

MISSION STATEMENT: To foster a safe and equitable learning environment that celebrates our diverse learners, and provides the necessary resources and supports to prioritize the social-emotional and academic development of all students.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING on February 13, 2025, Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Ms. Werneke called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Ms. Werneke read the following statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure 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 June 5, 2024 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.”

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Present:	Ms. Werneke, President	Ms. Martinez, Vice President
	Ms. Ascoli	Ms. Feiles
	Mr. Montone	Ms. Pell
	Ms. Skop	Ms. Spruell

Absent: Mr. McGovern

Also Ms. Perez, Superintendent of Schools

Present: Ms. Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent for School Administration PreK-12
Dr. Rawls-Dill, Director of Personnel
Ms. Pantaleo, Board Attorney

V. MINUTES - None

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION I

Be It Resolved, that a closed session be convened for the purpose of discussing Privacy, Personnel Matters and Legal Services. The subject matter of these discussions will be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality subsides. Although the Board cannot guarantee it, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 60 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business.

It was moved by Ms. Ascoli seconded Ms. Pell that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:31 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Ascoli and seconded by Ms. Skop that the Board return to Open Session at 7:26 pm.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Skop to accept the following correspondence:

Email received, Jan 24, 2025, icecreamkid72@gmail.com, regarding “MAMS”

Letter received, Jan 27, 2025, Strathmore PTO, regarding “Attend school safely”

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Feiles	X				
Mr. McGovern				X	
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell	X				
Ms. Martinez	X				
Ms. Werneke	X				

On a roll call vote, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

VIII. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Werneke

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the Monmouth County Mental Health Symposium. The keynote address was based on The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt, highlighting the clear correlation between smartphone proliferation and youth mental health challenges. As a Board, we strongly support the Wait Until 8th pledge, which encourages families to delay giving their children smartphones until at least the eighth grade. For this program to be implemented in our schools, we need 10 families from each school to commit—and unfortunately, we have not yet reached that number. I encourage all families to consider this important initiative for the well-being of our students. We will be adding some resources to our website about smartphone management with youth. You can also follow the Matawan Aberdeen Wait Until 8th chapter on Instagram.

School safety is a top priority, and as part of our district-led commitment, the Board has approved a private security contract with the Praetorian Agency. This initiative is funded by state aid earmarked for security. Officers from the agency met with all building administration already, start working at their respective school buildings tomorrow and we had the opportunity to meet with them this evening.

Another pressing concern is the safety of our traffic patterns around all school buildings. It is critical that families follow the designated drop-off lanes and traffic patterns, as the current situation is becoming increasingly dangerous. Every school has a structured system in place, developed in partnership with our police departments, to ensure a smooth and safe flow of traffic—please help us by adhering to these guidelines to protect our students. As a board and district, we want to thank our Aberdeen and Matawan police departments for their continued partnership and state for the record that we fully support both police departments in issuing any summons they deem appropriate for violations at our school buildings.

Finally, we are in need of substitute teachers. Candidates must have completed at least two years of college and will be required to undergo a background check along with other necessary requirements. If you or someone you know is interested in making a meaningful impact in our schools, we encourage you to apply.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Perez - None**X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT - None**

XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Curriculum & Instruction Agenda requesting the Board take action on Items A, B.1, B.2. and a Walk in Item. The remainder of the items will be presented for action at the February 27, 2025 Regular Action Meeting.

B. OTHER

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the submission of an application to the NJ State Department of Education for *E-Sports Industry Career Exploration*.

Rationale: This grant opportunity focuses on two complementary areas for Grades 6-8. This grant opportunity intends to harness the popularity of esports to increase middle school student awareness of high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand career pathways within the esports industry, and to increase equity, access, and engagement of special population groups to career and technical education (CTE) programming. Studies indicate that students involved in esports tend to have higher school attendance, fewer absences, and a reduced risk of suspension. Esports has also been instrumental in reducing chronic absenteeism and improving friendships, often serving as the first co-curricular activity for many students. If awarded, the district would receive up to \$50,000 in funds to expand esports programming at the middle grades level.

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education adopt the following Strategic Plan Goals for the 2024-2025 school year.

Goal 1: Increase student achievement by utilizing up-to-date technology and other instructional resources.

Goal 2: Improve and upgrade district facilities, transportation policies and procedures.

Goal 3: Increase and enhance community involvement and information sharing.

Goal 4: Promote a positive and safe school environment that embraces kindness, diversity, individuality and respect for all with a focus on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL).

Goal 5: Promote safety and security for all students, staff, and our school community.

XII. STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Student Services Agenda on which the Board will take action at the February 27, 2025 Regular Action Meeting.

1. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following tuition/extraordinary aide rebill for the 2023-2024 school year.

School	Cost	Effective Dates
Honor Ridge Academy	\$1,149.91	6/1/24-6/30/24
The Center School	\$11,576.00	7/3/23-6/18/24
New Road School	\$63,986.88	9/1/23-6/30/24
Hawkswood	\$22,057.00	9/1/23-6/30/24
CPC Behavioral Healthcare	\$6,735.15	9/1/23-6/30-24

Cost: \$105,504.94

Account #: 11-000-100-566-09-0000-0

Rationale: Due to Audit

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve bedside instruction for the following student(s):

Student	Program	Cost	Effective Dates
163173	LearnWell	\$2,320.00	1/22/25-2/15/25
160642	LearnWell	\$700.00	12/16/24-1/3/25
162771	Silvergate Prep	\$700.00	1/7/25-1/17/25
163745	LearnWell	\$2,320.00	2/1//25-2/25/25

Cost: \$2,320.00

Account # 11-150-100-320-09-0000-0

Cost: \$700.00

Account #:11-150-100-320-09-0000-0

Cost: \$700.00

Account #:11-150-100-320-09-0000-0

Cost: \$2,320.00

Account #: 11-150-100-320-09-0000-0

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following student to attend an out of district placement for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Student	School	Cost	Effective Dates
164197	Long Branch School District	\$39,481.55(Tuition \$37,695.72, \$1,785.83 Services)	1/21/25-6/18/25
162311	Long Branch School District	Tuition \$37,695.72	12/3/24-6/18/25

Rationale: Per Student's IEP

Cost: \$39,481.55

Account # 11-000-100-562-09-0000-0

Cost: \$37,695.72

Account # 11-000-100-562-09-0000-0

XIII. PERSONNEL

Dr. Rawls-Dill reviewed the Personnel Agenda requesting the Board take action on Items 1-6. The remainder of the items will be presented for action at the February 27, 2025 Regular Action Meeting.

A. Resignations/Retirements - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Davila Serpa, Marilyn	CO	Transportation Assistant	Resignation	9/1/2022	2/24/2025
Ortega, Wendy	CL	Instructional Assistant - Kindergarten	Resignation	1/2/2025	2/21/2025

B. Leave of Absence - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Nicholson, Joyce	CO	School Bus/ Van Driver	Personal	Without Pay	1/24/25-1/27/25
Roman, Lauren	CL	Occupational Therapist	Maternity	With Pay	4/22/25-4/25/25
				Without Pay	4/28/25-6/2/25
			FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	6/3/25-10/31/25

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Taylor, Lindsay	CP	Teacher	Maternity Maternity/FMLA FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	3/24/25-4/10/25 4/11/25-5/16/25 5/19/25-6/30/25
Wilk, Michelle	MS	Instructional Assistant	Medical	With Pay	2/13/25-3/17/25
Wishnick, Jennifer	HS	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	1/2/25-2/25/25 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 1/23/25

C. Appointments - 2024/2025 School Year**1. New Hires**

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates

Note: The law on background checks requires ultimate clearance prior to any employment becoming final, in addition to pre-employment paperwork.

2. Extra-Curricular Activities - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
Bowman, Jennifer	HS	Girls Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$6,950.00	2024/2025 School Year
Marsh, Charles	MS	Boys/Girls Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$6,200.00	2024/2025 School Year
Non-Athletic Activities					
Lyttle, Amanda	MS	8th-Grade Class	Co-Advisor	\$660.00 Amended Stipend - Previously Approved on 6/27/24	2024/2025 School Year
Koranda, Terrence	MS	8th-Grade Class	Co-Advisor	\$660.00	2024/2025 School Year
Hynes, Gina	MS	Theater Arts Spring Musical Production	Consultant (Replacing San Martin)	\$1,490.00	2024/2025 School Year
Hourly Activities					

3. Instructional Assistants as Substitute Teachers - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Position	Loc	Salary	Account #	Effective Dates

*IA as Substitute Teacher - \$114.00 Full-Day Rate; \$57.00 Half-Day Rate; \$16.29 Hourly Rate per MAREA Contract

4. Curriculum & Instruction Title I & Literacy/Math Family Nights - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Position	Staff	Activity	Max Hours	Cost/Hr	Total Cost
Posting #1 FY 24 Title I Funded	Lloyd Road Elementary School Title I Family Night Teachers	5	Teachers to plan and facilitate Title I Family Nights	Up to 50 hours shared	\$30	\$1,500
Posting #3	Ravine Drive Elementary School Literacy/Math Family Night Teachers	5	Teachers to plan and facilitate Literacy/Math Family Nights	Up to 50 hours shared	\$30	\$1,500
Posting #4	Strathmore Elementary School Literacy/Math Family Night Teachers	5	Teachers to plan and facilitate Literacy/Math Family Nights	Up to 50 hours shared	\$30	\$1,500

5. Home Instruction - 2024/2025 School Year

Student ID	Subject/Class	Loc	Home Instruction Teacher	Hrs/per Week	# of Weeks	Total Hrs/per Subject	Effective Dates
<u>160071</u>	English 3	HS	First Children Services	2	12	24	1/27/25-5/2/25
160071	Lab Environmental Science	HS	First Children Services	2	12	24	1/27/25-5/2/25
160071	Algebra 2	HS	First Children Services	2	12	24	1/27/25-5/2/25
160071	US History 2	HS	First Children Services	2	12	24	1/27/25-5/2/25
160071	Grade 11 Physical Education/Health 5 Day	HS	First Children Services	2	12	24	1/27/25-5/2/25
<u>160840</u>	English 3	HS	First Children Services	2	1	2	2/5/25-2/11/25
<u>161537</u>	Science	MS	First Children Services	2	4	8	2/3/25-3/31/25
161537	Social Studies	MS	First Children	2	4	8	2/3/25-3/31/25

Student ID	Subject/ Class	Loc	Home Instruction Teacher	Hrs/per Week	# of Weeks	Total Hrs/per Subject	Effective Dates
			Services				
161537	Language Arts	MS	First Children Services	2	4	8	2/3/25-3/31/25
161537	Math	MS	First Children Services	2	4	8	2/3/25-3/31/25

6. Staff Array Changes - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignments	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Koranda, Terrence	MS: 1.00	7th-Grade LAL Teacher	MS: 1.00	8th-Grade LAL Teacher	2/3/25-6/30/25

7. Mentor Teachers - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Location

8. College Student Observers/Teachers/Interns - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Tatarka, Kelly	Nicole Cordi, Kindergarten Teacher Karen Menconi, Preschool Teacher	Cambridge Park Elementary School Student Observer Brookdale Community College Spring 2025

9. Volunteers - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date
Giles, Thomas	MS	Baseball	2024/2025 School Year

D. Other**1. HIB - 2024/2025 School Year**

- The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report as reported during the Executive Session of the Matawan-Aberdeen Board of Education Meeting of January 23, 2025.

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
4	2

2. High-School Graduation Chaperones - 2024/2025 School Year

- Up to 3 hours each at \$25/Hr Account #

3. High-School School Nurse for Graduation Events - 2024/2025 School Year

- Graduation Ceremony
- Semi Formal
- Jr. Prom
- Sr. Prom
- Up to 4 hours each at \$40/Hr Account #

4. Middle-School Graduation Chaperones - 2024/2025 School Year

- Up to 3 hours each at \$25/Hr Account #

5. Middle-School School Nurse for Graduation Events - 2024/2025 School Year

- Graduation Ceremony
- 8th-Grade Semi Formal
- Up to 4 hours each at \$40/Hr Account #

6. Administrative Leave with Pay - 2024/2025 School Year

- Employee # 5197 - Administrative Leave with Pay 02/07/2025 -

7. Administrative Leave with Pay - 2024/2025 School Year

- Employee # 6610 - Administrative Leave with Pay 02/07/2025 -

XIV. POLICY

Dr. Rawls-Dill reviewed the first reading of the Policy Agenda.

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the first reading of the following:

1. First Reading

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	First Reading
2000	Program	P 2365	Artificial Intelligence	February 13, 2025
5000	Students	P 5460 (M)	High School Graduation	February 13, 2025
5000	Students	P 5512 (M)	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying	February 13, 2025
7000	Property	P & R 7441 (M)	Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds	February 13, 2025
8000	Operations	P 8500 (M)	Food Services	February 13, 2025
9000	Community	P 9163 (M)	Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events	February 13, 2025
9000	Community	P 9210	Parent Organizations	February 13, 2025

XV. FINANCE

Ms. Case reviewed the Finance Agenda on which the Board will take action at the February 27, 2025 Regular Action Meeting.

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - January 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of December 31, 2024, after review of the Secretary' monthly financial report (appropriation section), and open consultation with appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:20-2(B), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.

I, Lindsey Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that for the month of December 2024 no line item has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.



School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Payroll Certification

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reported, in compliance with NJSA 18A:1919-1B, has certified the January 15, 2025 in the amount of \$2,544,019.39 and the January 30, 2025 in the amount of \$2,273,024.61.

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following:

6. Receipt and Acceptance of the January 2025 Board Secretary's Report

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of January 31, 2025, be accepted as filed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-16(c)3 that no major account of fund has been over expended as of January 31, 2025 based upon the Board Secretary's Certification and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

7. Treasurer's Report - January 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2025.

8. Approve Appropriation Transfers

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the transfers attached.

9. Approve Bills

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the bills paid and checks issued at the Board meeting in the amount of \$XXXXXX.

10. Routine Travel Reimbursement for 2024-2025

Policy: #6471 School District Travel

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education pursuant to Travel policy # 6471, approve the following staff for travel related to routine business for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Total
Kathleen Schaffer	Long Term CST, LR and CP	\$250.00

11. Acceptance of Donation from Matawan Aberdeen Husky Track Club

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from the Matawan Aberdeen Husky Track Club valued at \$2,607 for the purchase of weather cover PV Pit for the Track Program.

12. Fire and Evacuation Drills

The following Fire and Evacuation Drill occurred during January 2025

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Pre-school	Fire Drill	1/2/25 @ 2:00 pm
Cambridge Park Pre-school	Lockdown	1/23/25 @ 10:02 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Lockdown	1/10/25 @ 1:20 pm
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	1/13/25 @ 10:40 am
Matawan Regional High School	Shelter in Place	1/9/25 @ 1:30 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	1/17/25 @ 10:55 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	1/15/25 @ 11:53 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Shelter in Place (Medical Emergency)	1/23/25 @ 11:03 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Lockdown	1/8/25 @ 8:45 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	1/23/25 @ 1:45 pm
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	1/17/25 @ 9:39 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Shelter in Place (Medical Emergency)	1/28/25 @ 2:10 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	1/13/25 @ 10:05 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Lockdown	1/24/25 @ 10:30 am

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL ITEMS**8:45 pm**

- Mr. Barilka – Different rates for KEYS
- Ms. Case – General vs. special education, cost prorated for remainder of the year.

8:50 pm**XVII. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS****CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Ascoli to approve the following resolution(s):

A. TRAVEL

Pursuant to travel policy #6471, the following staff is approved for travel related to training and workshops. This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent, and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and within the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and the district's Professional Development Plan. ([Curriculum & Instruction Attachment #1](#))

Policy: #6471 Travel/Reimbursable Expenses

Rationale: Required estimates to abide by law and policy

B. OTHER

1. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following field trips for the 2024-2025 school year.

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose	Funding
REVISED - Princeton Plasma Physic Lab, Princeton, NJ	February 21, 2025 (new date)	MS Gr. 6-8 Students & Staff	Science Bowl Competition	Club Funds
NEW - BlueClaws Stadium, Lakewood, NJ	May 21, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 MD, Autism & Reach Students & Staff	Provide an opportunity for students to attend a ball game with typical peers. Promote socialization and an opportunity to practice social skills.	Student Services Budget
NEW - Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange, NJ	June 6, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 Science Students & Staff	Connecting lessons from the year to real life - environment, diet, socialization. Students will use this trip to complete assignments.	Science Dept. Budget
NEW - Strathmore Elementary School, Aberdeen, NJ	March 6, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 Students in the Interact Club & Staff	To participate in Read Across America activities with elementary students	N/A Walking trip - no funds required
REVISED - Infoage, Wall, NJ (will replace the June 2, 2025 Walking Tour Trip)	May 14, 2025	ST Gr. 3 Students & Staff	Students will gain knowledge of science and history aligned with the curriculum.	PTO Funds
REVISED - Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY	May 20, 2025 (revised date)	HS Gr. 9-12 AP Students & Staff	Visit to the museum as the exhibits align with AP European History unit on Renaissance & medieval art	Funded through Fundraising
REVISED - Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth, NJ	May 21, 22, 23, 2025 (revised dates)	LR Gr. 5 Students & Staff	Study our natural resources	Student Funded
NEW -	March 14, 2025	LR Gr. 4 & 5	Student Leadership	No cost to attend;

Kean University, Union, NJ		Students & Staff	Conference	Transportation will be covered through school budget
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2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the revised School Hours.

	Cambridge Park Elementary	Cliffwood Elementary School	Ravine Drive Elementary School	Strathmore Elementary School	Lloyd Road School	Matawan Aberdeen MS	Matawan Regional HS
Student Arrival	8:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:20 AM	9:20 AM	8:45 AM	8:15 AM	7:15 AM
Student Dismissal	3:00 PM	3:35 PM	3:35 PM	3:35 PM	3:00 PM	2:33 PM	2:04 PM
2 Hour Delay Schedule	10:45 AM - 3:00 PM	11:20 AM - 3:35 PM	11:20 AM - 3:35 PM	11:20 AM - 3:35 PM	10:45 AM - 3:00 PM	10:15 AM - 2:33 PM	9:15 AM - 2:04 PM
Early Dismissal Schedule	8:45 AM - 12:45 PM	9:20 AM - 1:20 PM	9:20 AM - 1:20 PM	9:20 AM - 1:20 PM	8:45 AM - 12:45 PM	8:15 AM - 12:10 PM	7:15 AM - 11:15 AM

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Feiles	X				
Mr. McGovern				X	
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell	X				
Ms. Martinez	X				
Ms. Werneke	X				

On a roll call vote, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Pell to approve the following resolution(s):

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following:

1. Staff Array Changes - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignments	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Colao, Raquel	MS: 1.00 .17 O/L .08 O/L	English Teacher V&V PM Supplemental Supports	MS: 1.00 .17 O/L .17 O/L	English Teacher V&V PM Supplemental Supports	2/17/25-6/30/25

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignments	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
		OG Supplemental Reading Instruction		OG Supplemental Reading Instruction	
DiLonardo, Kristi	MS: 1.00	Special Education Math Teacher	MS: 1.00 .42 O/L	Special Education Math Teacher Elementary Special Education Teacher (Strathmore)	1/31/25-5/26/25 Cohen LOA

2. Curriculum & Instruction Title I & Literacy/Math Family Nights - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Position	Staff	Activity	Max Hours	Cost/Hr	Total Cost
Posting #2 FY 24 Title I Funded Gilbert, Michelle Maiello, Regina Myers-Miller, Breigh Oczkowski, Christina Polakowski, Shannon	Cliffwood Elementary School Title I Family Night Teachers	5	Teachers to plan and facilitate Title I Family Nights	Up to 50 hours shared	\$30	\$1,500

3. Home Instruction - 2024/2025 School Year

Student ID	Subject/Class	Loc	Home Instruction Teacher	Hrs/per Week	# of Weeks	Total Hrs/per Subject	Effective Dates
<u>163580</u>	Science	HS	Julia Cacciatore	2	12	24	2/3/25-5/9/25
163580	Math	HS	Julia Cacciatore	2	12	24	2/3/25-5/9/25
163580	Social Studies	HS	Robert Carnovsky	2	12	24	2/3/25-5/9/25
163580	English	HS	Jennifer Moller	2	12	24	2/3/25-5/9/25
163580	Grade 9 Physical Education 5 Day	HS	Shannon Claudio	2	12	24	2/3/25-5/9/25

4. ESY Coordinator - 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 School Years

- Andrea Trezza, Behaviorist
Preparation for Summer 2025 ESY - \$4,950.00 (2024-2025)
Coordination of Summer 2025 ESY - Up to 5 hours per day for 20 days at \$50/hr (2025-2026)

5. Consultant - 2024/2025 School Year

- Lotus, LLC
\$300 per teacher evaluation, up to 30 evaluations
\$46.15/hr for special-education programming consultation, up to 50 hours
Rationale: Replacement Position for Lauren Kelly, Supervisor of Student Services PreK - Grade 3

