

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 7, 2019 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 7, 2018, 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 read the official results of the Annual School District Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018:

Ballot Question

PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Resolved, that there should be raised an additional \$400,000 for General Funds in the same school year (2018-19). The Board of Education recognizes that the need exists for additional security personnel in addition to the existing School Resource Officer currently provided to the district as a result of the shared service agreement with the Township of Aberdeen. The additional taxes will be used exclusively for the purposes of hiring up to seven Township of Aberdeen or Borough of Matawan police officers to provide additional security during normal school day hours in excess of the needs of a thorough and efficient education and the expenditures necessary to achieve the NJSLS. Approval of this tax proposal will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy.

The additional taxes, if authorized, will be used exclusively for the purposes described herein. The proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Official Results of Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education Ballot Question

Ballot Question Results	Votes Cast
Yes	3,984
No	5,493

Official Results of Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education Members

Election of Board Members	Votes Cast
Mr. John Montone (Aberdeen)	2,706
Ms. Randi Moore (Aberdeen)	2,350
Ms. Tara Martinez (Aberdeen)	1,734
Ms. Michele Boyer (Aberdeen)	1,047
Mr. Frank A. Jordan (Aberdeen)	838
Write-In (Aberdeen)	70
Ms. Shari Whalen (Matawan)	1,832
Write-In (Matawan)	157

Combined Statement of Results for 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board have the Combined Statement of Results of the 2018 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:

Mr. John Montone	3 Year Term
Ms. Randi Moore	3 Year Term
Ms. Shari Whalen	3 Year Term

VI. ROLL CALL

Name	Term Expires*
Mr. Kevin Ahearn	January 2021
Mr. Weymouth D. Brittingham	January 2021
Dr. John Delaney	January 2020
Ms. Anissa Esposito	January 2020
Ms. Allison Friedman	January 2021
Mr. John Montone	January 2022
Ms. Randi Moore	January 2022
Ms. Joelle Nappi	January 2020
Ms. Shari Whalen	January 2022

*At the Re-Organization Meeting of the calendar year

Also Present: Dr. Joseph Majka, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. John Bombardier, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
 Mr. Alex Ferreira, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Ms. Nelyda Perez, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services and Programs
 Mr. Mike Liebmann, Director of Personnel
 Mr. David Rubin, Board Attorney

VII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The Board Secretary called for nominations for the office of Board President.

Call for Nominations:

Ms. Friedman Nominated by: Mr. Ahearn

The Board Secretary did not receive any other nominations and nominations were closed.

Close Nominations:

MOTION: Ms. Esposito **SECONDED:** Mr. Brittingham

It was approved by a unanimous voice vote to close nominations

VOTE FOR ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

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

VIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Ms. Friedman assumed the chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Call for Nominations:

Ms. Esposito Nominated by: Mr. Ahearn

The Board President did not receive any other nominations and nominations were closed.

Close Nominations:

MOTION: Ms. Friedman **SECONDED:** Dr. Delaney

It was approved by a unanimous voice vote to close nominations

VOTE FOR ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

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

IX. NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS REQUIRED TRAINING

The Board Secretary informed the Board regarding required training including ethics training.

X. FINANCE

1. New Jersey School Boards Code of Ethics

Mr. David Rubin, Board Attorney provided training to members.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
N.J.S.A.: 18A:12-24.1

A School Board Member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools, which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

The Board Secretary has provided each board member with a copy of the Code of Ethics.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education will abide by the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics and certifies the following:

That the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics for School Board Members has been received and discussed.

That Policies and Procedures regarding training of District Board of Education Members have been adopted, and

That each Board of Education member acknowledges receipt of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and has become familiar with the Code of Ethics.

2. 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 2019 calendar year.

3. 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 2019 calendar year.

4. 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; including Board Bylaws.

5. 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:

Accounts	Authorized Signature
Custodian Account (All of the following persons)	Board President (Facsimile); Board Secretary (Facsimile); and Treasurer of School Monies (Facsimile)
Payroll Agency Account	Treasurer or Board Secretary (Facsimile)
Payroll Account	Treasurer or Board Secretary (Facsimile)
Unemployment Compensation Trust	Board Secretary Only
Matawan Regional High School (MRHS) Athletic Activities Account	MRHS Principal, Athletic Director and Business Administrator or Assistant to the Business Administrator
Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Student Activities Accounts	Principals, Business Administrator or Assistant to the Business Administrator
Scholarship Account	Board Secretary and Assistant to the Board Secretary
Food Services Account	Board Secretary and Assistant to the Board Secretary

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None

XII. ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Ms. Esposito 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. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Esposito seconded by Mr. Brittingham and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Alex Ferreira
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary