

**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.

**ORGANIZATION MEETING** was held on January 6, 2020 at Administration Building, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

School Business Administrator, Mr. Alex Ferreira, called the Re-Organization Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Ferreira led the Pledge to the flag.

**III. OPENING 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 February 1, 2019 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.”

**IV. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

The Board Secretary will read the official results of the Annual School District Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019:

Official Results of Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education Members

Election of Board Members	Votes Cast
Ms. Tara Martinez (Aberdeen)	1,356
Dr. John P. Delaney (Aberdeen)	1,322
Ms. Kizzie W. Osborne (Aberdeen)	1,329
Ms. Radmila Grinberg (Aberdeen)	997
Write-In (Aberdeen)	39
Ms. Annette Ascoli (Matawan)	1,256
Write-In (Matawan)	34

Combined Statement of Results for 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board have the Combined Statement of Results of the 2019 School Election made part of the annual organization meeting minutes.

**V. OATH OF OFFICE**

The Board Secretary will confer the Oath of Office upon the following newly elected Board Members:

Ms. Tara Martinez	3 Year Term
Ms. Kizzie W. Osborne	3 Year Term
Ms. Annette Ascoli	3 Year Term

**VI. ROLL CALL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES*</b>
Mr. Kevin Ahearn	January 2021
Ms. Annette Ascoli	January 2023
Mr. Weymouth D. Brittingham	January 2021
Ms. Allison Friedman	January 2021
Ms. Tara Martinez	January 2023
Mr. John Montone	January 2022
Ms. Randi Moore	January 2022
Ms. Kizzie W. Osborne	January 2023
Ms. Shari Whalen	January 2022

\*At the Re-Organization Meeting of the calendar year

**VII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

The Board Secretary called for nominations for the Office of Board President. Mr. Ahearn nominated Ms. Friedman. The Board Secretary called for additional nominations and seeing none, closed nominations. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote on the nomination of Ms. Friedman as Board President.

It was approved by a unanimous roll call vote to elect Ms. Friedman as President of the Board of Education.

**NOTE: The newly elected Board President will chair the meeting from this point.**

**VIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

Ms. Friedman called for nominations for the Office of Board Vice President. Mr. Ahearn nominated Ms. Moore. Ms. Friedman called for additional nominations and seeing none, closed nominations. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote on the nomination of Ms. Moore as Board Vice President.

It was approved by a unanimous roll call vote to elect Ms. Moore as Vice President of the Board of Education.

**IX. NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS REQUIRED TRAINING**

The Board Secretary will inform the newly elected board members and delegates regarding required training including ethics training.

**X. FINANCE**

**1. Adoption of Official Newspapers**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education authorize the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger be adopted as the official newspapers to be used for the advertisement of meetings and legal ads and all other necessary public notifications for the 2020 calendar year.

## 2. Parliamentary Procedures

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the official parliamentary procedure manual to be used to conduct meetings and appoint the board secretary and the board attorney to act as the parliamentarians for the 2020 calendar year.

## 3. Board Policies/Regulations

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the adoption of all existing Board Policies and Regulations.

## 4. Authorized Signatures

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education authorize the following signatures for money market, checking and savings accounts:

<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Authorized Signature</b>
Custodian/General Account	Treasurer of School Monies (Facsimile) and Board President (Facsimile) or Board Secretary (Facsimile)
Payroll Agency Account	Treasurer of School Monies (Facsimile) and Board President (Facsimile) or Board Secretary (Facsimile)
Payroll Account	Treasurer of School Monies (Facsimile) and Board President (Facsimile) or Board Secretary (Facsimile)
Unemployment Compensation Trust	Treasurer of School Monies (Facsimile) and Board President (Facsimile) or Board Secretary (Facsimile)
NJ Cash Management Fund	Treasurer of School Monies (Facsimile) and Board President (Facsimile) or Board Secretary (Facsimile)
Matawan Regional High School (MRHS) Athletic Activities Account	MRHS Principal or Athletic Director and Board Secretary or Assistant Board Secretary
Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Student Activities Accounts	Building Principals and Board Secretary or Assistant Board Secretary
Scholarship Account	Board Secretary or Assistant Board Secretary or Board President
Food Services Account	Board Secretary or Assistant Board Secretary or Board President

## 5. Approval of Doctrine of Necessity

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq. was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators and to prove specific ethical standards to guide their conduct; and

WHEREAS, questions have arisen regarding how a Board should invoke the Doctrine of Necessity when a quorum of a board of education has conflicts of interest on a matter required to be voted upon; and

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission has provided some guidance in Public Advisory Opinion A03-98 (April 1, 1998) but finds that there is a need to repeat and clarify its opinion; and

WHEREAS, the opinion set forth that, when it is necessary for a Board to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity, the Board should state publicly that it is doing so, the reason that such action is necessary and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the opinion further provided that if the Board must invoke the Doctrine of Necessity not just to vote, but also to form a negotiations committee because it is without even three members to serve as a committee, then the Board must determine whether to act as a committee of the whole or to choose a smaller

negotiations committee from among its members after stating publicly its reason for doing so as set forth above; and,

WHEREAS, in keeping with the Legislative purpose as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-22(a) the School Ethics Commission views public disclosure of conflicts of interest to be paramount when it is necessary to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Ethics Commission hereby requires Boards of Education and Charter School Boards of Trustees that must invoke the Doctrine of Necessity to adopt a resolution setting forth that they are invoking the Doctrine, the reason for doing so and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Board of Education and Charter School Boards of Trustees that invoke the Doctrine are directed to read the resolution at a regularly scheduled public meeting, post it where it posts public notices for thirty (30) days and provide the Commission with a copy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission shall distribute this Resolution to the county superintendents for distribution to the school districts and charter schools, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, the New Jersey Association of School; Business Officials and the New Jersey Education Association.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

**XII. ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by Ms. Moore seconded by Mr. Ahearn and approved by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the Finance agenda as presented.

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

- None

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Friedman thanked the Board for their dedication and support for Board Leadership

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Brittingham seconded by Mr. Ahearn and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Alex Ferreira  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary