

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To foster a safe and equitable learning environment that celebrates our diverse learners, and provides the necessary resources and supports to prioritize the social-emotional and academic development of all students.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** on March 14, 2024, Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President, Ms. Pell called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

**II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Ms. Pell read the following statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right 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 agreed upon. In accordance with the provision of this act, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education advertised this meeting on June 20, 2023 in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger. This notice was sent to the Municipal Clerks of the Borough of Matawan and the Township of Aberdeen, and the Matawan-Aberdeen Joint Free Public Library. The notice was also placed on the district’s web site.”

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Present:	Ms. Pell, President	Ms. Ascoli, Vice President
	Ms. Feiles	Ms. Martinez
	Mr. McGovern	Mr. Montone
	Ms. Skop	Ms. Werneke

Absent: Ms. Spruell

Also Ms. Perez, Superintendent of Schools

Present: Ms. Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mr. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent for School Administration PreK-12

**V. MINUTES**

- None

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION I**

Be It Resolved, that a closed session be convened for the purpose of discussing Privacy, Personnel and Legal Matters. The subject matter of these discussions will be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality subsides. Although the Board cannot guarantee it, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 25 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action will not take place.

It was moved by Ms. Ascoli seconded Ms. Martinez that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:33 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Ms. Ascoli that the Board return to Open Session at 6:55 pm.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD**

Motion by Ms. Werneke, seconded by Ms. Martinez to approve the following correspondence:

Email received Feb 21, 2024, kerikoo@aol.com, regarding “Incident today at Lloyd Road Elementary School”

Email received Feb 26, 2024, Staff Email, regarding “Staff request”

Email received Mar 5, 2024, anthony.gonzalez509@gmail.com, regarding “Absent Policy”

Email received Mar 10, 2024, hmccarron246@gmail.com, regarding “Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School Busing for student: 2.01 miles”

Email received Mar 11, 2024, laubrennan@panynj.gov, regarding “Our Matawan/Aberdeen Students”

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Feiles	X				
Ms. Martinez	X				
Mr. McGovern	X				
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell				X	
Ms. Werneke	X				
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Pell	X				

On a roll call vote, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, one (1) member was absent

**VIII. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Pell**

- Discuss subscription bussing

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Perez**

- HIB Report Period I – September – December 2023 – Mr. Liebmann

**X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT**

- None

**XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Curriculum and Instruction Agenda on which the Board will take action at the March 21, 2024 Regular Action Meeting.

**A. TRAVEL**

Pursuant to travel policy #6471, the following staff is approved for travel related to training and workshops. This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent, and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and within the scope of the staff member’s current responsibilities and the district’s Professional Development Plan. ([Curriculum & Instruction Attachment #1](#))

**Policy:** #6471 Travel/Reimbursable Expenses

**Rationale:** Required estimates to abide by law and policy

**B. OTHER**

1. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following field trips for the 2023-2024 school year.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>School/Grade</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>NEW</b> PetSmart, Holmdel, NJ	April 9, 2024	Lightbridge Academy District Students and Staff	Spring Field Trip and End of Pet/Vet Theme
Longstreet Farm, Holmdel, NJ	<b>REVISED</b> April 23, 2024	CP Grade K Students and Staff	To enhance and support the K curriculum
<b>NEW</b> Walking Tour Main Street Matawan, NJ	May 6, 2024	CP PreK Students and Staff	To align with community theme for Tools of the Mind Curriculum
<b>NEW</b> Walking Tour Main Street Matawan, NJ	May 7, 2024	CP PreK Students and Staff	To align with community theme for Tools of the Mind Curriculum
<b>NEW</b> Seven Presidents Beach, Long Branch, NJ	June 7, 2024	CL Grade K Students and Staff	To learn about the ocean and its inhabitants
Jenkinson’s Aquarium, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ	<b>REVISED</b> April 15, 2024	RD Grade K Students and Staff	Expose students to additional developmentally appropriate experiences
<b>NEW</b> Monmouth Museum Lincroft, NJ	April 22, 2024	RD Grade PK Students and Staff	Expose students to additional developmentally appropriate experiences
Thompson Park, Lincroft, NJ	<b>REVISED</b> May 2, 2024	RD Grade 1 Students and Staff	Expose students to additional developmentally appropriate experiences
Jenkinson’s Aquarium, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ	<b>REVISED</b> May 6, 2024	RD Grade 3 Students and Staff	Expose students to additional developmentally appropriate experiences
<b>REVISED</b> Allaire Community Farm, Wall Twp., NJ	May 22, 2024	RD PreK Students and Staff	Expose students to additional developmentally appropriate experiences
<b>NEW</b> Monmouth Museum Lincroft, NJ	May 17, 2024	ST Grade PK Students and Staff	Expose students to additional developmentally appropriate experiences

