

Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District

One Crest Way Aberdeen, New Jersey

REORGANIZATION MEETING

April 27, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

Administration Building

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Susan Irons, Board Secretary, temporarily assumes the chair and presides over the meeting for the purpose of conducting an election for the Office of Board President. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

II. **SUNSHINE STATEMENT:** In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Announcement, I wish to announce that:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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 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.

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **OATHS OF OFFICE-** Administered by Susan Irons, Board Secretary, to the newly elected Board Members:

Ms. Elizabeth Hayward came forward for the oath of office.

Mr. Joseph Warren came forward for the oath of office.

Mr. Gerald Donaghue came forward for the oath of office.

CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

The Board Secretary reports the combined statement of results of the annual school election held on April 21, 2009 as certified by the Monmouth County Board of Elections as follows:

Ms. Irons reviewed the results of the election.

Aberdeen

2 Candidates (3-year seat)	Number of Votes
Joseph Warren - Township of Aberdeen	725
Elizabeth Hayward - Township of Aberdeen	807
Write-In	<u>54</u>
Total	1,586

Matawan

1 Candidate (3-year seat)	Number of Votes
Gerald Donaghue - Borough of Matawan	528
Write-in	<u>21</u>
Total	549

Base Budget Levy - \$43,801,859	Yes Votes	No Votes	Total Votes
Matawan-Aberdeen	1,242	816	2,058

The Board Secretary reports the New Board to be as follows:

- Gerald Donaghue
- Thomas Gambino, Ed.D.
- Elizabeth Hayward
- Charles Kenny
- Lawrence O'Connell
- Jan Rubino
- Martin Ruprecht
- Joseph Warren

V. ROLL CALL:

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President

Call for nominations:

Mr. Charles Kenny nominated by Mr. O’Connell.

Close nominations

Motion by Mr. Donaghue, seconded by Mr. O’Connell to close nominations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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		Rubino		Ruprecht

Mr. Charles Kenny was elected President of the Board of Education.

A. B. Newly elected President assumes Chair

Mr. Kenny assumed control of the meeting.

B. Vice President

Call for nominations:

Dr. Thomas Gambino nominated by Mr. Donaghue.

Close nominations:

Motion by Mr. O’Connell Seconded by Mr. Donaghue to close nominations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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		Rubino		Ruprecht

Dr. Thomas Gambino was elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mr. O’Connell asked to speak. Mr. Kenny asked him please hold all comments.

VII. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT-ESTABLISH MEETINGS DATES, TIME AND PLACE

Mr. Kenny moved for a consent agenda for agenda items VII through XXX.



Motion by Dr. Gambino, seconded by Mr. Donaghue,

The following resolution be adopted:

WHEREBY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO THE 'OPEN PUBLICMEETINGS LAW', P.L. 1975, C.231, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREWITH ANNOUNCE ITS SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD DURING THE PERIOD FROM April 28, 2009

- A. Public meetings will be held monthly on the fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the various locations. The purpose of the meeting is to act on all agenda items and any other business to come before the Board. The regular action meetings are designated as meetings to be recorded for broadcast on the District cable access channel. (Attachment A). Exceptions to this timetable are noted on the attached schedule.
- B. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held monthly at 7:00 P.M. in the Administrative Offices at One Crest Way in Aberdeen Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notices of meetings of the Board of Education will be posted in the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education Administration Office and posted on the District website.

C. ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Recommend that the board authorize the Asbury Park Press be adopted as the official newspaper to be used for the advertisement of the meetings and legal ads and all other necessary public notifications for the 2009-2010 school year.

VIII. APPROVES PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

The following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, to the extent consistent with State Law, Policies and By-Laws of the Board will be guided by "Robert's Rules of Order."

XIX. Depositories and Authorized Agents

That the following banks be appointed as official depositories for school district funds for the period from April 28, 2009, to the next Organization Meeting to be held in April 2010, and that fund withdrawal authorization is to be granted by signature of those persons heretofore elected, appointed, and/or designated to the Offices of Board President, Superintendent, Board Secretary, Assistant Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies.

Account	Bank/Primary	Authorized Signatories *
a. General Accounts	Bank of America	1, 2,3,4
b. Payroll	Bank of America	1, 2,3,4
c. Payroll Agency	Bank of America	1, 2,3,4
d. Optical Reimbursement	Bank of America	1,2,4,6
e. Worker's Compensation	Bank of America	1,4,6
f. Capital Reserve Fund	Bank of America	1,4,6
g. Investments	Bank of America N.J./ARM	1,4,6
N. J. State Cash Management Fund		
h. For Student Activities Accounts (All Schools)	Bank of America	1,4,5,6
i. Athletic Fund	Bank of America	1,4,5,6
j. Cafeteria Fund	Bank of America	1,4,6

*** Key Authorized Signatories:**

1. School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
2. Treasurer of School Monies
3. Board President
4. Superintendent
5. Building Principal
6. Assistant Business Administrator

A. Tax Shelter Annuities

Recommend the Board approve the following companies to provide Tax Shelter Annuity salary reduction agreements for the 2009-2010 school year.

AXA EQUITABLE
AIG VALIC
METLIFE
LINCOLN INVESTMENT PLANNING, INC.

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

Approve all existing Board Policies and Regulations.

XI. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments for the 2009-2010 school year:

Board Secretary	Susan Irons
Assistant Board Secretary	David Palumbo
Treasurer of School Moneys	Kenneth Jannarone annual compensation - \$5,850.00
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Susan Irons
Affirmative Action Officer for Contracts	Susan Irons
Affirmative Action Officer	Joel M. Glastein
Gender-Equity Officer	Joel M. Glastein
School Physician	Bayshore Pediatrics - \$4,500.00
Section 504 Plan Officer	Brian Farrell
Asbestos Management/AHERA Coordinator	David Galvao
Safety and Health Officer	David Galvao
Indoor Air Quality Officer	David Galvao
Integrated Pest Management Coordinator	David Galvao
Chemical Hygiene Officer	David Galvao
Right to Know Officer	David Galvao
Substance Awareness Coordinator	Marie Hitchman

XII. SCHOOL FUNDS INVESTOR

To designate the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Assistant Business Administrator as the Funds Investor and authorize to make wire transfers amongst the board accounts as may be necessary.

XIII. IMPLEMENT 2009-2010 BUDGET

Authorizes the Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to implement the 2009-2010 budget pursuant to local and state policies.

XIV. UNIFORM MINIMUM CHART OF ACCOUNTS

Authorizes the Uniform Minimum chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools for 2009-2010 School Year.

XV. LONG-RANGE FACILITY PLAN/THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE PLAN

- a. The Long-Range Facility Plan (2005-2010)
- b. The Three-Year Maintenance Plan

XVI. CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS

That the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be designated as the Custodian of Public Records for compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, to serve until the next organization meeting. The fees charged for the copies of Public Records are per Policy No. 3570.1 and Regulation No. 3570.

XVII. INSURANCE AGENTS

That David L. Balken of G.R. Murray, 707 State Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08542, be appointed as District Insurance Agent (consultant) for all property and Casualty Insurance coverage's for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

That LDP Consulting Group, Inc. 80 Lambert Lane, Suite 140, Lambertville, New Jersey 08530, be appointed to serve as the District Insurance Agent for the Delta Dental coverage effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

XVIII. EDUCATIONAL DATA SERVICES, INC.

To approve Educational Data Services, Inc. as a New Jersey Cooperative Bidding Program for the District school supplies. The licensing and maintenance fee for the 2009-2010 school year will be \$18,980.00.

XIX. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL AUDITOR

That Robert Hulsart Sr. of the firm of Hulsart & Company be awarded a professional services contract to provide audit services to the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District for the 2008-2009 school year pursuant to the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District in the County of Monmouth hereby appoints Robert Hulsart Sr. of the firm of Hulsart & Company to serve as School Auditor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment is made without competitive bidding as "professional service" under the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 18A-5.a.(1) since "professional services" contracts are specifically excluded from the requirement of bidding, and the awarded service meets the definition of "professional services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A.: 18A-2.h. as "services rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training."

Compensation for this contract shall be set at \$30,000.00 and shall include performance of the 2008-2009 annual school audit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 et seq.

XX. APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT OF RECORD

That the firm of USA Architects Planners and Interior Designers Somerville, NJ, be awarded a professional service contract to provide architectural services for the Matawan/Aberdeen Regional School District for the 2009-2010 school year pursuant to the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District in the County of Monmouth hereby appoints Frank A. Messineo, AIA, of the firm USA Architects Planners and Interior Designers Somerville, NJ, to serve as School Architect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment is made without competitive bidding as "professional service" under the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 18A-5.a.(1) since "professional services" contracts are specifically excluded from the requirement of bidding, and the awarded service meets the definition of "professional services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A.: 18A-2.h. as "services rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training."

Compensation for this contract shall be set at the following rate schedule:

Principal in Charge	\$190.00
Project Manager	\$135.00
Project Architect/Designer	\$125.00
Interior Designer	\$105.00
Specifications writer	\$115.00
Construction Administrator	\$115.00
Designer	\$95.00
Technical Support	\$75.00

XXI. CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS ADOPTION SCHEDULE 2009-2010

- A. To approve the five year curriculum plan and textbooks. (Attachment).
- B. To approve the additional programs of record including Nursing, Basic Skills, Guidance, Gifted & Talented, ESL, Pre-K and Home Instruction.

XXII. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-2 provides that a board of education shall assign the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the board of education to a person or persons who shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter, and

WHEREAS 18A:18A-3 provides that contracts, awarded by the purchasing agent that do not exceed in

the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold (*Currently \$29,000*), may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by board resolution, and

WHEREAS 18A:18A-37,c. provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold (*Currently \$4,350*) may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotations if so authorized by board resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education, pursuant to the statutes cited above hereby appoints Susan Irons, as its duly authorized purchasing agent and is duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Susan Irons, is hereby authorized to award contracts on behalf of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold (*Currently \$4,350*) without soliciting competitive quotations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Susan Irons, is hereby authorized to seek competitive quotations, when applicable and practicable and award contracts on behalf of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education when contracts in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold (*Currently \$4,350*) but are less than the bid threshold of *\$29,000*.

XXIII. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH STATE AGENCY FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that "A board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property, and

WHEREAS, The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts, and

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent for the 2009-10 to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property utilizing various vendors that have State Contracts. The Purchasing Agent shall make known to the Board the Commodity/Service, Vendor and State Contract Number utilized.

XXIV. RIGHT-TO-KNOW SERVICES EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES

To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Right-To-Know services in connection with chemical surveying and awareness training and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such Right-to-Know services are specialized in nature, require expertise in the field of chemical surveying and awareness training and is not reasonably possible to describe the required services with written bid specifications, and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of \$400.00 (refresher) session, \$500.00 (Full (training) session, are or will be available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The firm of Educational Data Services, Inc. is hereby retained to provide Right-To-Know services necessary in conjunction with the Laws of Chemical Awareness In The Workplace.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services" in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.18A:18A(a)(1) because it is for services performed by persons that cannot be reasonably described and bid.
3. A copy of this resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board.

**XXV. APPROVE ASBESTO MANAGEMENT
EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES**

To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for asbestos management services in connection with monitoring, and abatement training, as designated.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such asbestos management services are specialized in nature, require expertise in the field of asbestos management, can be provided only by a licensed professional and is not reasonably possible to describe the required services with written bid specifications, and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The environmental services firm of Environmental Connection Inc. is hereby retained to provide asbestos maintenance services necessary in conjunction with the laws of Asbestos Hazard Management.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as “Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services” in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.18A:18A(a)(1) because it is for services performed by persons that cannot be reasonably described and bid.
3. A copy of this resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board.

**XVI. INDOOR AIR QUALITY INVESTIGATION
EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIED SERVICES**

The following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for IAQ Investigation services in connection with screenings of any of the schools of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such IAQ Investigation services are specialized in nature, require expertise in the field of mold and fungus identification and remediation and can be provided only by a licensed professional and is not reasonably possible to describe the required services with written bid specifications, and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose based on hourly rate fees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MATAWAN/ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The environmental services firm of Environmental Connection Inc .is hereby retained to provide IAQ Investigation services necessary.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as “Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services” in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.18A:18A(a)(1) because it is for services performed by persons that cannot be reasonably described and bid.
3. A copy of this resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board.

