

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide every child with the highest quality of instruction, curricula, and services; to treat every child with respect and dignity; to give every child the opportunity to learn and mature, to acquire a thirst for knowledge, to experience the satisfaction of accomplishment, and to anticipate becoming a productive member of a democratic society.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Upon leaving the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District, all children will credit us with having given them what they need educationally to help them succeed in life in the pursuit of their own goals.

**SPECIAL ACTION MEETING** on **April 28, 2009**, Administration Building, One Crest Way, Aberdeen, New Jersey.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Mr. Kenny called the Special Action Meeting to order at **7:00 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: **Mr. Donaghue, Dr. Gambino, Ms. Hayward, Mr. O’Connell, Ms. Rubino, Mr. Ruprecht, Mr. Warren, Mr. Kenny.**

Absent:

Also Present: **Ms. Irons, Mr. Kenney**

**V. COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC**

There were no questions or comments from the public.

## VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. O'Connell and seconded by Ms. Hayward to go into Executive Session at 7:02 PM to discuss the interview process for the vacate Board candidate position.

The Public portion of the meeting reconvened at 7:10 PM.

## VII. INTERVIEWS OF BOARD CANDIDATES

The Board of Education interviewed the following individuals for the Board of Education vacant position:

7:12 PM - Sheila Caldwell

7:34 PM - Thelma Gattis

7:55 PM - Jacqueline Farrell

8:15 PM - John Delaney

8:36 PM - Robert Heller

Kimberly Hammond-Howard – She did not show for the interview.

9:00 PM - Frederik Oberkehr

The Board of Education posed the following questions to each candidate.

Many of our teachers have chosen to pursue their master's degrees from Walden University, an online school. What is your opinion of this practice?

What do you see are the roles and responsibilities of a board member?

What are the most pressing issues facing this district today (look for specifics, not test scores, but middle school student lack of proficiency in .. types of answers).

If we had to hire a new superintendent (and I hope we don't), what do you look for in a leader?

What are the challenges children are faced with in the world we live in today?

Hypothetical Situation:

We are down to our last \$2,500 and the Superintendent has forwarded 3 proposed uses for the funds. The speech and debate club asks for \$2,500 to pay for a trip for 20 students to participate in a regional competition in Washington D.C., requiring an overnight stay ( The team usually finishes in the top half of all

competitors). The football team has asked for \$2,500 to pay for a guest coach to train the team to reduce injuries on the field (There have been a high number of ankle sprains and one break recently). Finally, the teacher of AP Mandarin, with 10 students in her class says she needs \$2,500 to purchase a computer based character reading program to help increase the pass rate the AP test (last year only 1 student passed). The Superintendent gave it to us without a formal recommendation, The board only has \$2,500—How do you go about making your decision, what do you decide and why?

What if a friend asks you to fix a problem as a Board of Education member?

If you could change anything in the district, what would it be? This could be for the better or worse or just different?

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mr. O’Connell and seconded by Mr. Donaghue to go into Executive Session at 9:22 PM to discuss the interviews.

The Public portion of the meeting reconvened at 10:40 PM.

**IX. MOTION TO APPOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER:**

Motion by Mr. Donaghue, seconded by Dr. Gambino, to approve the appointment of John P. Delaney, as a member of the Matawan-Aberdeen Board of Education for the term of one year.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
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		Rubino, Ruprecht		

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Mr. O’Connell , seconded by Mr. Donaghue.

RECOMMEND: That the meeting be adjourned. The public portion of the Regular Action meeting adjourned at 10:44 PM.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
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Respectfully submitted,



Susan A. Irons  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary