dates and Times to be coordinated with the Athletic Director and Buildings and Grounds	**Hawthorne Board of Recreation on behalf of the Hawthorne Little League Wrestling Association** Wrestling Practice	$0.00
Auditorium and Classroom 123 and 125	Friday, August 14, 2026 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2026 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	**Victoria's Dance Haven** (2) Rehearsals for Dance Recital and Dance Recital	$2,180.00

BG-2. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hawthorne School District, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, has determined a need to lease space for district purposes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lease with 507 Lafayette Avenue LLC for the property located at 507 Lafayette Avenue Hawthorne, NJ 07506 has been reviewed and deemed appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the lease agreement with 507 Lafayette Avenue LLC for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, at a cost not to exceed $68,400 annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are authorized to execute all necessary documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this approval is contingent upon compliance with all applicable laws and any required approvals by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION:

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

MOTION TO EXIT FROM PRIVATE SESSION:

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

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