XXVII. APPOINTMENT OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICES

That the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education shall award a contract for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to Systems 3000, Eatontown, New Jersey 07746. The amount of the contract is \$18,430.00 for Computer Software services to assist the district in daily usage of budget, payroll, personnel and fixed asset software.

It has been determined that the required services are specialized in nature, require expertise in the field of computers and software, and it is not reasonably possible to describe the required services with written bid specifications.

XXVIII. TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT 2009-2010

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$89,075.95 for all staff and board members.

XXIX. TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Recommend the board approve the attached payment schedule to receive the current expense tax levy and the debt service tax levy for the 2009-2010 school year.

**XXX. CODE OF ETHICS
TRAINING SESSION**

The Board of Education Members had the required Board of Ethics Training session as required under N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.3 and N.J.A.C.6A:30.

The following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey School Boards Association "Code of Ethics" shall be considered the official Code of Ethics of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education:

CODE OF ETHICS

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should 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 which 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 which 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. But 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 such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

ROLL CALL VOTE :

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There were comments and questions from the Board Members:

Mr. O’Connell,

- Extended congratulations to President Kenny and Vice President Gambino. Stated that Mr. Kenny and Dr. Gambino are great listeners whom have the value system which holds administrators accountable for student achievement and keep taxes in check for members of the community. With the district’s new leaders this Board can focus on building a successful future for everyone.
- Welcomed Ms. Hayward and Mr. Warren to the Board and thanked fellow members of the community with whom he wants to have an open dialogue.

Mr. Warren,

- Congratulated Mr. Kenny, Dr. Gambino, Ms. Hayward and Mr. Donaghue.
- Mentioned that he writes a blog called the Aberdeener and some people believe he is divisive. Will work very hard for the school district and will do what’s in the best interests of the community.
- The district needs to find a way to serve one child perfectly and then duplicate that 3,900 times for all students in the district.

Ms. Hayward,

- Congratulated Mr. Kenny, Dr. Gambino, Mr. Donaghue and Mr. Warren. Stated she is an alumni of the Matawan-Aberdeen School District and is proud to sit on the Board.

Mr. Donaghue,

- Thanked the voters for supporting the budget. Congratulated Ms. Hayward and Mr. Warren for being elected to the Board. Stated his goal is to protect the kids and taxpayers.
- There is a good working situation for this Board.

Mr. Kenny,

- Congratulated the new Board members, Mr. Warren, Ms. Hayward and Mr. Donaghue.
- Stated the district has so much to be proud of with its academic, athletic and personal achievement. Passing the budget was a product of hard work. Thanked Dr. O'Malley, Ms. Irons and the voters for doing their civic function. The focus of the district will be on children.

Mr. Ruprecht,

- Stated there is another new face at the meeting, the new student representative, Mr. Andrew Monagle. Mr. Monagle stated that he is a junior at the High School and thanked the Board and administration for giving him an opportunity to serve.

There were comments and questions from the public:

Ms. Loretta Assini, Aberdeen,

- Is the Treasurer of the Matawan-Aberdeen Education Foundation. Welcomed Mr. Donaghue, Mr. Warren, Ms. Hayward and Mr. Monagle to the Board and congratulated Mr. Kenny and Dr. Gambino for being named President and Vice-President.
- As Board President Mr. Kenny or his designee are invited to be a trustee for the Education Foundation. Mr. Kenny thanked Ms. Assini and stated he believes in charity and volunteerism and has exposed his children to that as well.

Ms. Camarote, Matawan,

- Welcomed the new Board members and is looking to moving forward with Dr. O'Malley and Ms. Irons.

Mr. Araco, 998 Woodmere Drive, Cliffwood Beach,

- Speaking on behalf of Mr. Kaiserman, the TV Production teacher. Is a junior at High School and noted that the TV Production class was a mess prior to Mr. Kaiserman arriving. The equipment was outdated. When Mr. Kaiserman took over new cameras and new equipment were purchased. Mr. Araco has learned a lot and the class even produced its first news program. The class has turned students into high quality film makers.

