

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 September 14, 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

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| Present: | Ms. Ascoli, President | Ms. Martinez, Vice President |
| | Ms. Feiles | Ms. Gershner |
| | Mr. Montone | Ms. M. Pell |
| | Ms. Skop | Ms. Spruell |

Absent: Ms. Werneke

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

Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Gershner to approve the following minutes:

- Special Meeting Minutes, September 5, 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, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

VI. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

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

Email received August 30, 2023, anthony.gonzalez509@gmail.com, regarding “School Security Concerns”

Email received September 7, 2023, jaretzyserrano2006@gmail.com, regarding “Urgent Matter”

Email received September 13, 2023, dan f via Board of Education, regarding “Fw: GOOD NEWS! HANOVER REPEALS TRANSGENDER POLICY!”

Email received September 13, 2023, katala51@gmail.com, regarding “Thank You School Board”

| | 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, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION I

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

It was moved by Ms. Martinez seconded by Ms. Feiles that the Board convene in Executive Session I 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 6:49 pm.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Perez

- Wonderful opening!
- Thank you Building and Grounds for making our buildings shine.

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Ascoli

- Great opening. Enjoy the upcoming Back to School Nights and Family Night events
- Spoke about our REACH 18-21-year-old program at House of Hope.
- Second Question Forum Meeting on September 26

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

- None

XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Ms. Perez reviewed the Curriculum and Instruction Agenda requesting the Board to take action on Item A. The remainder of the items will be approved at the September 28, 2023 Regular Action Meeting.

B. OTHER

1. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Brookdale Community College and the Matawan Aberdeen-Regional School District for the Husky Middle College Academy.

Rationale: The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) states that the core agreement between Brookdale Community College (Brookdale), the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District (MARSD) and Matawan Regional High School (MRHS) regarding the development and operation of the Husky Middle College Academy.

Cost: No cost to the District.

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve staff teaching ELA and Social Studies in the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District participate in The Anti-Defamation Training entitled Engaging Students in Difficult Conversations. This in-person training will provide educators with strategies to facilitate a classroom environment in which all students are encouraged to share their experiences and perspectives on issues of bias, injustice, and oppression.

Rationale: The Anti-Defamation Training provides an opportunity for staff to expand their knowledge in the areas of bias, injustice, and oppression and incorporate strategies to include in the classroom that will assist in diminishing these occurrences from taking place within the schools and district. This training aligns with NJSL-ELA and NJSL-Social Studies standards.

Cost: No Cost

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the attendance of students at Matawan Aberdeen Middle School and Matawan Regional High School in a Peer Leadership Program, as part of the district’s DEI initiative. These events are in-person and will be held over two days for middle school and three days for high school.

Rationale: The goal of the Peer Leadership Programming is to provide students with opportunities to develop and practice leadership and social action skills, collaborate with peers, use positive peer influence to promote healthy, supportive and respectful educational environments, develop social responsibility, critical thinking and problem solving skills, all while broadening the awareness of DEI within the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District.

Cost: TBD **Account #:** 20-280-200-600-04-0000-0

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 |
|---|-------------------|---|---|
| Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ | October 4, 2023 | MS/Grade 6, 7, 8 Students and Staff | 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. |

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| 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 | 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 |
| 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 |

XII. STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Perez reviewed the Student Services Agenda requesting the Board to take action on all items listed on the Student Services Agenda.

XIII. PERSONNEL

Mr. Liebmann 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 September 28, 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 |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| Berman, Lauren | CL | Elementary Teacher | Resignation | 9/1/2010 | 10/26/2023 |
| LaBruzza, Salvatore | CO | Mechanic | Resignation | 2/27/2013 | 9/30/2023 |
| Lawrence, Anthony | CO | School Bus Driver | Resignation | 9/1/2019 | 9/22/2023 |
| Mendez, Esther | CP | Preschool Teacher | Resignation | 9/1/2023 | 11/9/2023 |
| Johnson, Linda | CP | Instructional Assistant | Resignation | 9/1/2023 | 10/5/2023 |

B. Leave of Absence - 2023/2024

| Name | Loc | Position | Type of Leave | With/Without Pay | Effective Dates |
|---------------------|-----|----------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Blodgett, Madeleine | MS | Teacher | Personal | Without Pay | 9/29/23-10/2/23 |

C. Appointments - 2023/2024 School Year

1. New Hires

| Name | Loc | Position | Step | Salary/Stipend | Replace/Reason | Effective Dates |
|------|-----|----------|------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
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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 |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Baldasserini, Andre | HS | | |
| Barillari, Alyssa | CL | | |
| Fitzgerald, Conor | HS | | |
| Frisina, Salvatore | HS | | |
| Groninger, Rebecca | HS | | |
| Hughmanic Renda, Janet | CL | | |
| McGurty, Denise | MS | | |
| Papa, Samantha | RD | | |
| Posyton, Emily | MS | | |
| Preiser, Sheryl | ST | | |
| Viola, Danielle | RD | | |

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

| Name | Position | Loc | Salary | Account # | Effective Dates |
|----------------------|---|-----|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Clifford, Stacey | Instructional Assistant as Substitute Teacher | MS | Hourly Differential | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| Norwood, Janice | Instructional Assistant as Substitute Teacher | MS | Hourly Differential | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| O’Brien, Denise | Instructional Assistant as Substitute Teacher | MS | Hourly Differential | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| Amir, Sadaf | Instructional Assistant as Substitute Teacher | RD | Hourly Differential | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| Lamicela, Joseph | Instructional Assistant as Substitute Teacher | RD | Hourly Differential | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| McAndrews, Catherine | Instructional Assistant as Substitute Teacher | RD | Hourly Differential | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| Santos, Loriann | Instructional Assistant as Substitute Teacher | RD | Hourly Differential | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| Stack, Taryn | Instructional Assistant as Substitute Teacher | RD | Hourly Differential | | 2023/2024 School Year |

4. Summer 2023 Curriculum Writing - 2023/2024 School Year

| Name | Position | # Staff | Activity | Max Hours | Cost/Hr | Total Cost | Loc |
|-----------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| 12 TBD | Lab Chemistry | 2 | Curriculum Writing/ Revisions | Up to 30 hours shared | \$35 | \$1,050 | CO |
| 13 TBD | Lab Chemistry Honors | 2 | Curriculum Writing/ Revisions | Up to 30 hours shared | \$35 | \$1,050 | CO |

5. Mentor Teachers - 2023/2024 School Year

| Name | Location | Certification |
|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Arey, Candice | RD | |
| Borchers, Sheri | HS | |
| Fitzgerald, Connor | HS | |
| Harrington, Meghan | HS | |
| McMillan, Marloudiza | HS | |
| Melikova, Julia | HS | |

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

| Name | Loc | Activity | Position | Step/Stipend | Effective Date |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|
| Athletic Activities | | | | | |
| TBD | HS | Girls Basketball | Head Coach (Replacing Degenhardt) | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| TBD | HS | ESPORTS Fall | Assistant Coach (Replacing Olechnowicz) | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| TBD | HS | ESPORTS Spring | Assistant Coach (Replacing Olechnowicz) | | 2023/2024 School Year |
| Non-Athletic Activities | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Hourly Activities | | | | | |
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7. District Translators - 2023/2024 School Year

| Name | Location | Language |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Jacqueline Kruzik | District | Braille Translation |

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

8. Staff Array Changes - 2023/2024 School Year

| Name | Loc/Fte | Current Assignments | Loc/Fte/O/L | New Assignment | Effective Dates/Reason |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Stevens, Roderick | MS: 1:00 | Art Teacher | MS: 1.00 .33 O/L | Art Teacher KEYS Art Teacher | 2023/2024 School Year Vacancy (Revised O/L FTE - Originally Approved on 8/24/23) |
| Taylor, Scott | MS: 1.00 | Special Ed Teacher | MS: 1.00 .33 O/L | Special Ed Teacher KEYS Math | 2023/2024 School Year Vacancy (Revised O/L FTE - Originally Approved on 8/24/23) |
| Santos, Loriann | RD: 1:00 | Instructional Assistant | LR: 1.00 | Substitute Teacher | 9/26/23-11/27/23 |

9. 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 |
|------------|---------------|-----|--------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
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10. Volunteers - 2023/2024 School Year

| Name | Location | Activity | Effective Date |
|------|----------|----------|----------------|
| | | | |

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

| Name | Cooperating Staff Member | Assignment |
|------|--------------------------|------------|
| | | |

D. Other

1. HIB - 2022/2023 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 August 24, 2023:

| Incidents Reported | Confirmed Incidents |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 0 |

2. Approval of the September, 2023 Staffing Array - 2023/2024 School Year

- **Personnel Attachment #1** for September 28, 2023 RAM

3. Grant Fund Salary Allocations - 2023/2024 School Year

- Margaret Lazur, Salary \$161,816.47
100% Account # 20-488-200-100-04-0000-0
- Daphne Binns, Salary \$94,375.00
62% Account # 20-488-200-100-04-0000-0 (\$58,844.00)
38% Account # 11-000-219-104-11-0000-1 (\$35,531.00)

4. Lloyd Road Elementary School Building Beautification - 2023/2024 School Year

- Tara Gurney, Art Teacher, Up to an additional 5 hours at \$30/hr
Originally Board approved on 8/24/23 for 15 hours

5. J. Grunin Foundation Grant - 2022/2023 School Year

- David Miller, MS Teacher, Equity Presenter on 5/17/22
2.5 hours at \$90/hr as specified in Goal # 3 of the Grant
Account # 20-057-200-100-04-0000-0

6. Teacher Professional Development - 2023/2024 School Year

- Krysten Paone-Hurd, New Teacher Orientation
Up to 4 hours, \$30/Hr

XIV. POLICY

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Policy Agenda requesting the Board take action.

XV. FINANCE

Ms. Case reviewed the Finance Agenda on which the Board will take action on Item 1. The remainder of the items will be presented for action at the September 28, 2023 Regular Action Meeting.

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

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

Policy #6470 Payment of Claims

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| August 15, 2023 Payroll | \$553,767.17 |
| August 30, 2023 Payroll | \$501,198.21 |
| Total August 2023 Payroll | \$1,054,965.38 |
| | |
| September 2023 Bills List | \$ |
| Total September 2023 Bill List | \$ |

3. Transfer of Funds for August 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

4. Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification for August 2023

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(d), I certify that as of August 31, 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

5. Board of Education Certification Budget Major/Fund Status for August 2023

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(D), we certify that as of August 31, 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

6. Treasurer’s Report

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2.13(D), approve the Treasurer’s Report for April 2023.

7. Approval of Board of Education Goals for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education adopt the following Board Goals for the 2023-2024 school year:

Goal 1: Ensure the strategic planning goals and action plans are implemented due to increasing enrollment and community growth.

Goal 2: Continue to ensure an exchange of information with the community for the purpose of improving community understanding of district matters and state funding for school districts, while continuing MARSD's partnership with the Garden State Coalition of Schools.

Goal 3: Achieve Certified Board status through NJSBA's Board Member Academy by June 2025.

Goal 4: Continue to enhance our facilities and to promote the safety and security in our school buildings.

8. Approval of the District Goals for the 2023-2024 School Year

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

1. Increase student achievement by utilizing advancing technology and other instructional resources.
2. Improve and upgrade district facilities, transportation policies and procedures.
3. Increase and enhance community involvement.
4. Promote a positive and safe school environment that embraces kindness, diversity, individuality and respect for all with a focus on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL).
5. Promote safety and security for all students, staff, and our school community.

9. Annual Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following annual appointments for the 2023-2024 school year:

Homeless, Runaway, Migrant Liaison

Ms. Jennifer Steffich

10. Administration of Non-Public Funds MOESC Nursing Services

Pursuant to official action taken at the meeting of the Board of Education of Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", held on September 28, 2023 the Board agrees that the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (hereafter known as the "Commission"), shall provide Non-Public Nursing Services pursuant to the requirements of the law on behalf of the Board. This service shall be limited to those permitted under the law and pertinent regulations.

The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024. The Board may withdraw from participation with the Commission by providing written notice to the Commission by December 31 of any year for withdrawal effective June 30 of the ensuing year.

