

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.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING on October 19, 2023, Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School, 469 Matawan Ave., Cliffwood, NJ

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Ms. Ascoli called the Regular Action Meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Ms. Ascoli read the following statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure 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. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Mr. Van Horn reviewed the highlights and recognitions for the Middle School
- 8th grade chorus
- Dylan’s Wings Program & Demonstration

V. ROLL CALL

Present:	Ms. Ascoli - President	Ms. Martinez - Vice President
	Ms. Feiles	Ms. Gershner
	Mr. Montone	Ms. Pell
	Ms. Skop	Ms. Spruell
	Ms. Werneke	

Absent:

Also Ms. Perez, Superintendent of Schools

Present: Ms. Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent for School Administration PreK-12

Dr. Majka, Director of Personnel

Mr. Mandel, Board Counsel

VI. MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Feiles to approve the following minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2023
- Executive Session Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2023
- Regular Action Meeting Minutes, September 28, 2023
- Executive Session Meeting Minutes I and II, September 28, 2023

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

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

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

Email received October 11, 2023, dfin826@yahoo.com, regarding, “TONIGHT: EDUCATION UPDATE: ZOOM AT 7 PM”

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

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

October has been filled with weeks acknowledging and raising awareness for things like the importance of respect and violence prevention and plenty of fall activities.

Ravine Dr - Fire prevention week was October 9th-13th and the school was visited by the Matawan Fire Department and all Kindergarten students were able to speak with Firefighter Jay and Firefighter Ken to talk about the heroic deeds of our local Fire Departments. Their Fall Fest was a success despite the weather and the Halloween Parade and Halloween Safety Assembly are coming up soon!

Lloyd Road - welcomed two new Therapy Dogs into the school: Phoebe the Shih-Tzu, and Sadie, a black lab mix. Tremendous turn-out for their first PTO event, Family Pizza Bingo Night. Also excited to share the after-school homework support program where students are able to receive homework assistance up to 4 times per week, by grade level. In addition, the school is gearing up to begin all other after school activities in November.

October has definitely been a fun filled month. Once again, I'd like to thank the Board of Education for this opportunity to present these updates to you all. Thank you.

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ms. Ascoli

We would like to start by saying thank you to all the school community members that attended the Second Question/Security meeting on Tuesday. It is incredibly helpful to hear from you all on this very important topic as we look to strengthen security in our schools. The presentation that was shared with the school community at the meeting will be uploaded to the school website and is linked here: <https://www.marsd.org/cms/lib/NJ01000603/Centricity/Domain/36/In%20Depth%202nd%20question%20presentation.pdf>

As discussed in that meeting, we will continue to look for ways within our budget to fund increased security measures.

As we have stated in the past, we currently have over \$120,000 in lunch debt that continues to grow each year. This is an issue not unique to our district, but one that we are looking to address through an updated lunch policy, working with Chartwells and by finding additional methods to collect money owed. It's important to note that the majority of these costs are for snack related items not meals, and we do not want to have any child go hungry. If you are in need of assistance in putting your lunch bill please reach out to our business office and we can arrange a payment plan or help fill out a free/reduced lunch application. It is important to find a way to stop the accumulating debt as that is money that could go back to our students in a variety of ways.

As discussed last meeting, we are actively working with our transportation department to minimize potential transportation disruptions when there are construction projects going on in our towns. We are also planning well in advance for the big project on Aberdeen Road that is planned for summer of 2024 as that will impact next year's school opening in terms of needing to reroute and most likely needing to get more kids on buses. We will provide updates as available this year so that we can ensure parents/guardians are aware and prepared as far in advance as possible.

We wish all our students a happy and safe Halloween! Note: that is an early dismissal day for students and teachers.

X. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Curriculum and Instruction Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening.

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

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

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 summer 2023 curriculum guide updates. ([Curriculum & Instruction Attachment #2](#))

Rationale: The summer 2023 curriculum updates are necessary to align curriculum with the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) and the curricular requirements mandated by NJQSAC. As per N.J.A.C. 6A:3-3.1; all school districts are required to board approve new and/or revise curricula that clearly and specifically align with the most recent State Board adopted version of the NJ standards for each of the nine K-12 content areas.

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

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose
Happy Day Farm, Manalapan, NJ	October 20, 2023	CP/Pre-K 3-5 Students and Staff	to increase social emotional engagement with children among their peers, while learning about plants, animals and use problem solving skills to complete activities.
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ	October 4, 2023	MS/Grade 6, 7, 8 Students and Staff	CJCEE - Work with representatives from other districts showing what activities they incorporate for inclusion and diversity awareness
Princeton Plasma Physics Lab, Princeton, NJ	February 23, 2024	MS/Grade 6-8 Science Competition Team and Staff	Science Bowl Competition
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	March 15, 2024	MS/Grade 7 & 8 STEM Students and Staff	Young Women's Conference in STEM. Students will spend the day with prominent women scientists and engineers from around the region.
Sandy Hook National Park, Middletown Twp., NJ	May 16, 2024	MS/Grade 7 Students and Staff	Team building nature inquiry
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ	June 5, 2024	MS/Grade 6, 7, & 8 Students and Staff	CJCEE - Students will present their work to representatives of other school districts, showing what activities they incorporated for inclusion and diversity awareness.
PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ	November 2, 2023	MS/Grade 7 Students and Staff	To provide personal experience with American veterans
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ	October 4, 2023	HS/Grades 9-12 Students and Staff	CJCEE - Work with representatives from other districts showing what activities they incorporate for inclusion and diversity awareness
Sandy Hook, Highlands, NJ	October 10, 2023	HS/Grade 9 Students and Staff	MP1 EMPHASIZES Aquarium Science and students will mimic the

			natural environment and take care of the specimen for the school year.
Broadway (Theater District) New York City, NY	December 20, 2023	HS/Students that are part of the Thespian Society and Staff	To have a professional theater workshop in a rehearsal studio.
Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA (activities in surrounding towns)	April 24-27, 2024	HS/History & Government Club Students and Staff	Historical Enrichment
Juanito’s Restaurant, Red Bank, NJ	May 9, 2024	HS/Multiple Grade Students and Staff	World Cuisine- Celebrating diverse cultures and cuisines
Broadway (Theater District) New York City, NY	May 29, 2024	HS/Students in Thespian Society and Staff	Thespian Professional Theatre Workshop Trip
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ	June 5, 2024	HS/Grades 9-12 Students and Staff	CJCEE - Students will present their work to representatives of other school districts, showing what activities they incorporated for inclusion and diversity awareness.

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

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

XI. STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Student Services Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening.

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

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

Location	Number of Student/Staff	Trip Date (s)
Shoprite, Aberdeen	11 students 5 staff	10/20/23-6/30/24 Weekly on Tuesdays
Raritan YMCA, Perth Amboy	11 students 5 staff	10/2/23, 11/3/23, 12/15/23, 1/12/24, 2/2/24, 3/8/24, 4/19/24, 5/3/24, 5/31/24
Bellworks, Holmdel	11 students 5 staff	10/13/23, 11/17/23, 1/5/24, 2/9/24, 3/1/24, 4/12/24, 5/10/24, 6/7/24
Manasquan Bank, Colts Neck	11 students 5 staff	10/17/23, 1/5/24
Rainforest Cafe, Edison	11 students 5 staff	12/1/23
Park Ave. Diner, Aberdeen	11 students 5 staff	3/22/24
Freehold Mall, Freehold	11 students 5 staff	12/8/24

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Ms. Feiles	X				
Ms. Gershner	X				
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell	X				
Ms. Werneke	X				
Ms. Martinez	X				
Ms. Ascoli	X				

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

XII. PERSONNEL

Dr. Majka reviewed the Personnel Agenda to include a Walk-In Item on which the Board will take action this evening.

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:

A. Leave of Absence - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
DeCarlo, Salvatore	LR	Teacher	Paternity/ FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	1/02/2024 - 03/26/2024
Giles, Thomas	MS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	11/08/2023
Kacen, Pamela	HS	Teacher	Medical/FMLA	Without Pay	09/22/2023 ½ day PM - 10/30/2023
Leach, Kristina	MS	School Counselor	Personal	Without Pay	10/12/2023 - 10/13/2023
Levine, Jamie	CL	School Counselor	Personal Maternity FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	09/01/2023 10/16/2023 - 11/27/2023 11/28/2023 - 12/22/2023 01/02/2024 - 03/26/2024 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 09/28/2023
Rocco, Sandra	ST	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	11/06/2023 - 11/08/2023
Weaver, April	CO	School Bus Driver	FMLA Intermittent	With Pay	11/21/2023 ½ Day PM
Wilensky, Daniel	MS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	11/29/2023 - 11/30/2023
Groninger, Rebecca	HS	SAC	Maternity FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay Without Pay	12/18/2023 - 02/23/2024 02/26/2024 - 05/24/2024
Jaeger, Tara	MS	School Psychologist	Maternity FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	11/27/2023 - 01/12/2024 01/16/2024 - 02/09/2024 02/12/2024 -

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
					05/10/2024

B. Appointments - 2023/2024 School Year**1. Instructional Assistants as Substitute Teachers - 2023/2024 School Year**

Name	Position	Loc	Salary	Account #	Effective Dates
McPherson, Lisa	Instructional Assistant as Sub Teacher	HS	Hourly Differential	11-140-100-101-11-0000-9	2023/2024 School Year
Scheuller, Melanie	Instructional Assistant as Sub Teacher	HS	Hourly Differential	11-140-100-101-11-0000-9	2023/2024 School Year
Walling, Linda	Instructional Assistant as Sub Teacher	HS	Hourly Differential	11-140-100-101-11-0000-9	2023/2024 School Year

2. Mentor Teachers - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Location	Certification
O'Brien, Matthew	MS	PreK - Grade 3, Teacher of Students w/Disabilities
Fallon, Jill	CL	Elementary (N-8), Art
Gilbert, Michelle	CL	PreK - Grade 3, Teacher of Students w/Disabilities
Mehta, Vinita	CP	PreK - Grade 3
Pappas, Laura	CL	Elementary, Preschool

3. Extra-Curricular Activities - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Non-Athletic Activities					
Bennett, Adrian	HS	Student Equity Team	Co-Advisor	\$660.00 (Mancuso Vacancy)	2023/2024 School Year
Sa, Cristina	HS	Student Equity Team	Co-Advisor	\$660.00 (Mancuso Vacancy)	2023/2024 School Year
Kish, Sheryl	HS	Student Information Systems	Coordinator	\$3,800.00	2023/2024 School Year
Southerland, Quincy	HS	Spring Musical	Choreographer	\$2,970.00	2023/2024 School Year
Hourly Activities					
Santos, Lisa	MS	Detention	Monitor	\$25/Hr.	2023/2024 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Wells, Gerard	MS	Detention	Monitor	\$25/Hr.	2023/2024 School Year
Tarrazzi, Dylan	MS	Detention	Monitor	\$25/Hr.	2023/2024 School Year
Schueller, Mealanie	HS	One-to-One As Needed	Instructional Assistant	Employee’s Hourly Rate	2023/2024 School Year

4. District Translators - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Location	Language
Brooks, Katherine	CO	Spanish

\$30/Hr as needed - Account # 11-000-219-105-11-0000-1

5. Staff Array Changes - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignments	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Coppola, Joseph	KEYS: .80 MS: .20	Science Teacher	KEYS: .80 MS: .20 .20 O/L	Science Teacher Science Teacher Science/MS	2023/2024 School Year Vacancy
Biagianti, Mary	MS: 1.00	Sped/LAL Teacher	MS: 1.00 .17 O/L	Sped/LAL Teacher Wilson Teacher	2023/2024 School Year Vacancy
Chodkiewicz, Beth	MS: 1.00	Sped/LAL Teacher	MS: 1.00 .17 O/L	Sped/LAL Teacher V&V	2023/2024 School Year Vacancy
Gray, Barbara	MS: .33 .33 .33	Teacher of Deaf Math 7 ICR Math 8 POR	MS: .33 .33 .33	Teacher of Deaf Math 7 ICR ELA 8 ICR	10/02/2023 - 06/30/2024
Fitzgerald, Connor	HS: 1.00	Special Ed Science	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L .20 O/L	Special Ed Science Chemistry Honors AP Chemistry	10/05/2023 - 10/24/2023 Califano Coverage Pending Start Date 10/24/2023
Hall, Sharen	HS: 1.00	Special Ed Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Special Ed Teacher Chemistry Honors	09/28/2023 - 10/24/2023 Califano Coverage Pending Start Date 10/24/2023
Niesz, Hillary	HS: 1.00	Chemistry Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Chemistry Teacher Chemistry Honors	10/05/2023 - 10/24/2023 Califano Coverage Pending Start Date 10/24/2023
Wishnick, Jennifer	HS: 1.00	Special Ed Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Special Ed Teacher Social Studies	10/04/2023 - 12/22/2023 Kacen LOA

6. 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>158817</u>	Lab Environmental Science	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
158817	English III	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
158817	US History II	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
158817	Algebra II	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
<u>158835</u>	Lab Environmental Science	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/22/2023 - 10/06/2023
158835	English IV	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/22/2023 - 10/06/2023
158835	Economics I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/22/2023 - 10/06/2023
<u>159567</u>	Lab Biology	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	8	16	09/06/2023 - 11/03/2023
159567	English III	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	8	16	09/06/2023 - 11/03/2023
159567	US History I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	8	16	09/06/2023 - 11/03/2023
159567	Algebra I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	8	16	09/06/2023 - 11/03/2023
<u>164130</u>	Lab Environmental Science	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
164130	English III	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
164130	US History II	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
164130	Geometry	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
<u>170060</u>	Lab Biology	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
170060	English I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023

Student ID	Subject/ Class	Loc	Home Instruction Teacher	Hrs/per Week	# of Weeks	Total Hrs/per subject	Effective Dates
170060	World Cultures	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
170060	Algebra I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
170060	Italian I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	09/26/2023 - 10/09/2023
<u>170060</u>	Lab Biology	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
170060	English I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
170060	World Cultures	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
170060	Algebra I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
170060	Italian I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
<u>158817</u>	Lab Environmental Science	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
158817	English III	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
158817	US History II	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
158817	Algebra II	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
158817	ASL	Hs	Julianna Walker	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
<u>161091</u>	Language Arts	MS	Dr. Hanes	2.5	4	10	10/10/2023 - 11/03/2023
161091	Social Studies	MS	Dr. Hanes	2.5	4	10	10/10/2023 - 11/03/2023
161091	Science	MS	Joseph Coppola	2.5	4	10	10/10/2023 - 11/03/2023
161091	Math	MS	Dr. Hanes	2.5	4	10	10/10/2023 - 11/03/2023
<u>164130</u>	Lab Environmental Science	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023

Student ID	Subject/Class	Loc	Home Instruction Teacher	Hrs/per Week	# of Weeks	Total Hrs/per subject	Effective Dates
164130	English III	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
164130	US History II	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023
164130	Geometry	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/2023 - 12/01/2023

7. Volunteers - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date
Esposito, Matthew	HS	Varsity Boys Basketball	2023/2024 School Year

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

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Deveney, Amanda	Paula Murray, Elementary Teacher	Ravine Drive Elementary School Student Observer St. Francis College
Pappa, Alyssa	Jessie Zitarosa, Director (New Cooperating Administrator Replacing Van Horn)	MARSD Administrative Internship Georgian Court University Originally Approved on 05/22/2023
Ring, William	Jamie Zibbell, School Social Worker	Matawan-Regional High School Student Observer Brookdale Community College
Somohano, Danielle	Gabrielle Petruccio, Elementary Teacher (New Cooperating Teacher Replacing Berman)	Cliffwood Elementary School Student Teacher Monmouth University Originally Approved on 05/22/2023
Ulaj, Lirije	Susan Pisano, Elementary Teacher	Ravine Drive Elementary School Student Teacher Touro University Fall 2023

9. District Anti-Bullying Coordinator and School Anti-Bullying Specialists - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Location
Joseph Graber Rebecca Groninger	Matawan-Regional High School ABS

10. MOST (Mentoring Our Students Together) Program - 2023/2024 School Year

- Laura Cahill
- Julianna Colonna
- Tamer Shalaby
- Corrinne Wietecha

\$35/Hr, Up to 36 days, 3 hours per day; Hours 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

C. 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 October 12, 2023:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
9	1

2. SSDS Reporting Period 2 - 2022/2023 School Year

- Presented by Dr. Majka (Reported on October 12, 2023)

3. AP Capstone Summer Institute at Fordham University - 2021/2022 School Year

- Maria Cairavino to be compensated for attending the AP Capstone Summer Institute at Fordham University in July, 2022
Up to 40 hours at \$30/Hr - To be paid July, 2024 (Budgeted for 2024/2025 School Year)

4. Moving Compensation - 2023/2024 School Year

- Alexa Johnson
 - Nicole Cordi
- Up to five hours each at \$25/Hr for packing/moving

5. Unified Champion Schools Grant - 2023/2024 School Year

- The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the acceptance of the Unified Champion Schools grant from the Special Olympics New Jersey (SONJ) in the amount of \$4,500 for the 2023-2024 school year.

PERSONNEL WALK-IN ITEM

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

Appointments - 2023/2024 School Year

1. Extra-Curricular Activities

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
Moore, Aniyah	HS	Girls Basketball	Assistant Coach	Step 2 \$7,000.00	2023/2024 School Year
Murphy, Kevin	HS	Boys Winter Track	Assistant Coach (Alston Vacancy)	Step 3 \$6,200.00	2023/2024 School Year

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. Gershner	X				
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell	X				
Ms. Werneke	X				

Ms. Martinez	X				
Ms. Ascoli	X		X		Abstain B8, line 3

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero and zero (0) members were absent

XIII. POLICY

- None

XIV. FINANCE

Ms. Case reviewed the Finance Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening.

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

- Ms. Werneke and Ms. Martinez - thanked the Donut Shop for donation to the music program
- Ms. Pell – We do not take the old budget and add 2%, we start from scratch

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

1. Payroll for September 2023 and Bills List for October, 2023 (Available for review in Board Secretary’s Office)

Policy #6470 Payment of Claims

September 15, 2023 Payroll	\$2,318,322.15
September 29, 2023 Payroll	\$2,351,055.46
Total September 2023 Payroll	\$4,669,377.61
Total October 2023 Bills List	\$2,866,593.66

2. Transfer of Funds for September 2023 (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 September 2023

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(d), I certify that as of September 30, 2023, 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 September 2023

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(D), we certify that as of September 30, 2023, 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 July 2023.

6. 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:

Name	Position	Total
Allan Sniffen	REACH Teacher	\$500
Christina Sa	Social Worker	\$250
* Dora Palandrano	Supervisor of Student Services and Program	Addl - \$300
* Jessica Hollinger	Transition Coordinator/LDTC	Addl - \$250

* Previously approved on July 27, 2023

7. Change Order #001 – Parking Lot Renovations at the Board of Education Office Building, Shore Top Construction Corp., FVHD# 5355A

Contract	Parking Lot Renovations at the Board of Education Office Building, FVHD# 5355A	
Contractor	Shore Top Construction Corp	
Change Order #	001	
Amount	- \$500.00	
Description	Credit to the owner for unused allowance	- \$500.00
	Total Decrease - Change Order # 001	- \$500.00

8. Adoption of 2024-2025 Budget Calendar

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education adopt the Budget Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

9. Acceptance of Donation from Matawan Donut Shop

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from the Matawan Donut Shop valued at approximately \$5,128.00. This donation will be deposited in the MRHS SAF Drama/Musical account.

10. Fire and Evacuation Drills

The following Fire and Evacuation Drills occurred during **September 2023**:

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Pre-school	Fire Drill	9/15/23 @ 9:15 am
Cambridge Park Pre-school	Lock Down	9/21/23 @ 9:11 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	9/12/23 @ 10:30 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Evacuation	9/15/23 @ 10:35 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Medical Emergency	9/21/23 @ 11:21 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	9/12/23 @ 10:45 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Lockdown	9/13/23 @ 9:54 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Shelter in Place/Medical Emergency	9/18/23 @ 10:05 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	9/19/23 @ 9:10 am

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Matawan Regional High School	Shelter in Place/Medical Emergency	9/12/23 @ 9:30 am
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	9/20/23 @ 1:40 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	9/12/23 @ 9:00 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Non Fire Evacuation	9/20/23 @ 10:00 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Medical Emergency/Shelter in Place	9/26/23 @ 10:00 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Shelter in Place/Medical Emergency	9/18/23 @ 2:57 pm
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	9/20/23 @ 11:14 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Evacuation Drill	9/21/23 @ 1:51 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	9/12/23 @ 9:45 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Lockdown	9/14/23 @ 10:30 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Shelter in Place/Medical Emergency	9/20/23 @ 2:05 pm