Ms. Giordanelli, 6 Monroe Street, Matawan,

- Is also a student at the High School also speaking in support of Mr. Kaiserman. She will be handing out petitions to members of the Board. Stated Mr. Kaiserman

has taught her how to succeed and will continue in this field when she continues her education. Mr. Kaiserman has influenced his students in various ways and the TV Production class will not be as successful if he isn't teaching it.

Ms. Hoke, 14 Daniel Drive, Matawan,

- Is a sophomore at the High School where the TV Production class is extremely important to her. Requests the Board to please keep Mr. Kaiserman at the High School because the class would fall apart without him.

Mr. Kenny stated neither he nor any other member of the Board can speak about individual employees and that the students that spoke reflected well on the district and appreciates how they carried themselves.

Ms. Brenner,

- Asked if action will be taken tonight on the position of TV Studio Production teacher. Mr. Kenny stated there will not be action tonight. There is no action from the Board for non-renewals.
- Are the non-renewals a result of budgetary cuts? Mr. Kenny stated the budget does not cause many non-renewals. Ms. Brenner said it should be incumbent on the Board to tell the public what's coming, how many non-renewals there will be and if people are being fired for cause or budgetary matters.

Ms. Buragina, 27 Essie Drive, Matawan,

- Congratulated everyone on the Board.
- The Security Director is being eliminated and found it astounding this position would be eliminated and is asking the Board to reconsider. Mr. Kenny stated he takes the safety of children very seriously since he and other members of the Board are parents who send their children to the district. People do what they do to scare others. The position was evaluated over the course of a year and its elimination has absolutely nothing to do with an individual. The position is redundant and can be handled by other people. In the end, administration presented a position that could be eliminated from the budget without jeopardizing the safety of the children within the district.

Mr. Knox, 97 Aberdeen Road, Matawan,

- Discussed the elimination of the Director of Security as well. Believes this individual does a lot for Matawan and Aberdeen including investigations of out-of-town students who attend school here and cost the district hundreds of thousands of dollars. Want to know who will take the responsibility of these investigations. Administrators think this individual is useful, he has worked

closely with both police departments to set up safety drills and students have confidence in this individual. Mr. Kenny stated that unfortunately, he can not speak about the job performance of employees. Mr. Kenny stated Mr. Knox can contact him personally.

Ms. Giordanelli, 6 Monroe Street, Matawan,

- Also present to support Mr. Kaiserman and agrees with the students that spoke prior to her. Confused as to why the district would advertise for another TV Production teacher when we already have the best. Mr. Kaiserman has improved the TV Production studio and has donated his own time to do so.

Mr. Otterbine, 205 Lloyd Road, Aberdeen,

- Speaking on behalf of Mr. Kaiserman. Feels the Board of Education and the high school is not taking the TV Production course serious enough. Mr. Kaiserman has done a magnificent job and has put his own time and money into it. Feels it isn't right to get rid of him since Mr. Kaiserman has worked so hard.

Mr. Bratsch, 40 Cross Road, Matawan,

- Is the former student representative to the Board. Learned about the evil of politics when he entered the high school.
- Two months ago an issue arose at the High School with respect to a lack of paper and clay. As soon as he brought it up the clay appeared. Someone in administration realized there was a problem.
- Another problem is the double standard in getting music with religious content approved by administration.
- Finally, when teachers are fired, people should ask why. Out of the mandatory 180 days of the school year, the principal may see the teacher deliver a lesson plan once. The principal makes a decision based on that one observation. People should challenge the questionable and the obvious.

Mr. Kenny stated this is the reorganization meeting and not the platform for these items to be discussed.

Mr. Buccellato, Mayor of Matawan,


- Spoke about an auto accident on the NJ turnpike that claimed the lives of family members related to a Matawan councilman. Requested if the Board could observe a moment of silence and to fly the district's flags at half mast.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Mr. Donaghue, seconded by Dr. Gambino.

The Reorganization meeting was adjourned at **7:58 PM**.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Irons
Business Administrator/Board Secretary