

**MISSION STATEMENT:** We are committed to or exceeding the NJ Student Learning Standards at all grade levels in all areas, and providing a safe and supportive environment where all students are inspired, empowered, and encouraged to maximize their unique potential.

**VISION STATEMENT:** Students will become life-long learners, critical thinkers, and creative problem solvers who achieve success as valuable and contributing members of society.

**ACTION MEETING** on August 18, 2020, Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ - **VIRTUAL MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President, Ms. Friedman called the Regular Action Meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Ms. Friedman 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 July 10, 2020 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. ROLL CALL**

Present:	Ms. Allison Friedman - President	Ms. Randi Moore - Vice President
	Mr. Kevin Ahearn	Ms. Annette Ascoli
	Mr. Weymouth Brittingham	Ms. Tara Martinez
	Mr. John Montone	Ms. Kizzie W. Osborne
	Ms. Shari Whalen	

Absent:

Also Present: Dr. Joseph Majka, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Bombardier, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Ms. Nelyda Perez, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services and Programs  
Mr. Michael Liebmann, Director of Personnel  
Ms. Patricia Lagarenne, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mr. David Rubin, Board Counsel

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. MINUTES**

- None

**VI. 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 50 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action will take place.

It was moved by Ms. Whalen seconded by Ms. Martinez that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:20 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Ascoli and seconded by Ms. Martinez that the board returned to Open Session at 7:11 pm.

**VII. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Ms. Friedman made the following statements:

- Working on reopening plans based on information released from Department of Education and Department of Health
- Executive Order and Department of Health set forth criteria to move to full remote.

Q&A session at this time

- Board Members duty is to keep students, staff and towns safe
- Huskies have come together wonderfully
- Board had to rethink the safest way to get into school, believe that this is best done in person
- Revisit hybrid plan – living breathing document that is evolving
- Present Transitional Hybrid Model
- High school bus run would be 33 buses @ 11 per bus – not feasible to start the day with that type of program. Would not be safe
- Present Transitional Hybrid Model – K-1-4-6-9-12 all attend hybrid model, Special Education, Self-Contained, etc. stays the same
- Hybrid for K-1-4-6-9-12 to accommodate those in transition years and get in person acclimation to new buildings, new environment
- Will add other grades as safety permits
- Last name A-K will attend on Monday and Tuesday, L-Z will attend on Thursday and Friday. All virtual on Wednesday
- Students will get grab & go meal before they go
- Start September 8, 2020
- In place for 2 weeks-reassess
- More extra-curricular clubs
- Oct 5 – open hybrid plan per survey, no time to resurvey
- Alleviates supply chain delay of supplies that we need
- Board understands this change, and disruption to families is inevitable. This is the safest option

**VIII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Mr. Bombardier reviewed the Curriculum and Instruction Agenda on which the Board will take action to include a Walk-In Item.

A motion was moved by Ms. Ascoli and seconded by Ms. Osborne.

- Mr. Bombardier clarified that Preschool included in the 5 day program

**IX. SPECIAL SERVICES**

Ms. Perez reviewed the Special Services Agenda on which the Board will take action.

A motion was moved by Ms. Whalen and seconded by Ms. Martinez.

**X. PERSONNEL**

- None

**XI. POLICY**

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Policy Agenda on which the Board will take action.

A motion was moved by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Ms. Whalen.

**XII. FINANCE**

- None

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS**

- Please refer to Exhibit A which consists of emails from the public comments email account and the zoom chat
- Dr. Majka and Ms. Friedman addressed the comments

**XIV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

- None

**XV. ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

The following items were then approved by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Ahearn abstained from the Walk In item.

**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 revised 2020 – 2021 Staff Holiday Schedule. **(Curriculum & Instruction Attachment #2)**

**Rationale:** Due to changes in the 2020 -2021 District Calendar (September 1 and September 2 have been added as professional development days and October 12 and March 12 have been removed) the staff holiday schedules have been updated for instructional/non-instructional/10.5 month secretaries and bus drivers.

