

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.

WORKSHOP MEETING on October 12, 2023, Lloyd Road Elementary School, 401 Lloyd Road, Aberdeen, NJ.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Ms. Ascoli called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Ms. Ascoli 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 September 11, 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. Ascoli, President	Ms. Martinez, Vice President
	Ms. Feiles	Ms. Gershner
	Mr. Montone	Ms. M. Pell
	Ms. Skop	Ms. Spruell (arrived at 6:31 pm)
	Ms. Werneke	

Absent:

Also Present: Ms. Perez, Superintendent of Schools
 Ms. Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Mr. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent for School Administration PreK-12
 Dr. Majka, Director of Personnel
 Mr. Mandel, Board Council

V. MINUTES

- None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

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

- Email received September 26, 2023, smpitta74@yahoo.com, regarding “Policy 5756”
- Email received September 27, 2023, jlynn2247@gmail.com, regarding “Policy 5756 concerns”
- Email received September 27, 2023, missrice1103@gmail.com, regarding “Fwd: Subject: Concerns Regarding Transgender Policy 5756”
- Email received September 27, 2023, jzuckerman17@gmail.com, regarding “Fwd: Abolish Policy 5756”
- Email received September 27, 2023, ladyandtramp450@gmail.com, regarding “Fwd: 5756.. ignore this guidance or risk litigation”
- Email received September 27, 2023, katala51@gmail.com, regarding “Fwd: Thank You School Board”

Email received September 28, 2023, plaudati@hotmail.com, regarding “Fwd: Policy 5756 - DO NOT CHANGE THE POLICY”

Email received September 28, 2023, lisamcashin@gmail.com, regarding “Fwd: Policy 5756”

Email received September 28, 2023, avezeris@gmail.com, regarding “policy 5756”

Email received September 28, 2023, ladyandtramp450@gmail.com, regarding “Bus 81 on 9/29/23”

Email received September 28, 2023, Jaclyn Moskowitz' via bdofed@marsd.org, regarding “The school lunch deficit”

Email received September 29, 2023 (2:50 pm), lwegrzyn628@gmail.com, regarding “Bus 81 -middle school”

Email received September 29, 2023 (8:50 pm), lwegrzyn628@gmail.com, regarding “Bus 81 -middle school”

Email received September 29, 2023, brflanders@comcast.net, regarding “Notification of bus stop change”

Email received September 29, 2023, lrichards1102@gmail.com, regarding “Fwd: Upholding 5756”

Email received October 2, 2023, smpitta74@yahoo.com, regarding “Policy 5756”

Email received October 6, 2023, noodleinspector2023@proton.me, regarding “Open Records Request Question”

	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. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Ascoli

- Moment of silence for Israeli victims and families; extra police presence for memo from Superintendent

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Perez

- Mr. Liebmann – presented the District Assessment Data Report, Spring 2023
- Dr. Majka – presented the HIB 2022-2023 Reporting Period II

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

- None

X. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Curriculum and Instruction Agenda requesting the Board to take action on Items A and B.1 and 2. The remainder of the items will be approved at the October 19, 2023 Regular Action Meeting.

B. OTHER

3. 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.

XI. STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Student Services Agenda requesting the Board to take action on all items listed on the Student Services Agenda.

XII. PERSONNEL

Dr. Majka reviewed the Personnel Agenda to include a Walk-In Item on which the Board will take action this evening. The remainder of the items will be presented for action at the October 19, 2023 Regular Action Meeting.

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

A. Resignations/Retirements - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date

B. Leave of Absence - 2023/2024

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
DeCarlo, Salvatore	LR	Teacher	Paternity/ FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	1/2/24-3/26/24
Giles, Thomas	MS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	11/8/23
Kacen, Pamela	HS	Teacher	Medical/FMLA	Without Pay	9/22/23 ½ day PM - 10/30/23
Leach, Kristina	MS	School Counselor	Personal	Without Pay	10/12/23-10/13/23
Levine, Jamie	CL	School Counselor	Personal Maternity FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	9/1/23 10/16/23-11/27/23 11/28/23-12/22/23 1/2/24-3/26/24 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 9/28/23
Rocco, Sandra	ST	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	11/6/23-11/8/23
Weaver, April	CO	School Bus Driver	FMLA Intermittent	With Pay	11/21/23 ½ Day PM
Wilensky, Daniel	MS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	11/29/23-11/30/23

C. Appointments - 2023/2024 School Year

1. New Hires

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/Reason	Effective Dates

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

2. Salary Adjustments - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Location/Position	From Step/Salary	To Step Salary

3. Instructional Assistants as Substitute Teachers - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Position	Loc	Salary	Account #	Effective Dates

4. Mentor Teachers - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Location	Certification
O'Brien, Matthew	MS	Teacher of Students w/Disabilities

5. Extra-Curricular Activities - 2023/2024 School Years

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
TBD	HS	Boys Track	Assistant Coach (Alston Vacancy)		2023/2024 School Year
TBD	HS	Boys Winter Track	Assistant Coach (Alston Vacancy)		2023/2024 School Year
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
TBD	HS	Creative Writing Club (New)	Advisor		2023/2024 School Year
Hourly Activities					

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Santos, Lisa	MS	Detention	Monitor	\$25/Hr.	2023/2024 School Year
Wells, Gerard	MS	Detention	Monitor	\$25/Hr.	2023/2024 School Year

6. District Translators - 2023/2024 School Year

Name	Location	Language

\$50/Hr as needed (revised from August 24th Regular Action Meeting Agenda)

7. 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: .40 .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: .66 .33	Sped/Math Teacher Teacher of Deaf	MS: .33 .33 .33 O/L	Math 7 ICR Teacher of Deaf ELA 8 ICR	10/2/23-6/30/24 Vacancy

8. Home Instruction - 2022/2023 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	9/26/23-10/9/23
158817	English III	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
158817	US History II	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
158817	Algebra II	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
<u>158835</u>	Lab Environmental Science	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/22/23-10/6/23
158835	English IV	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/22/23-10/6/23
158835	Economics I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/22/23-10/6/23
<u>159567</u>	Lab Biology	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	8	16	9/6/23-11/3/23

Student ID	Subject/ Class	Loc	Home Instruction Teacher	Hrs/per Week	# of Weeks	Total Hrs/per subject	Effective Dates
159567	English III	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	8	16	9/6/23-11/3/23
159567	US History I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	8	16	9/6/23-11/3/23
159567	Algebra I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	8	16	9/6/23-11/3/23
<u>164130</u>	Lab Environmental Science	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
164130	English III	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
164130	US History II	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
164130	Geometry	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
<u>170060</u>	Lab Biology	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
170060	English I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
170060	World Cultures	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
170060	Algebra I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
170060	Italian I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	2	4	9/26/23-10/9/23
<u>170060</u>	Lab Biology	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/23-12/1/23
170060	English I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/23-12/1/23
170060	World Cultures	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/23-12/1/23
170060	Algebra I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/23-12/1/23
170060	Italian I	HS	Dr. Hanes	2	7	14	10/10/23-12/1/23

9. Volunteers - 2023/2024 School Year

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

10. College Student Teacher/Observers/Teachers/Interns - 2023/2024

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 5/22/23
Ring, William	Jamie Zibbell, School Social Worker	Matawan-Regional High School Student Observer Brookdale Community College

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Somohano, Danielle	Gabrielle Petruccio, Elementary Teacher (New Cooperating Teacher Replacing Berman)	Cliffwood Elementary School Student Teacher Monmouth University Originally Approved on 05/22/2023

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

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

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 September 28, 2023:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
0	0

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

- Presented by Dr. Majka

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)

XIII. POLICY

- None

XIV. FINANCE

Ms. Case reviewed the Finance Agenda on which the Board will take action at the October 19, 2023 Regular Action Meeting.

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
October 2023 Bills List	\$
Total October 2023 Bill List	\$

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 August 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

Adopt the Budget Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

9. 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
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

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- C. Sanborn – talk about these test scores. Math? MS? Lack of support in the MS read statement. Tutoring in small 3-4 students that happens during the school day. Have summer session. Child in MS has received no additional help.
- Ms. Perez – We will follow up with you tomorrow
- M. Hurl – PreK teacher on maternity leave from NTC. Child is in PreK and should have monthly, stickers, etc. coming home. Not able to write her name or describe what she’s doing. Other issues to discuss in the neighborhood with twigs, branches are across the street. Upset about roadway with potholes at CP neighbor in area 64 Courtland Lane with sprinklers on during dismissal. Ivey Hill Drive & Lloyd Road that has traffic light that leads to this school, not safe.
- Ms. Ascoli – Some of these items are town related, if not on school grounds
- Ms. Martinez – There is a spot on the website to fill out of the form.
- Ms. Perez – We do meet with the towns monthly and can address concerns. You can email and can address CP concerns on school grounds.
- S. Bonder – Spoke about testing and tutoring for English with small group assistance. Still struggling with math. Discussed intervention assignment changes, budget concerns for hiring more. Was it discussed on transgender? Other districts have blood on their hands and lawsuits.

- Mr. Liebmann – Assignments of teachers can change from time to time. We will review intervention.
- Ms. Ascoli – Looking at the policy and do not want to rush it.
- J. Miller – Policy concern that a parent would not be notified. Especially when I have to give permission for medications. Should not consider and follow other districts lead.
- D. Finny – worried about buzz words and upset P5756 was not on the agenda. Talks about diversity bit it divides. Spent time in military and how it relates, with currently 30% being able to join now. Need to get back to basics. Equal opportunity pushed out for equality. Over 367 districts have pushed back on P5756, state has made this personal, we don't know consequences and board should protect our students and rescind policy.
- Ms. Martinez – We are in deep conversation and 9 of us need to be on board. We have to gage and get a pulse on the community and on our radar.
- A. Friedman – Foundation thank you for donations. Board member Ms. Skop won gift basket. Sat on the board for this policy, at that time was well received. Read School Boards and Strauss Esmay, policy is restrictive. 2 points to mention on 3rd page – read, nothing in policy that say we should hide information. Page 4 – read about principal or designee and that is the federal, HIPPA law. Board has heard negative comments and if civil rights were a contest child rights trump parental rights.
- R. Matt – encourage to rescind and was a Hanover when thy overturned P5756. Cole speaks about surgeries and not encourage that. Surgery is irreversible and has no business to encourage. Hottest issue in NJ.
- J. Woodroff – encouraging board to abolish P5756 and review curriculum about health to make it appropriate. School is not a place to find oneself. Child don't give order they are dependents and need guidance. Changes from years ago and social media platforms.
- J. Voder – Spoke about children and great teachers. Food for thought: Rabbi Chan establishment clause. Give example. Don't want Gov Murphy's rule handed to me and let school run by pirates. Agree it's pawn and money maker. Parents job to shelter and help child and teach. Johnathan Chan historical evidence.
- J. Marcreo – Director and job to protect child and not discriminated. Not telling parents can provide high risk to the child, such as sex trafficking. Discussed statistics. Biological children will accept sex by early 20's. Suicides are not supported by data. Children are created in the light of God.
- T. Esposito – Appreciate your attention and listening to all of us. Strongly urge to rescind P5756. Read about American Musicians statement. Harmful trend. Oppose any policies that don't alert families. No information can be kept from parents.
- A. Marie – Ask about sex-ed curriculum. Do you have opt in and opt out and how do parents know that? Its set to decrease their modesty. Stop listening to state and being put in a box. Repeal P5756.
- Ms. Ascoli – Touch upon health policy and tailored to our community and presented it to the community. Listened to a lot of parents. Opt out not an option.
- Ms. Martinez – Available ton our website to read.
- Ms. Pell – Have received how to opt out from principals.
- C. Sanborn – Work in the city and received call from her daughter and the bus stop moved. Looked for the email that went out, checked with husband, reached out to other parents, no one was notified. Bus stop being moved is huge! Called school and was dismissed and told to call transportation. Crap response to a scared mother. Ms. Perez reached out and apologized. Bus stop didn't move and told police said for it to stay and need to question more.
- Ms. Ascoli – Apologize and know how scary it is. Working with the town for better communication, re-routing and more construction for 2-4 years. Also, working with transportation. Already in discussion about construction and it impacting next school year.
- Ms. Martinez – Board leadership working with admin. Construction does not always notify of changes. There are so many steps and we are frustrated. Transportation is trying to figure out.
- Ms. Perez – Appreciate the feedback and our discussions with the town. Working on clear timelines to notify families.
- Ms. Gershner – If child takes the late bus, they don't stop at child's stop.
- S. Boer – If Phil can tell about physicals then we can use technology to notify parents. So the board is deciding on P5756.
- Ms. Ascoli – want to make sure we get it right because both sides are being sued. We want to do what's best for the student.
- Ms. Martinez – asks Board Attorney about HIPPA versus policy?

- Mr. Mandel – Board Attorney – HIPPA does not apply to schools. FERPA does. State has own set of procedures. Don’ believe FERPA would prevent counselors from speaking to parents.
- Ms. Martinez – Schools have different criteria from doctors.
- Ms. Werneke – Do you know about parental rights versus. Children.
- Mr. Mandel – Federal to control how a child is educated.
- J. Miller – 9 ppl will make the choice but since they’re our children not yours. Elected people to be our voice. Think about if you have children under 14 years old making decisions. Info about bathrooms. Whose protecting children who aren’t going through the process. We should know what 5 ppl chose for direction of our children. Transportation has always been terrible. HIPPA went out with COVID.
- Ms. Martinez – we did not create the board of nine
- J. Voder – like to make ppl happy with work, Deal with school bus and police to communicate, talk to police dispatcher. Whoever wrote P5756 is an idiot.
- Mr. Mandel – Was not part of the process of P5756.
- J. Voder – by money grab. Appreciate all you do
- T. Esposito – spoke about 45 goals of communism, can be used to overthrow government. Read 26 and 41. Stealing childhood and destroying futures. Than you and God Bless
- D. Finny – comment on health curriculum and compared district version state for appropriate and good judgement. P5756 has now been reviewed and districts need to modify because it was mandatory. Districts changed and were sued. Rescind policy.
- A. Friedman - Mr. Mandel – Was not part of the process of P5756. About HIPPA and spoke about code. FERPA is the controlling low and based off of HIPPA. When child goes to a teacher and changes their pronoun to the teacher and peers, it subjects them to bullying. Nowhere does it say it will give medication, surgeries, and doesn’t happen lightly. Transgender are afraid to come forward. Reason children don’t tell their parents is due to many reasons. Thin of the child.
- J. Zuppa – is there any case law by juveniles about parents for civil rights?
- Ms. Mandel – parent can’t violate civil rights because that’s only against the governor.
- J. Zuppa – Think we should have record correct in public. Spirit of low is afraid of the parent; school is safe space. Where does it end? Grades? Suspended? Most parents who have gay/transgender are welcoming. Is it worth separating the towns? Leave it up to the parents. Think about parents mental health. Protect parents and students.
- A. Marie – minor children could have abortions 15-20 years. Now Planned Parenthood is handing out medication.
- Ms. Skop – We want to hear but now we are starting our discussion after 9 pm.
- J. Magneo – spoke about constitution about children. Court: cross country teacher, and religious freedom is winning over transgender. CA had to pay \$100K for not telling the parents.

XVI. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

A. TRAVEL - ACTION ITEM

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 submission of the district’s School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Rationale: In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1 School Safety and Security Plans, each school district is required to have comprehensive plans, procedures and mechanisms that provide for safety and security in the school district’s public schools. The School Safety and Security Plan (SSSP) must meet the minimum state requirements and clearly define plans, policies and procedures for prevention of, response to and recovery from emergencies and crises. The SSSP is developed and reviewed with key stakeholders such as law enforcement agencies, public health agencies, social services providers, emergency management planners, district, school and other community resources.

2. 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
East Mount Farm, Colts Neck, NJ	October 19, 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.
Manasquan Bank, Wall, NJ	October 17, 2023	HS Grades 9-12 Students & Staff	Learn basic banking and budgeting; open debit account used during CBI trips
NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Holmdel, NJ	November 1 and 2, 2023	MS Grade 7 Students & Staff	To explore the history of the Vietnam War and to discuss experiences w/volunteer veterans
State Theatre NJ, New Brunswick, NJ	February 26, 2024	MS Grade 8 Students & Staff	8th Grade Trip
NJ Sea Grant Consortium, Fort Hancock, NJ	May 30, 2024	MS/Grade 6 Students and Staff	For grade to learn about Bay and natural resources

	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

STUDENT SERVICES

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

1. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the Agreement between Matawan-Aberdeen Regional High School and MOCEANS Center for Independent Living Inc., Long Branch, NJ which will provide the RISE program for the 2023-2024 academic year and the following summer, (2024).

Rationale: The RISE program assists students who live with disabilities in acquiring skills and experience to guide their transition to postsecondary employment and education. Students who participate in this program will explore the world of work through classroom based, community based and interactive activities. There is no cost to the district.

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following students to attend an out of district placement for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Student	School	Cost	Effective Dates
161180	Newgrange	\$67,876.52	7/1/23-6/30/24

Student was originally approved on 7/27/23 at a lower cost due to the impression that they would be attending Newgrange part-time. Student has been attending full time.

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following online PD Platform, Video Continuing Education- Speech Therapy PD, for the 23-24 school year. Cost: \$1,183.00

Rationale: This platform will be used by our in district speech pathologists to continue to obtain their CEU's as needed.

	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

PERSONNEL

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:

Appointments - 2023/2024 School Year

1. New Hire

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Capalbo, Marina	CP	Preschool Disabilities Teacher	C1	\$55,125.00	New Position/ Enrollment	11/27/23-6/30/24 Anticipated Start Date - Pending Issuance of NJDOE Certification

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				

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

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Werneke – Can we set a limit for public comments
- Ms. Feiles – Communicate about tomorrow extra visibility
- Ms. Perez – Will have extra policy visibility for tomorrow’s International Day of Rage

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XIX. 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 90 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. Gershner seconded by Ms. Spruell that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 9:11 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Feiles and seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board return to Open Session at 10:57 pm.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Feiles seconded by Ms. Pell and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:58 pm.