6. Other - Administrative Leave with Pay - 2024/2025 School Year

- Employee # 4588 Administrative Leave with Pay on 01/30/2025 - 01/31/2025

POLICY

Motion by Ms. Spruell, seconded by Ms. Feiles to accept the first reading of the following policies

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve and adopt the second reading of the following:

Second Reading-Approval and Adoption

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	Second Reading
2000	Program	R 2460.1 (M)	Special Education - Location, Identification, and Referral	February 13, 2025
2000	Program	P & R 2622 (M)	Student Assessment	February 13, 2025
3000	Teaching Staff Members	P & R 3212 (M)	Professional Staff Attendance Review and Improvement Plan	February 13, 2025
4000	Support Staff	P & R 4212 (M)	Support Staff Attendance Review and Attendance	February 13, 2025

(M) indicates mandated by state law

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Feiles	X				
Mr. McGovern				X	
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell	X				
Ms. Martinez	X				
Ms. Werneke	X				

On a roll call vote, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) members was absent

FINANCE

Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Ascoli to approve the following:

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following items:

1. REVISED - Acceptance of 2023-2024 Annual Audit

The Superintendent recommends the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the Audit Report for the 2023-2024 school year prepared by Suplee, Clooney & Company with no findings per the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Auditor's Management Report (AMR), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the audit has been forwarded to the Monmouth County Executive County Superintendent. (previously approved on January 23, 2025)

2. Application for Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs – ACTION ITEM

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$105,500 to carry out a project to Matawan-Aberdeen Building Healthier Communities: The Fitness Hub (#2025-04960-1533).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, 1) that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and, 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

3. Adopt and Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as part of the 2025 National Fitness Campaign

At a meeting of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District held on February 13, 2025 wherein the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District has submitted a Grant Application to National Fitness Campaign (NFC) for participation in their 2025 initiative to install and activate outdoor Fitness Courts® in over 1000 municipalities and schools across the country, and;

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District will accept up to \$60,000 of a National Grant from the NFC Grant Committee and Statewide Partners, and endeavor to provide a local match in the amount of up to \$60,000 from budgeted or internal funds within fiscal year 2025 to promote and implement a free-to-the-public outdoor Fitness Court®, and;

WHEREAS, the Matawan/Aberdeen will endeavor to provide a local funding confirmation in the amount designated on the quote detailing the remaining funds for participation, provided by the National Fitness Campaign no later than February 28, 2025 as identified on the official Grant Program Requirement document.

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District believes joining the National Fitness Campaign is an important step in building a healthier community, commits to funding/fundraising to participate in NFC's 2025 Campaign, and will earn local and regional recognition as a leader in providing accessible health and wellness infrastructure and programs.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District will collaborate with NFC to join the National Fitness Campaign, implement the outdoor Fitness Court® program, and make fitness free for community residents and visitors.

4. Out of District Tuition for the 2024-2025 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve a student from the Old Bridge Township Public School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (5418376622) at a cost of \$34,516.20 beginning February 3, 2025 through June 25, 2025.

5. REVISED - Out of District Tuition for the 2024-2025 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve revised tuition rate for student from the Hazlet Township Public School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (7225051789) at a cost of \$15,000.00 beginning January 2, 2025 through June 25, 2025. (previously approved on January 23, 2025)

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Feiles	X				
Mr. McGovern				X	
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell	X				
Ms. Martinez	X				
Ms. Werneke	X				

On a roll call vote, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and one (1) member was absent

XVIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- QSAC – visit on February 25, 2025
- Ms. Pell – Delegate Assembly research and how schools should handle day to day business
- Ms. Ascoli – provided Finance Committee update and demographer update
- Ms. Feiles – LR spelling bee was wonderful and it took 2 days
- Ms. Werneke – Talent Show as amazing
- Ms. Pell – Middle School musical is March 7-9, 2025 - Beetlejuice

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II

Be It Resolved, that a closed session be convened for the purpose of discussing Privacy, Personnel Matters and Legal Services. The subject matter of these discussions will be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality subsides. Although the Board cannot guarantee it, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 60 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez seconded Ms. Ascoli that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 9:09 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Ascoli and seconded by Ms. Martinez that the Board return to Open Session at 10:22 pm.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Ascoli seconded by Ms. Martinez and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:23 pm.