2. The Superintendent recommends that Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the 2020 – 2021 District Hybrid Reopening for specific transitional grade levels (K, 1, 4, 6, 9, 12), as well as full day, in-person for specialized populations (SPED Self-Contained, ESL and Homeless Youth) effective September 8, 2020, with reevaluation periods every two weeks from September 8, 2020. Additionally, the Board approves the resubmittal of the revised MARS District Reopening Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

The following items were then approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

1. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the agreement with the following providers for the 2020-2021 school year on an as needed basis.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Jeanne Stamler, LDTC	\$400.00 Per Evaluation	8/17/20-6/30/21

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 2020-2021 School Year.

<b>Student</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
157082	Archway Programs, Atco Campus	\$49,013.43	7/6/20-6/30/21 (retroactive)

**Cost:** \$49,013.43

**Account#:** 11-000-100-566-09-0000-0

**POLICY**

The following items were then approved by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Ahearn abstained from the Policy Agenda.

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

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation #	Title
1000	Administration	P1648	Restart and Recovery Plan (M)
1000	Administration	P1648.02	Remote Learning Options for Families (M)
1000	Administration	P1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (M)

M indicates mandated by state law.

**XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

- Please refer to Exhibit A which consists of emails from the public comments email account and the zoom chat
- Dr. Majka and Ms. Friedman addressed the comments

**XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

**XVIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Osborne – create easy access to link to webinars

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Osborne seconded by Ms. Ascoli and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lagarenne  
Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2020**

NAME	BLDG	DATES	LOCATION	TITLE	REGIS FEE	Transportation	LODGING	MEALS/ MISC.	TOTAL	SUB YES/NO
Hudak, Jennifer	ST	8/12/2020, 8/13/2020 (retroactive)	Virtual Workshop	Teacher's College, Columbia University Rising to the Challenge	\$375.00*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.00*	NO
Cronin, Sean	HS	10/14/2020, 10/15/2020, 10/16/2020	Virtual Conference	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference	\$292.00*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$292.00*	NO
								<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,365.26	
*Amount being charged to Account: #11-000-223-580-04-0000-0										
**Amount being charged to Account #11-000-219-580-09-0000-0										
***Amount being charged to Account: #11-402-100-580-30-1402-1										
Substitutes costs will vary as follows: BA with Certification - \$118.50 per day; BA only - \$104.56 per day, NTE: \$										
REQUIRED ESTEIMATE TO ABIDE BY LAW AND POLICY. ALL AMOUNTS ARE NOT TO EXCEED.										

# MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## School Calendar 2020–2021

### STAFF HOLIDAYS

#### MAINTENANCE HOLIDAYS

July	3	Independence Day
September	7	Labor Day
November	6	Veteran's Day (Observance)
November	26	Thanksgiving Day
November	27	Day after Thanksgiving
December	24	Undesignated Day #1
December	25	Christmas Day
December	28	Work day after Christmas
December	31	Undesignated day #2
January	1	New Year's Day
January	18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (In lieu of Lincoln's Birthday)
February	15	Washington's Birthday
April	2	Good Friday
April	5	Undesignated Day #3
May	31	Memorial Day

#### 12 MONTH STAFF HOLIDAYS

July	3	Independence Day
September	7	Labor Day
September	28	Yom Kippur
November	5, 6	NJEA Convention/Veterans Day
November	26	Thanksgiving Day
November	27	Day after Thanksgiving Day
December	24 - 31	Winter Recess
January	1	Winter Recess
January	18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February	15	President's Day
April	2-9	Spring Break
May	31	Memorial Day

#### BUS DRIVER HOLIDAYS

November	6	Veteran's Day (Observance)
November	26	Thanksgiving Day
December	25	Christmas Day
January	1	New Year's Day
January	18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (In lieu of Lincoln's Birthday)
February	15	Washington's Birthday
April	2	Good Friday
May	31	Memorial Day

#### INSTRUCTIONAL/NON-INSTRUCTIONAL/ 10.5 MONTH SECRETARIAL HOLIDAYS

September	7	Labor Day
September	28	Yom Kippur
November	5, 6	NJEA Convention/Veterans Day
November	26	Thanksgiving Day
November	27	Day after Thanksgiving
December	24-31	Winter Recess
January 1	1	Winter Recess
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## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT School Calendar 2020–2021

### TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS

#### TEACHER

	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>
September	16	20
October	22	22
November	17	17
December	17	17
January	19	19
February	19	19
March	23	23
April	16	16
May	20	20
June	14	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183*</b>	<b>187*</b>
		(With 4 Prof. Days included in count)
	*includes 3 snow days	

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Tuesday, September 1, 2020	Full Day	Teacher Workshops/Professional Development
Wednesday, September 2, 2020	Full Day	Teacher Workshops/Professional Development
Thursday, September 3, 2020	Full Day	Teacher Workshops/Professional Development
Friday, September 4, 2020	Full Day	Teacher Workshops/Professional Development
Friday, October 30, 2020	Half Day	Teacher Workshops/Professional Development
Friday, January 15, 2021	Half Day	Teacher Workshops/Professional Development

\*Tentative Last Day of School June 18, 2021  
Revised 8.18.20



Patricia Lagarenne <plagarenne@marsd.org>

**Fwd: Meeting teacher**

1 message

**Alex Ferreira** <aferreira@marsd.org>  
To: publiccomments <publiccomments@marsd.org>

Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 9:10 AM

For tomorrow night.

Alex Ferreira,  
School Business Administrator /  
Board Secretary

Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District  
One Crest Way  
Aberdeen, New Jersey 07747  
(732) 705-4016

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From: 'princesschris100' via publiccomments <publiccomments@marsd.org>  
Date: Wed, Aug 12, 2020 at 9:11 PM  
Subject: Meeting teacher  
To: <publiccomments@marsd.org>

Any chance virtual kids can briefly meet their teacher in beginning of year?

Sent from my iPhone



Patricia Lagarenne <plagarenne@marsd.org>

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**Fwd: All virtual**

1 message

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From: 'princesschris100' via publiccomments <publiccomments@marsd.org>  
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Subject: All virtual  
To: <publiccomments@marsd.org>

Was is the chance the school will go to all virtual considering the gov Murphy is allowing it now?

Sent from my iPhone



Patricia Lagarenne <plagarenne@marsd.org>

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## Fwd: Question Re HS Clubs and Events

1 message

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From: **'Jennifer Abeywardena'** via **publiccomments** <publiccomments@marsd.org>  
Date: Thu, Aug 13, 2020 at 11:54 AM  
Subject: Question Re HS Clubs and Events  
To: <publiccomments@marsd.org>

What is the status on Clubs, sports or other limited participation groups for the Fall term?



Patricia Lagarenne <plagarenne@marsd.org>

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## Transportation

1 message

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'Jennifer Jordan' via publiccomments <publiccomments@marsd.org>

Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 6:22 PM

Reply-To: Jennifer Jordan <jenniferjordan8604@yahoo.com>

To: publiccomments@marsd.org

I have signed my daughter up for remote learning for the first semester. If I send her back for the second semester

1. Will she have a bus that is mandated by the state ? If not how is this legal?
2. When will I be told what the transportation arrangements be for my MAST student ?

Jennifer Jordan

Sent from my iPhone



Patricia Lagarenne <plagarenne@marsd.org>

# Face coverings

1 message

**Jennifer King** <jen.dalmeida@gmail.com>  
To: publiccomments@marsd.org

Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 7:15 PM

In the guidelines on the Road back to school it states on page 19 that when students are socially distanced in their classroom that they can remove their masks. (See attached on page 19) Can you confirm that this is the case?

Jennifer King  
Sent from my iPhone



**image0.jpeg**  
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Patricia Lagarenne <plagarenne@marsd.org>

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## Questions

1 message

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**Patti Conroy** <pconroy025@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 7:43 PM

To: publiccomments@marsd.org

Those students that are required now to go virtual due to the grade level, will there be a chance that they can go to in person classes in the second semester?

How can you guarantee that my child will have the same education in virtual classes vs. in person classes?

How can you ensure that my child will not be behind those students that are attending in person classes from other schools at the same grade level?

Thank you!

Patti Conroy

Board Meeting Chat Transcript - August 18, 2020

From Casey Barilka to Everyone: 07:11 PM

Yes

From Kimberly Yue, APN to Everyone: 07:11 PM

we can hear you

From Cassandra Harrison to Everyone: 07:11 PM

Yes, we can hear you

From Shari to All Panelists: 07:11 PM

You are fading in and out

From Melissa H to Everyone: 07:11 PM

sound is breaking up

From Stephanie Wade-Monchik to All Panelists: 07:11 PM

what's up with the sound

From Cassandra Harrison to Everyone: 07:11 PM

Someone just moved the laptop and now we can't hear you

From Jennifer Jordan to All Panelists: 07:12 PM

the sound is breaking up bad

From Shari to All Panelists: 07:12 PM

fading still

From Kimberly Yue, APN to Everyone: 07:12 PM

you are cutting in and out of sound

From Iwegrzyn to Everyone: 07:12 PM

we cant hear you

From Melissa H to Everyone: 07:13 PM

can only hear every other word

From Mary to Everyone: 07:13 PM

The sound is not clear. It is hard to hear.

From Bill Stevenson to All Panelists: 07:13 PM

she is breaking up

From Shari to All Panelists: 07:13 PM

We can hear panel but not you Allison

From Stephanie Wade-Monchik to All Panelists: 07:13 PM

yes

From Jennifer Jordan to All Panelists: 07:13 PM

not really its muffled

From Bill Stevenson to All Panelists: 07:13 PM

still in and out

From Kevin to Everyone: 07:13 PM

The sound is very muffled

From alexis livesey to All Panelists: 07:13 PM

laptop microphones do not have the range to cover across the room

From Jennifer Jordan to All Panelists: 07:13 PM



yes

From Kimberly Yue, APN to Everyone: 07:13 PM

yes

From Bill Stevenson to All Panelists: 07:14 PM

better but still not great

good

From Jennifer Jordan to All Panelists: 07:14 PM

better

From Stephanie Wade-Monchik to All Panelists: 07:14 PM

yes

From Melissa H to Everyone: 07:14 PM

better

From Stephanie Wade-Monchik to All Panelists: 07:14 PM

much thank u

yes

From Kimberly Yue, APN to Everyone: 07:14 PM

now it's clear

From Stephanie Wade-Monchik to All Panelists: 07:14 PM

lol

From Bill Stevenson to All Panelists: 07:28 PM

Thank you for your time. I know this was not an easy decision. However, very disappointed you are not going fully virtual.

From Sheetal Werneke to All Panelists: 07:28 PM

Are ALL the teacher on board with this plan?

From MICHELE CAMPUTARO to All Panelists: 07:28 PM

I missed who not going to school

From Sheetal Werneke to All Panelists: 07:33 PM

What is our guarantee that the date isn't unnecessarily pushed?

From Peter Laudati to All Panelists: 07:34 PM

What are the survey result numbers? (at the last meeting, it was reported at 1000 remote out of 3600 total)

From Mike Jenks to All Panelists: 07:36 PM

will the students on the hybrid plan be taught in person as in the past or will they just be on chromebooks in the classroom?

From Sheetal Werneke to All Panelists: 07:36 PM

What about considerations for some sort of first day symbolic kick off - these kids need to know the summer is over, last marking period's virtual is no more.

From Peter Laudati to All Panelists: 07:38 PM

What is the status of live/synchronous teaching for remote? Have agreements been reached with the unions to have live classes?

From Jennifer Jordan to All Panelists: 07:38 PM

will the students follow the same schedule as if they are in class

From aimee to All Panelists: 07:40 PM

is the HS meeting still occurring tomorrow

From Sheetal Werneke to All Panelists: 07:40 PM

Thank you for letting us know that union is working with you.

From Jennifer Jordan to All Panelists: 07:41 PM

perfect thank you

From Shari to All Panelists: 07:41 PM

Thank you for your awareness and dedication.

From Melissa H to Everyone: 07:41 PM

my child needs therapies is there a way for him to get therapy in person even if he is in the grade that is now designated remote?

From Sharon Monico to Everyone: 07:42 PM

Are full remote students getting live "zoom" instruction each day?

From Melissa H to Everyone: 07:43 PM

thank you

From stephaniecardoso to All Panelists: 07:43 PM

Will there be in person Kindergarten orientation?

From jamie to All Panelists: 07:44 PM

if I can not have my special needs child go to school bc of no before care will I be able to get therapy after school hours in person .. ??

From corey to All Panelists: 07:44 PM

will there be a certain time the school work is due?

From Sheetal Werneke to All Panelists: 07:46 PM

What is the date for the grades who are not in and chose hybrid to be in school?

October 5th?

What is the guarantee on that?

From Jimmy to All Panelists: 07:47 PM

What is the transportation capacity plan if the kids are busing?

From Sheetal Werneke to All Panelists: 07:47 PM

thank you

Thanks for the effort

From PedroA to Everyone: 07:47 PM

if conditions don't permit children who are fully virtual to return to hybrid in October does that mean you will continue hybrid for the kids who started hybrid at the beginning of the school year?

From Username1 to All Panelists: 07:48 PM

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From jamie to Everyone: 07:48 PM

if I can not have my special needs child go to school bc of no before care will I be able to get therapy after school hours in person .. ??

From Shari to All Panelists: 07:48 PM

If the 6ft doesn't change by oct 5th how will you meet the bus mandates then? Will the busing prevent hybrid from moving forward

From Galaxy S10e to All Panelists: 07:49 PM

How will my child's inclusion benefits be enforced with virtual?

From corpus to All Panelists: 07:49 PM

How will text books and other class materials be distributed for the first day?

From Julie Saker Schlegel to All Panelists: 07:50 PM

Do you have any details yet on what the virtual instruction will consist of (live streaming/synchronous vs. prerecorded videos)?

From Ashley Dorata to All Panelists: 07:50 PM

if my child had an ot evaluation last school year and symptoms have worsened due to using computers more is there something they can do to assist or do we have to start all over again with evals

From Alexis Livesey to All Panelists: 07:50 PM

will there be a Lloyd road orientation for 4th graders?

From Isabelle Coccio to Everyone: 07:51 PM

what about those with accomodation who are not required to wear a face mask?

From Galaxy S10e to All Panelists: 07:53 PM

How will my child's inclusion benefits be enforced with virtual?

From michelle to All Panelists: 07:54 PM

if my child is hybrid, can they switch to fully remote before the next marking period, or we would have to wait?

thank you

From Aaron Eyler to All Panelists: 07:59 PM

Matawan Regional High School is very excited to present our plan for September tomorrow at 7pm. We encourage everyone to attend! The link will be posted on the MRHS website at exactly 12pm tomorrow.

From Ashley Dorata to All Panelists: 07:59 PM

will the schedule of q&a sessions be posted on line by school

From mmill to All Panelists: 08:01 PM

Separate but, also an important topic. What planning and thought is being given to facility use for evening community activities? Murphy has requested in his plan, that these community activities also be considered & planned for; & started as soon as possible.

From corpus to All Panelists: 08:01 PM

Thank you for all your hard work

From K. Osborne to All Panelists: 08:01 PM

Thank you Principal Eyler