The Board agrees to pay the Commission the full amount of State Aid received in support of Non-Public Nursing Services. The following payment schedule is hereby agreed to; 50% of State Aid by September 30, 25% of State Aid by December 31, and 25% of State Aid by March 31 of each fiscal year. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program. In the event the Board fails to remit the funds according to the schedule indicated above, the Commission retains the right to suspend service under this contract.

It is understood that the Commission will provide services to all of the eligible non-public school students that attend school within the borders of the District.

Administrative costs related to providing Nursing Services for a participating non-public school are limited to 5% of the funds allocated for each participating non-public school or actual costs, whichever is less.

The Commission will prepare all pertinent reporting forms for signature by appropriate District personnel. The District will promptly forward copies of funding statements and other pertinent documents required to the Commission.

The Commission shall contact the designated non-public schools within the District and determine the services to be provided within the parameters of the law and limitation of funding.

11. Acceptance of Donation from J. Delquaglio

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation of physical education equipment from J. Delquaglio valued at approximately \$962.00 for the Middle School.

12. 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 |
|--------------|---|-------|
| Raquel Colao | Multi-sensory reading instruction, ESY only | \$30 |

13. Fire and Evacuation Drills

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

| School Name | Security Drill Type | Date & Time |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Cliffwood Elementary School | Fire Drill | 8/9/23 @ 10:20 am |
| Cliffwood Elementary School | Shelter in Place | 8/16/23 @ 10:02 am |
| Lloyd Road Elementary School | Fire Drill | 8/2/23 @ 9:45 am |
| Lloyd Road Elementary School | Lockdown | 8/15/23 @ 9:45 am |
| Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School | Fire Drill | 8/9/23 @ 9:05 am |
| Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School | Lockdown | 8/14/23 @ 9:35 am |
| Ravine Drive Elementary School | Fire Drill | 8/1/23 @ 10:04 am |
| Ravine Drive Elementary School | Lockdown | 8/2/23 @ 9:04 am |
| Strathmore Elementary School | Fire Drill | 8/1/23 @ 9:35 am |
| Strathmore Elementary School | Shelter in Place | 8/2/23 @ 8:50 am |

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Ascoli read a Board Statement before Public Comments

- Alice Marie (Colts Neck) – P5756 continue from last time and its guidelines. Feel there will be a problem at home then the school might not tell the parent. Grew as a tomboy and parents always confirmed I was a girl. Don’t want the children making the rules. Counseling across the country talks about suicide and changing gender is impacting.
- Dan Penney (Aberdeen) – Father of 5 and removed students from school during COVID. The policy has me concerned. Policy guidance and Strauss Esmay rolled it out in the middle of the night. Hanover rescinded the P5756 and you should rescind it too. Takes away parental rights and should go against child endangerment. Sports and bathroom policies are an issue. Focus on education and graduates. Buzz words of quality and equity.
- Carolyn Mann (Matawan) – Talk about meeting at Hanover where 250-300 people, 95% were opposed to P5756. Board voted it down. There are a lot of good reasons to do that. Should not define science or truth. Spoke of Monmouth poll about MS/HS and 77% said parents should be noticed.
- Cindy Sanborn (Aberdeen) – Don’t want to get deep in the policy and anything that gets adults to keep secrets for children. Recently went to Open School at MAMS, Mr. Van Horn is nice and a lot of safe

spaces. Where are there unsafe spaces in MAMS? My child feels safe. I want to be your child’s friend. I don’t want that for my child, a 40-year-old friend. Major trouble opting out of sex ed.