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

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

- Ms. Ascoli - spoke about how the Board is evaluating the policy.
- Mr. Mandel – will speak that the Board will make the best decision for their community and Board will take all measures into account such financial and mental
- A. Burg – security measures on our ballot. Township and police help the school in other towns, it’s disrespectful it doesn’t happen here. Drop off at MAMS with lines for about 20 minutes, leaves them exposed. Can send a list of items about safety.
- B. Brown – brought up here and raise family. We have child who out at 16, friends knew at 14. Kids don’t want parental rejection. Spoke of the Trevor project. Spoke of surveys and statistics. Don’t out children to their parents.
- Hannah (student) – spoke about the girls bathroom and stall door is broken.
- J. Foder – children are confused without sexual confusion. Especially when an industry is profiting. Lunch balance is crazy because you couldn’t graduate with a book fine. Refuse Phil Murphy confusion and his religion and constitution forbids. Children are confused. Should not give drugs to a child for ADHD to sexual changes. Thank you my child graduated from here and very successful.
- E. O’Reilly – spoke of children. In POR classes and find it hard that he has no electives to pick from. Spoke with case manager and switching classes due to failing. Not ok to hold up to other students. Issues coming to school and using bathroom at the HS.
- Ms. Perez- Please email to address your concerns.
- K. Mingly – I am a teacher and kids look up to elementary teacher. Read article about Mental Health Daily, spoke about brain activity with prefrontal cortex does not fully develop until 25 years old. Spoke of logical thinking. Spoke about parents being responsible for teenager decision making.
- P. Corstead – children attend school I’m a teacher and not their parent. The state involving the biggest issues. Upset about a failed math test and am passionate about wanted to know facts about my children. Schools ask for parental involvement and as a teacher I don’t want to pick and choose what to say.
- D. Finn – my son committed suicide and nothing to do with sexual orientation but was about mental illness. Kids are struggling for many reasons and we need to get back to basics. Thank you for your service. Spoke about 5756. There will be lawsuits.

- K. Williams – Special Ed teacher and sounds like people think there is a curriculum to make transgender. SEL curriculum speaks about all children. If you are afraid that your child won't tell you, you should reflect on that. If they didn't I'd feel grateful a teacher helped them. Only nurses administer medicine. Worry about lawsuits from the state.
- J. Woodruff – Previously voiced reasons why I'm against the policy. Learned it wasn't a mandatory policy and was just a guide. Read the policy it is a job in itself. Schools are not designed to be self-help areas. There are anti-bullying procedures in place.
- S. Shiver – Work as a teacher and their transgender stories are real. Read a story about transgender student in the class. Spoke about transgender students and parental support. Support decreases suicide risk. Transgender students understand that some are under attack in their own community. This policy I to help their safety at school.
- C. Mack – Oppose 5756. It's okay to disagree with children and to suggest that they are the wrong gender is cruel. Born 1 or 2 genders and no surgery will change genetics. They often outgrow this. Story in the news of a dad who issuing the school district and DOE for not notifying parent and violated his 14th amendment. Remember the science.
- D. Simon – Appreciate what our district has done for our students. Transgender students are in our school and want to feel a connection. Students should be themselves and learn. Asking 18 year olds to pick college and you need to find yourself. You don't ask your parents everything because you defend yourself. School wants to educate the child. The policy focusses in trans people but school is all people.
- C. Barilka – No staff members in the district are trying to change them. We as teachers are required to tell parents if certain circumstances occur, a student says they are afraid I have to call DCP&P or I could lose my job. It was Chris Christy's administration when the policy came out. Having conversations about why they brought their phone and not a pencil.
- C. Rinstead – Don't think it's religious and it was thrown on the board. About taking rights away from parents and putting it on the school. It has crept into the curriculum. He was told to pick a ribbon and if that isn't will pull them out to Private school.
- J. Rodriguez – Grateful about the teachers and the effort to my kids are amazing and caring. From a different country and looks like we should make the parents part of the team. If it's bullying then parents are involved. Freedom to raise each kid with their value, moral, and ethics is their families right.

XVI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Pell – working on policy committee: lunch debt; naming of fields; dress code and substance abuse (specifically vaping)
- Ms. Werneke – lunch account balances are mostly a la carte and we would always feed out students
- Ms. Martinez – always been part of the lunch policy and made sure families sign on. With COVID there was a long break eating for free.
- Ms. Feiles – Culture Awareness has been submitted and should have a review for the next meeting

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

- None

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 60 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action will take place.

It was moved by Ms. Skop seconded by Ms. Feiles that the Board convene in Executive Session II and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 8:32 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Spruell and seconded by M. Pell that the Board return to Open Session at 9:34 pm.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Spruell, seconded by Ms. Pell and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.