

**HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY**  
**HAWTHORNE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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 Televised Budget Presentation  
 Municipal Council Meeting Room

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

**Time: 7:52 P.M.**

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING BEGINS:**

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building, communicated to The Hawthorne Press and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Hawthorne.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	Time of arrival after meeting has been called to order.
Michael Doyle	<b>X</b>		
Abigail Goff	<b>X</b>		
Anthony Puluse	<b>X</b>		
Bruce Reicher	<b>X</b>		
Mike Sciarra	<b>X</b>		
Tania Sanford	<b>X</b>		
Victor Terraglia	<b>X</b>		
Louis B. Turco	<b>X</b>		
Alex Clavijo	<b>X</b>		

Also Present: Richard A. Spirito, Superintendent of Schools  
 Trude Engle, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
 and approximately 14 members of the public.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

**MEETING REGULATIONS:**

During each regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to ask questions and to make comments. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments are invited regarding subjects on this agenda. The second opportunity occurs just prior to adjournment, when citizens may address general questions and comments to the Board.

Persons wishing to speak must upon being recognized, rise, sign in and state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to 5 minutes. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard if at all, who may speak, and for how long. All such rules shall be monitored by the presiding officer.

Please turn off cell phones.

Comments and questions shall be addressed to the Board President or the presiding officer, and shall be limited to agenda issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer may require the speaker to sit down.

**PUBLIC BE HEARD - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** None

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

**Mike Sciarra, Chairperson**

**BUDGET PRESENTATION:** 2016-2017 Budget Power Point Presentation by Mr. Spirito

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Finance and Administration recommends the following resolutions:

F-1. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR:**

The Board of Education of Hawthorne hereby adopts the following budget for 2016-2017 school year:

The budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

**Expenditures**

General Current Expense	\$38,649,908
Special Revenue Fund	1,096,126
Repayment of Debt	<u>1,320,118</u>

**Total Expenditures** **\$41,066,152**

**Revenue**

Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 100,000
Local Tax Levy	
Current	35,932,607
Debt Service	1,128,775
Budgeted Fund Balance	
Debt Service	1
Misc. Revenue	16,500
Capital Reserve	100,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	50,504
Tuition	4,000
State Aid	
Current	2,446,297
Debt Service	191,342
Special Revenue Fund	<u>1,096,126</u>

**Total Revenue** **\$41,066,152**

Be it further resolved, that the district’s general tax requirements to support the proposed 2016-2017 budget, as stipulated by the Hawthorne Board of Education Finance Committee and Hawthorne Borough Municipal Officials, as follows:

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$35,932,607</b>
<b>Debt Service:</b>	<b><u>1,128,775</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$37,061,382</u></b>

**F-1 – moved by Mr. Sciarra, seconded by Ms. Goff**

**Ayes - Mr. Puluse, Mr. Turco, Mr. Sciarra, Ms. Goff, Mr. Doyle,  
Mr. Clavijo, Ms. Sanford, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Turco**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**Absent - None**

**Discussion:**

Mr. Sciarra thanked Ms. Engle, Mr. Spirito and the finance committee for all their hard work. He also thanked the entire Board for their continued support and dedication. Mr. Sciarra stated that the 2% cap is a challenge for the Board. He also reviewed the savings implemented including the bond refinancing and shared services.

Mr. Terraglia congratulated the finance committee and commented that the District is moving in the right direction.

Mr. Turco thanked Mr. Spirito for getting the District back on the right path.

Ms. Goff thanked Mr. Spirito, Ms. Engle and the finance committee for all their hard work.

**PUBLIC BE HEARD – BUDGET AGENDA ONLY:**

Ms. Kowalski questioned the funding for track uniforms, additional clubs at the middle school and thanked the Board for their time and efforts.

Ms. Tolomeo thanked the board members for all their hard work. She questioned the additional retirees that were not budgeted and if these funds can be utilized for 8<sup>th</sup> grade teaming.

**At 8:27 p.m. Mr. Turco motioned the board adjourn, seconded by Mr. Terraglia**

**Ayes - Mr. Puluse, Mr. Turco, Mr. Sciarra, Ms. Goff, Mr. Doyle,  
Mr. Clavijo, Ms. Sanford, Mr. Reicher, Mr. Turco**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**Absent - None**

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Engle  
Board Secretary