- Ms. Ascoli – Agree to reach out to your legislators.
- Allison Friedman (Aberdeen) – Than you for the shout out to the Foundation. Hopefully got the Fall fundraisers and we have Venmo. Policy has been on the books since 2019. It was not an issue before a group got together. We can’t know all about our kids. Especially, if abuse. The idea that an issue is with the policy, it allows all to feel secure and safe. I’m Jewish and how they ask me.
- Mr. Barilka (Freehold, President of MAREA) – Policy has been out for a long time that a staff member forced any one to be something they are not. If a time comes and an issue presents itself, I believe the community would act. Personally feel there should be age appropriateness.
- Ms. Ascoli – Thank you, I agree
- Jennifer Woodroff (Owner in Matawan) – P5756, is an issue now because no one knew about it. This is special and unique o why did a new policy go into effect. Thank you for your service an all the time you give. Read a statement.
- Alice Mare (Colts Neck) – Add on to what some said. 2 to 4 years where COVID so people were not thinking about it. Boards are supporting parental rights. Chloe Cole is fighting for children to wait before a change. It’s like jumping off a bridge, wouldn’t you say stop. We need to say something and not act like sheep.
- Allison Friedman (Aberdeen) – Tyler Palmanta jumped off a bridge because he was afraid his friends would find out. Children kill themselves for being worried about who they are we don’t do that here.
- Dan Penny – hard to wrap around and hope all of you have read it. Was it voted on?
- Ms. Ascoli – Every policy is voted on but this policy was in 2019.
- Dan Penny – Should protect and will read some of the policy. There is more data coming. I know about suicide because my son committed suicide. How does it help kids who are feeling this way? Read statements from Policy.
- Dan Penny – Kids won’t know how many grades there are. Parents need to read this.
- Mr. Barilka (Matawan) – Was saying that staff are not trying to turn girls to boy or boys to girls.

XVII. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

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

| | 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, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

STUDENT SERVICES

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 providers as an as needed basis for the 2023-2024 school year.

| Provider | Cost | Effective Dates |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Kathleen Pennington Stonaker, LDTC | \$450.00 - Evaluation and Report \$65.00 ph - CST meetings, parent/teacher meetings | 9/14/23-6/30/24 |

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 |
|---------|--|--|-------------------|
| 157751 | The Arc of Monmouth's Keep Achieving Program | Tuition: \$13,000.00 | 09/09/23-6/30/24 |
| 160374 | MOESC - Regional Achievement Academy | Tuition: \$61,000.00 | 09/01/23-06/30/24 |
| 159456 | New Road School | \$106,050.00 (Tuition: \$75,600.00, 1:1 Aide: \$30,450.00) | 09/06/23-6/30/24 |

Cost: \$180,050.00

Rationale: Per student's current IEP.

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

| Student | Program | Cost | Effective Dates |
|---------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| 161091 | Integrated Care Concepts | \$5,040.00 | 9/6/23-11/29/23 |

Cost: \$5,040.00

Account#: 11-150-100-320-09-0000-0

| | 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, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Martinez, 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:

1. Appointments - 2023/2024 School Year

| Name | Loc | Position | Step | Salary/Stipend | Replace/ Reason | Effective Dates |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------------|------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Brooks, Katherine | CO | Confidential Secretary C&I | N/A | \$40,000 | Almanzar transfer | 10/2/23-6/30/24 |

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. 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, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

POLICY

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

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

| Series | Category | Policy/Regulation | Title |
|--------|----------|-------------------|-------------|
| 2000 | Program | P 2560.01 | Therapy Dog |

| | 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, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

FINANCE

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

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

1. Approval of Dual Use/Waiver of Educational Space for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the submission of the applications to the Executive County Superintendent for Monmouth County, to elect for the 2023-2024 school year the Dual Use/Waivers as listed below to be used simultaneously for various purposes. As required by code, instruction will be separated by placement of a divider in the room.

| School | Purpose of Waiver |
|------------|--|
| Cliffwood | Dual Use in /room 13 |
| Strathmore | Toilet Waiver, Rooms 13,28,30 |
| Ravine | Toilet Waiver, Rooms 1, 11, 16, 17, 28 |
| Cliffwood | Toilet Waiver, Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 |

| | 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, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

XVIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Feiles – Culture Awareness and will soon have an update for the Board and take into consideration religious holidays with sports
- Mr. Liebmann – Spoke with Mr. Tyburczy, there will be no games Friday/Saturday due to the Jewish observance. As well as our neighboring districts.
- Ms. Pell – I am tasked with religious breakdowns and wide diversity we have. Also, some that we will learn about. We modify our policies to meet our district needs. We reach out to the community for input.

XIX. NEW BUSINESS - None

XX. 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 40 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. Martinez seconded by Ms. Feiles that the Board convene in Executive Session II and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 7:41pm.

It was moved by Ms. Spruell and seconded by Ms. Skop that the Board return to Open Session at 8:21pm.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Martinez seconded by Ms. Ascoli and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.