

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to achieving the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels and providing a safe and supportive environment where educators inspire, empower, and encourage students to excel.

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Students will become life-long learners, critical thinkers, and creative problem solvers who achieve success as honorable members of society.

SPECIAL MEETING on **November 29, 2010**, Administration Building, One Crest Way, Aberdeen, New Jersey.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Charles Kenny called the Special Meeting to order at **7:02 PM**.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

III. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Mr. Kenny 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 at its annual Organization Meeting adopted a schedule of the year’s regular meetings and said schedule was posted publicly, sent to our official newspaper, the Municipal Clerks of the Borough of Matawan and the Township of Aberdeen, and the Aberdeen-Matawan Joint Free Public Library, within seven days following the Organization Meeting.”

IV. ROLL CALL

Present:	Ms. Hayward, Mr. Kenny, Dr. Delaney, Ms. Esposito, Ms. Demarest – Arrived 7:07 PM, Mr. Evangelista
Absent:	Mr. Ruprecht, Mr. Donaghue,
Also Present:	Ms. Irons, Mr. Rubin

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Kenny stated the meeting has been aggressively advertised. The purpose was to have the public come forward and tell the Board the qualities they would like to see in a new superintendent. He is disappointed more individuals didn't come to the meeting but understands that they may be busy.

Mr. Kenny also stated that there was a public notice of the vacancy in the Star Ledger and the Board has successfully received many interested applicants that seem highly qualified. Some of the applicants possess the qualities of a good superintendent. However, the search process is not set in stone. If the Board feels it possesses a sufficient number of applications it will move forward with the process. He hopes there isn't a vacancy when Dr. O'Malley leaves. There will be an Executive Session to consider what the public stated.

- There were no comments from the public during this portion of the agenda.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM – CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Jackie Kruzik, Cliffwood Beach,

- Inquired if the District was using an agency to hire the superintendent. Mr. Kenny stated as of now the Board will not be using an agency. The position has been advertised in the Star Ledger and also picked up on the internet. The Board could always change the process.
- Requested that the process remain open to the public. Its possible people didn't show today because it's the Monday after the long holiday weekend. Mr. Kenny stated although everyone is at this meeting informally, members of the public can speak at the Committee and Regular Action meetings. The email addresses of Board members are on the District website as well. Encourages members of the public to come forward and be heard because the Board wants the process to be transparent.
- Would like to see the Board have a forum where members of the public can ask potential candidates' questions and have the community get to know them. This has been done in the past for principals. Mr. Kenny stated the Board would consider it.

Mr. Kaiser, Strathmore,

- Pleased with the direction the Board and current superintendent is going. What qualifications is the Board looking for in the new superintendent. Mr. Kenny stated it will be based on the qualifications requested for in the advertisement. They include but are not limited to a superintendent's license or certificate;

experience as an assistant superintendent or superintendent for 3-5 years; a doctorate is preferred but not required and obviously no criminal record.

- Are there specific qualities in the person the Board is looking for? Mr. Kenny answered that's what the Board wanted to get from the public. As a Board they will not tell anybody what they're specifically looking for.

Laura Porter, 71 Juniper Place,

- Three years ago the Board had a firm do the search for the superintendent. There should still be documents that the Board can utilize for the current process. Mr. Kenny stated the Board will look into that and will use what assets the Board has from the past and build on it.

Ms. Kruzik, Cliffwood Beach,

- Would like to have a superintendent that has a vested interest in the community and will make a difference.

Ms. Robinson, 461 Sonia Avenue, Matawan,

- Is happy with what Dr. O'Malley did for the District and is pleased with the High School academies.
- Would like to hire a superintendent who is professional and not allow teachers to behave unprofessionally. The superintendent should be honorable and not hold the bar down to the ground for minority students. That person should also have knowledge of diversity.
- The superintendent should fix the problems at the High School, such as the SAT scores. Also would like someone who listens to what everyone has to say and acts upon it.

Mr. Kenny thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Noted that the email addresses for the Board members are on the District website and looks forward to continuing this process.

Ms. Porter,

- Asked if the public can email questions to the Board. Mr. Kenny stated he will answer questions sent to him.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

A motion by Dr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Evangelista to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters.

The Board adjourned the public portion of the Special Meeting at **7:28 PM**.

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The Board entered into Executive Session for Personnel Matters at **7:32 PM**

The Board exited Executive Session at **7:55 PM.**

The Board reconvened the public portion of the Special Meeting at **7:56 PM.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Dr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Evangelista.

RECOMMEND: That the meeting be adjourned. The public portion of the Regular Action meeting adjourned at **7:57 PM.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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			Donaghue, Ruprecht	

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Irons
Business Administrator/Board Secretary