<b>NEW</b> Monmouth Battlefield Park, Manalapan, NJ	May 15, 2024	MS Grade 7A Students and Staff	Experiential learning/revolutionary war
<b>NEW</b> Monmouth Battlefield Park, Manalapan, NJ	May 17, 2024	MS Grade 7B Students and Staff	Experiential learning/revolutionary war
<b>NEW</b> MRHS, Aberdeen, NJ	June 3, 2024	MS Grade 6-8 Choral Students and Staff	Choral Adjudication Festival
<b>NEW</b> Cheesequake State Park, Matawan, NJ	May 23, 2024	HS Grade 9-12 Students and Staff	Cumulation of Environmental Science knowledge and skills
<b>NEW</b> Monmouth University, Long Branch, NJ	March 26, 2024	HS Grade 9-12 Students and Staff	2024 Empowering Young Black Males Summit
<b>NEW</b> Blue Claws Stadium, Lakewood, NJ	May 29, 2024	HS Grade 9-12 Students and Staff	Self-contained students and peer buddies will participate in this event to practice social skills/community based instruction
<b>NEW</b> Nomad Pizzeria Princeton, NJ	June 5, 2024	HS Grade 9-12 Students and Staff	Students will be learning how to make authentic Italian pizza. Practice the Italian language.

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the submission of an application for the New Jersey Department of Education *Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Grant*.

**Rationale:** This grant program is intended to empower districts to develop and implement innovative programming, practices and/or guidance aimed at reclaiming teacher time through the reduction of administrative (clerical) paperwork and other tasks that pull teachers away from classroom instruction. If awarded, the District would receive up to \$200,000 in funds to participate in this program which would run from May 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025.

**XII. STUDENT SERVICES**

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Student Services Agenda on which the Board will take action at the March 21, 2024 Regular Action Meeting.

1. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve bedside instruction for the following student(s):

<b>Student</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
165303	LearnWell	\$633.00	2/26/24-3/4/24
165014	LearnWell	\$316.50	2/27/24-2/29/24

**Cost:** \$949.50

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the agreement with the following providers for the 2023-2024 school year on an as needed basis.

Service Provider	Cost	Effective Date
Ann Marie Lusquinos MS CCC-SLP	\$600.00 - 2 Hour AAC Evaluation w/ Report \$140.00 Hourly Consult Fee \$900.00 Full Day (5 hours) In-Service \$650.00 Half Day (3 hours) In-Service \$40.00 Per Half hour Travel	3/5/24-6/30/24

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following tuition/extraordinary aide rebill for the 2022-2023 school year.

School	Cost	Effective Dates
Search Day Program	\$6,649.00	2022-2023

**Cost:** \$6,649.00 **Account#:** 11-000-100-566-09-0000-0

**Rationale:** Due to Audit

4. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the SAIL Program at Brookdale Community College.

**Rationale:** The SAIL (Students Achieving Independent Living) program is an innovative pre-vocational program that offers a comprehensive and well-balanced classroom experience in life skills, consumer skills, self-advocacy, healthy habits, financial literacy, and the use of technology to adult students aged 18 to 24 with developmental disabilities. The program, which is funded by a grant from the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education in New Jersey, is tuition-free and is based at Brookdale Community College. **No cost to the district.**

5. **REVISED** - (originally approved on 1/8/24 for the incorrect cost). The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following student(s) to attend an out-of-district placement for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Student	School	Cost	Effective Dates
170060	Audrey W. Clark, Long Branch School District	\$33,460.56	1/2/24-6/30/24

**Cost:** \$33,460.56

**XIII. PERSONNEL**

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Personnel Agenda requesting the Board take action on the two (2) Walk-In Items. The remainder of the items will be presented for action at the March 21, 2024 Regular Action Meeting.

**A. Resignations/Retirements - 2023/2024 School Year**

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Hilton, Patricia	MS	Science Teacher	Retirement	9/1/1995	6/30/2024
Isaacson, Tyler	HS	Boys Soccer Head Coach	Resignation	2015/2016 School Year	2023/2024 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Pattwell, Jourdan	MS	Special Ed Teacher	Resignation	9/1/2016	4/26/2024
Scheuing, Adrienne	LR	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	9/1/1990	6/30/2024
Thomson, Lori	LR	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	9/1/1993	6/30/2024
Wall, Hannah	MS	School Social Worker	Resignation	9/1/2019	6/30/2024
Whelan, Renee	RD/CL/ ST	Master Teacher Preschool	Retirement	9/1/2022	9/30/2024

**B. Leave of Absence - 2023/2024 School Year**

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Amir, Sadaf	RD	Instructional Assistant	Medical	Without Pay	2/27/24
Casserly, Kathleen	HS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	3/18/24
Evans, Colleen	CO	Transportation Assistant	Medical	Without Pay	2/26/24 ½ Day PM- 3/1/24
Goldberg, Deborah	HS	Teacher	Medical/FMLA	With Pay	2/9/24-3/18/24
Niesz, Hillary	HS	Teacher	FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	2/8/24-5/10/24 Amended Dates - Originally Approved on 11/30/23
Quattrocchi, Janice	HS	Secretary 12-Month	FMLA/NJFLA Intermittent	Without Pay	3/6/24, 3/7/24, 3/14/24
Teixeira, Kristina	RD	Teacher	FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	9/3/24-12/2/24 Original Leave Approved on 2/22/23
Zupkus, Emily	MS	School Psychologist	Maternity/FMLA  FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	3/18/24-5/6/24 5/7/24-5/31/24 6/3/24-6/14/24 9/3/24-11/16/24 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 1/18/24

**C. Appointments - 2023/2024 School Year**

**1. New Hires**

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/Reason	Effective Dates
Field, Diane	CO	Substitute Transportation Assistant	N/A	\$25/Hr	Substitute	4/8/24

**Note:** The law on background checks requires ultimate clearance prior to any employment becoming final, in addition to pre-employment paperwork.

**2. Extra-Curricular Activities - 2023/2024 School Year**

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
<b>Athletic Activities</b>					
TBD	HS	Boys Spring Track	Assistant Coach	TBD	2023/2024 School Year
Ramos, Roxanne	HS	Girls Spring Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$6,200.00	2023/2024 School Year
Suckow, Kristyn	HS	Girls Spring Track	Assistant Coach (Harnett Resignation)	Step 3 \$6,200.00	2023/2024 School Year
Wilensky, Daniel	MS	Intramural Bowling	Coach (Miller Resignation)	\$1,045.00	2023/2024 School Year
<b>Non-Athletic Activities</b>					
<b>Hourly Activities</b>					

**3. Home Instruction - 2023/2024 School Year**

Student ID	Subject/Class	Loc	Home Instruction Teacher	Hrs/per Week	# of Weeks	Total Hrs/per Subject	Effective Dates
<u>159310</u>	Physical Education Grade 12	HS	Shannon Claudio	2	6	12	2/23/24-4/8/24
159310	English IV Honors	HS	Jennifer Moller	2	6	12	2/23/24-4/8/24
159310	Latin	HS	Patricia Portee-Wells	2	6	12	2/23/24-4/8/24
159310	Career Empowerment	HS	Shannon Claudio	2	6	12	2/23/24-4/8/24
159310	Stock Market Analysis	HS	Shannon Claudio	2	6	12	2/23/24-4/8/24

Student ID	Subject/Class	Loc	Home Instruction Teacher	Hrs/per Week	# of Weeks	Total Hrs/per Subject	Effective Dates
159310	Economics II	HS	Shannon Claudio	2	6	12	2/23/24-4/8/24
<b>159391</b>	Molecular Cell Biology	HS	Alexis Whitney	2	4	8	2/8/24-3/6/24
159391	English IV	HS	Alexis Whitney	2	4	8	2/8/24-3/6/24
159391	Ceramics	HS	Alexa Beyer	2	4	8	2/8/24-3/6/24
<b>159422</b>	Pre-Calculus	HS	Julia Cacciatore	2	6	12	2/9/24-3/22/24
159422	English IV Honors	HS	Jennifer Moller	2	6	12	2/9/24-3/22/24
159422	Meteorology	HS	Joseph Coppola	2	6	12	2/9/24-3/22/24
159422	AP Government & Politics	HS	Robert Moller	2	6	12	2/9/24-3/22/24
<b>159567</b>	Science	HS	Jennifer Wishnick	5	1	5	1/16/24-1/23/24
159567	Physical Education Grade 10	HS	Dee Dellert	2	4	8	2/14/24-3/14/24
<b>160840</b>	Lab Chemistry	HS	Joseph Coppola	2	1	2	1/26/24-2/1/24
160840	English II	HS	Robert Carnovsky	2	1	2	1/26/24-2/1/24
160840	US History I	HS	Robert Carnovsky	2	1	2	1/26/24-2/1/24

**4. Staff Array Changes - 2023/2024 School Year**

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignments	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Toscano, Christine	CO/TR .46	Transportation Assistant	CO/TR .46	Transportation Assistant BA Stipend \$1,485.00	3/1/24-6/30/24 Add Stipend

**5. College Student Teacher/Observers/Teachers/Interns - 2023/2024 School Year**

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment

**6. Volunteers - 2023/2024 School Year**

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date



**D. Other**

**1. HIB - 2023/2024 School Year**

- The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report as reported during the Executive Session of the Matawan-Aberdeen Board of Education Meeting of February 22, 2024:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
5	2

**2. REACH Parent Night Facilitator - 2023/2024 School Year**

- Hollinger, Jessica, Transition Coordinator  
Up to 4 hours at \$30/Hr (2 hours per night - 01/24/2024 and 05/22/2024)

**3. Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) Presentation Facilitators - 2023/2024 School Year**

- Hollinger, Jessica
  - Sniffen, Alan
- Up to 2 hours at \$30/Hr each

**4. HIB Report Reporting Period 1 (September through December 2023) - 2023/2024 School Year**

- Reported by Michael J. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent

**5. Approval of Administrator Contracts - 2024-2025 School Year**

- Case, Lindsey, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Liebmann, Michael J., Assistant Superintendent for Administration PreK-12

**Note:** Contracts approved by the Monmouth County Office of Education

**XIV. POLICY**

Discuss policies and pull P 4324 Right to Privacy and P&R 5111 for the next meeting to provide additional time to review options. Policy Committee is working on Substance Abuse and in review with legal. Next up is Attendance.

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Policy Agenda on which the Board will take action at the Regular Meeting on March 21, 2024.

**A.** The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the first reading of the following:

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	Second Reading
2000	Program	P 2270	Religion in Schools	March 21, 2024
3000	Teaching Staff Members	P 3161	Examination for Cause	March 21, 2024
3000	Teaching Staff Members	P&R 3212	Attendance	March 21, 2024
3000	Teaching Staff Members	P 3324	Right of Privacy	March 21, 2024
4000	Support Staff Members	P 4161	Examination for Cause	March 21, 2024

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	Second Reading
4000	Support Staff Members	P&R 4212	Attendance	March 21, 2024
5000	Students	P&R 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths	March 21, 2024
5000	Students	5533	Student Smoking (M)	March 21, 2024

(M) indicates mandated by state law

**XV. FINANCE**

Ms. Case reviewed the Finance Agenda requesting the Board take action on the Walk-In Item this evening. The remainder of the items will be presented for action at the March 21, 2024 Regular Action Meeting.

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following:

**1. Payroll for February 2024 and Bills List for March 2024**

(Available for review in Board Secretary’s Office)

Policy #6470 Payment of Claims

February 15, 2024 Payroll	\$2,290,378.62
February 29, 2024 Payroll	\$2,361,688.26
<b>Total February 2024 Payroll</b>	<b>\$4,652,066.88</b>
<b>Total March 2024 Bills List</b>	<b>\$</b>

**2. Transfer of Funds for February 2024** (Available for review in Board Secretary’s Office)

Policy # 6422 Budget Transfers

WHEREAS NJAC 6A:20-2.13 “Over expenditure of Funds” states “a district Board of Education shall not incur any obligation or approve any payment in excess of the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education in the line item pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8.1”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached line item transfers be approved

**3. Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification for February 2024**

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(d), I certify that as of February 29, 2024, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1

**4. Board of Education Certification Budget Major/Fund Status for February 2024**

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(D), we certify that as of February 29, 2024, after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriation section), and open consultation with appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:20-2(B), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.

I, Lindsey Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.”



School Business Admin/Board Secretary

**5. Treasurer’s Report**

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(D), approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 2024.

**6. Meal Prices for the 2024-2025 School Year**

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education adopt the following price schedule as calculated under the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool for the 2024-2025 school year.

	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Adult</b>
<b>Elementary</b>	\$2.10	\$2.95	\$3.65	\$4.95
<b>Middle School</b>	\$2.25	\$2.95	\$3.85/\$3.95*	\$4.95
<b>High School</b>	\$2.35	\$2.95	\$4.05/\$4.20/\$4.45**	\$4.95
<b>Reduced</b>	\$0.30		\$0.40	

\*Sandwich Central

\*\*Premium Lunch

Note: a 'la carte options may change due to USDA nutritional guidelines. A full listing of a 'la carte menu and pricing will be available on the district’s website under the Finance Department.

**7. Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan for the 202-2024 School Year**

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approves the SEMI Action Plan that is required if a school district does not meet at least **90 %** parental consent responses and/or 100 % of budgeted reimbursement revenue by June 30, 2024. The district did not meet 100% of budgeted reimbursement.

**8. Routine Travel Reimbursement for 2023-2024**

Policy: # 6471 School District Travel

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education pursuant to Travel policy # 6471, approve the following staff for travel related to routine business for the 2023-2024 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Total</b>
*Joseph Copploa	Teacher, MAMS/KEYS	Addl - \$500

\* Previously approved on July 27, 2023

**9. Fire and Evacuation Drills**

The following Fire and Evacuation Drills occurred during **February 2024**:

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/1/24 @ 9:30 am
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Lockdown	2/26/24 @ 9:20 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/7/24 @ 10:05 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Bomb Threat (Shelter in Place)	2/21/24 @ 11:10 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/8/24 @ 2:34 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Shelter in Place	2/29/24 @ 10:45 am
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	2/8/24 @ 9:15 am
Matawan Regional High School	Active Shooter Drill/Lockdown	2/15/24 @ 1:23 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	2/9/24 @ 9:08 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Bomb Threat	2/21/24 @ 2:15 pm
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/12/24 @ 2:03 pm
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Lockdown	2/22/24 @ 2:36 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/6/24 @ 2:20 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Shelter in Place Medical Emergency	2/21/24 @ 10:20 am

**10. Award of Transportation Out of District Routes for the 2023-2024 School Year**

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following Out of District Routes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Destination	Route	Per Diem	# of Days	Effective Dates
Alpha School	Alpha	\$306.75	73	\$22,400.00

**XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**Started 8:03 pm**

- T. Stevenson – thank you for saying relook at transportation policy. Point system is considered a one and one. Former member of Committee and did not expect outcome.
- S. Mezzla – 2 working parents and can’t flex hours. Leaves 90 of us paying extra. All about safety and not letting student/child do it. Willing to be on the committee. Always room in a budget. We can work it out. MS has no aftercare. Be creative for supervised space at the MS.
- S. Sharpez – read statement about losing subscription bussing. Both parents work and this makes question where we live. Responded to point in the letter and it is tone deaf. Spoke about family. Suggestion is before/aftercare. Reverse decision.
- P. Floor – grandchild must walk 1.9 miles and does not like the student walks on the bridge over GSP. Observe speed, width of sidewalk, etc. Disappointed there are less than 35 people. Key word is safety. Come to the next meeting with options.
- C. Sanborn – can you give us insight on how this decision came.
- Ms. Pell – Board votes on policy and administrators make these decisions.
- Cindy S. taxes went up \$6K, do you receive 68%?
- Ms. Perez – Ms. Case explained we will go out for RFP Demographer.
- Cindy S. – 1 more question, bus stop changed for child and I feel for these parents.
- M. Floor – 1.9 miles from MAMS. Working parents that drive so if both work how can we carpool?
- M. Gastio – this happened the last time and no one wanted to because of insurance. I’m bus driver and there is so much danger, times have changed. Drive over 253 miles and fixed parkway. Worked for 1 summer.
- J. Toke – MS student and paid for subscription bussing. Like having the opportunity if needed. Expressed concern about child and measuring routing. Bikes at MAMS not safe. Control the traffic. Corner by LA Fitness is a mess. No crossing guards in Cliffwood Beach. Don’t send letter on Friday afternoon.

- B. Gere – discussed subscription bussing and how it correlates to district goals. Easier to cut then navigate road closures. All suggestions are impractical. Tell Staff and students be outside the box. 90 students should have safe and reliable way.
- S. Mezzla – children have not mastered reasoning and going to MAMS there is the hill. Expressed story of an almost severe accident. Need to do better.
- J. Tope – lucky to have our own buses. Proud that we have drivers. Do we utilize the whole bus? My district utilizes minivans. Brainstorm with the community.
- M. Floor – Are buses jam packed? Never seen bus full.
- Ms. Pell – look at capacity
- M. Gasto – parents couldn’t pay \$1,000 in 2 weeks. All construction going on and people drive like animals. MAMS is challenging to walk to and reconsider. Would need to give up AM route and would do for the safety of our children.
- T. Stevenson – Can parents waive the bus? Opening up to other seats.
- Ms. Perez – We tried and many parents needed them for certain days and times. Would need to revisit the policy.
- Ms. Martinez – We use to do this in the PTO and not many wanted to give up the seats.
- Ms. Skop - Parents didn’t pay
- Ms. Werneke – When the district did contract was there an issue?
- Ms. Martinez – The district did wind up with the bill
- P. Floor – Send case back and say figure it out. This is urgent and compelling
- M. Gastro – 90 students. Why is the expense put on us? What money are you spending on us?
- Ms. Pell – 1500 students who are using alternatives and do not qualify.
- Ms. Martinez – It’s not about only money. Those seats will be needed for mandated students. Explained pay check to pay check with costs rising and with growth we need availability for increased mandated bussing.
- Ms. Ascoli – This is one pieced of the puzzle and times of the school. There are many factors.
- Ms. Pell – 4 reasons there are 3 not related to cost. Aberdeen Rd a county project. Discussion is assisting.
- S. Allen – Roughly half applied and couldn’t they know they are mandated. If routes are empty can we purchase smaller buses to reduce cost. More traffic for developments being built. Can I see the budget? Is there a though of where the extra might go?
- Ms. Pell – Cost would absorb
- J. Tope – Demand development buy the school a bus
- Laura – Does the board approve the policy? Can you relook at Rt 34 & Lloyd Road

**Ended 8:59 pm**

**XVIII. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**PERSONNEL – WALK-IN ITEM**

Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Feiles to approve the following resolution(s):

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following:

**1. Appointment - 2023/2024 School Year**

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
<b>Athletic Activity</b>					
Walsh, Matthew	HS	Football	Head Coach (Graber Resignation)	\$10,090.00 (Pending MAREA Negotiations)	2024/2025 School Year
<b>Hourly Activities</b>					

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Walsh, Matthew	HS	Strength & Conditioning Weight Training - Spring Season	Instructor (Graber Resignation)	\$25/Hr.	2023/2024 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/Reason	Effective Dates
Aronowitz, Joshua	HS	Supervisor of Athletics, Physical Education, Health & Student Activities	C9	\$103,857.94 (Prorated)	New Position	5/14/24-6/30/24

**Note:** The law on background checks requires ultimate clearance prior to any employment becoming final, in addition to pre-employment paperwork.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Feiles	X				
Ms. Martinez	X				
Mr. McGovern	X				
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell				X	
Ms. Werneke	X				
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Pell	X				

On a roll call vote, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, one (1) member was absent

**XIX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Ms. Feiles – Culture Awareness Committee to review calendar for next year
- Ms. Werneke – Update on the website provider
- Ms. Perez – We formed a committee and will be working with Final Site and will begin end of this month.
- Ms. Case – We utilize a vendor and logs to ensure proper service on all our vehicles
- Ms. Werneke – The 90 is a projection for now but is not a projection for next year. Recommendation was made early.

**XX. NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**XXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION II**

Be It Resolved, that a closed session be convened for the purpose of discussing Privacy and Personnel Matters. The subject matter of these discussions will be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality subsides. Although the Board cannot guarantee it, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 35 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action may take place.

It was moved by Ms. Werneke seconded Ms. Ascoli that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 9:06 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Mr. McGovern that the Board return to Open Session at 9:55 pm.

**FINANCE – WALK-IN ITEM**

Motion by Ms. Skop, seconded by Ms. Martinez to approve the following resolution(s):

**DEDICATION AND RENAMING OF THE MRHS SOFTBALL FIELD**

The Superintendent recommends the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the dedication and renaming of the MRHS Softball Field to the Faye Irons Field as per Policy 7250.

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Ms. Feiles	X				
Ms. Martinez	X				
Mr. McGovern	X				
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell				X	
Ms. Werneke	X				
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Pell	X				

On a roll call vote, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, one (1) member was absent

**XXII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Skop seconded by Ms. Martinez and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:56 pm.