

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.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING on February 27, 2025, Strathmore Elementary School, 282 Church St., Aberdeen, NJ.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Ms. Werneke called the Regular Action 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. McGovern	Mr. Montone
	Ms. Pell	Ms. Skop
	Ms. Spruell (arrived 7:06 pm)	

Absent:

Also	Ms. Perez, Superintendent of Schools (arrived at 7:06 pm)
Present:	Ms. Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
	Mr. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent for School Administration PreK-12
	Dr. Rawls-Dill, Director of Personnel
	Mr. Rubin, District Attorney

V. 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 30 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action will not take place.

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

It was moved by Ms. Feiles, and seconded by Mr. McGovern that the Board return to Open Session at 7:06 pm.

VI. MINUTES

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

- Re-Organization Meeting Minutes, January 2, 2025
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, January 2, 2025
- Regular Action Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2025
- Executive Session I and II Meeting Minutes, 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, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) members were absent.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Motion by Ms. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Skop to approve the following correspondence:

Email received February 14, 2025, jessjones528@gmail.com, regarding “Delayed Opening Schedule Change & the Impact on Working Parents”

Email received February 14, 2025, amanda.battaglia@gmail.com, regarding “MARSD - Important District Updates”

	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, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) member were absent

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - None**XIX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Werneke**

- QSAC
- Social Media Lawsuit
 - process of providing mental health data
- Thrilled with new security agency
- Chronic Absenteeism CAP required since school buildings are above 10% and an absence is an absence through state eyes whether excused or unexcused
- Central Office sign installed

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Lindsay Teubner

Good evening. Starting off with updates for the high school, Principal Wells would like to thank the staff and students who volunteered their time at the Husky Experience Open House for 7th and 8th graders. This was a wonderful event at which middle school students toured the school and learned more about our academic programs, clubs, and sports. Thank you to all involved! The Monmouth County Guidance Directors Association will be hosting their 2025 College Fair at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 6th at Brookdale. More information on how to register can be found at www.StriveFair.com. The MRHS Night of the Arts will be held in the high school cafeteria on March 11th starting at 6 PM. Stop by to see student artwork samples, support student vendors at their booths, and to watch performances of songs, dances, and more! This event is always a great way to bring our community together. Lastly for the high school, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is hosting a safe driving orientation event for students and parents on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 PM at the high school. Students in attendance will receive priority parking next school year. The link to register was included in the Husky Weekly Update email.

As for MAMS, throughout February, their Student Council has been selling raffle tickets to benefit the American Heart Association. The winning ticket will be pulled tomorrow and one lucky student will win Bando, a stuffed dog, as well as a Dunkin Donuts gift card. Thanks to everyone who entered the raffle and helped for this worthy cause. MAMS' new attendance initiative is going great so far. The competition between Advisory classes has been fierce with tight battles at each grade. The first month's competition concludes tomorrow and three winning homerooms will earn an ice cream party next week. Thanks to Sundaes of Aberdeen for contributing the ice cream! Individual student attendance has been up all month long. As of February 25th, 422 students have perfect attendance for February, an increase of 50% from January. MAMS admins are excited to recognize middle schoolers who demonstrate good attendance and make every day count!

Next up, Lloyd Road Elementary School conducted their School Spelling Bee on January 30th and invited all classes to be in the audience as the top spellers in 4th and 5th grade competed on stage. All of the students in the spelling bee did a phenomenal job and we are incredibly proud of each of them. The overall spelling bee champion was 4th grader Amanda Elgamel who will proceed to the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee. Throughout the month of February, Lloyd Road Elementary School is celebrating Black History Month with the help of our Student Council who researched and compiled quotes to honor and recognize the significant contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout history. Each morning as part of their daily announcements, a quote is read aloud by a student volunteer that highlights a prominent figure from our history and the Civil Rights Movement. This is meant to educate and raise awareness about Black history and culture and to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of Black Americans as well as to celebrate their rich cultural heritage. Lloyd Road Elementary School also celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Week the week of February 10th. The purpose of highlighting this week is to promote a kind, caring and accepting learning environment, to appreciate diversity and inclusivity, and to celebrate everyone. Students enjoyed the various theme days throughout the week, including wearing something that sends a positive message, dressing like someone who is a hero to them, wearing workout clothes to show that we can all work together, and wearing a shirt that represents something they like. Finally, the Lloyd Road PTO is gearing up for its popcorn fundraiser and they encourage all students to participate to raise funds for their school community.

Next up, Cliffwood is thrilled to share some wonderful updates with you from the past month! Their students had a blast celebrating the 100th Day of School on February 18th! They dressed up as 100-year-olds, created vibrant 100-Day posters, and made necklaces with 10 patterns totaling 100 beads. Some classes even made fun trail mixes with 10 groups of 10 snacks! A special thank you to the Sobin family for renting a 100-Day sign for families to enjoy outside the school – it was such a fun addition to the celebrations! Thanks to the bravery of Mr. Wyman, they raised \$600 during their fundraising event, where he allowed students to shave his head! It was a moment of great fun and community spirit. Looking ahead, Cliffwood is excited to announce that Thursday, May 15th is set for the Harlem Wizards game against the Cliffwood Staff. They hope to see everyone there cheering on their staff and helping raise funds for their playground. Cliffwood's Title 1 Cosmic Family Night was a huge success! Students had an amazing time playing math games with their friends and participating in the free raffle baskets. A huge

thank you to the Cliffwood Staff for organizing such a stellar event. The next Title 1 Night will be on April 10th, where they will focus on the One School One Book program. They cannot wait for their book reveal on March 20th! Cliffwood also hopes everyone had a sweet Valentine's Day with their loved ones! Their students enjoyed exchanging Valentines and even created a Kindness Tree to celebrate the many acts of kindness happening throughout Cliffwood School. They are also excited to introduce Officer Todd, the new School Security Officer. He's already made a positive impact, assisting with arrival and dismissal, and they have even learned that he has an artistic background. Officer Todd is full of great ideas, and they are looking forward to collaborating on a project to beautify the outdoor spaces! Finally, Cliffwood is looking forward to Read Across America Week in March. They can't wait for guest readers from the community to join them on Friday, March 7th, to share stories with students. Thank you for all you do to make Cliffwood School such a special place. We are truly Cliffwood Proud of this amazing community!

Moving on to Strathmore! This month, the Strathmore self-contained special education teachers invited district PSD teachers to visit and observe their classrooms in preparation for the student transition to the 2025-2026 school year. The morning was filled with learning and articulation to benefit student programming. The preschool classes wrapped-up another Tools of the Mind theme with a pet-vet event. Students had a visit from a veterinarian technician (and her rabbit) and learned about caring for all kinds of animals. Additionally, students and staff participated in theme days for National Week of Kindness during the week of February 18th. Kindness compliments were heard throughout the halls extra loud this week! Students and staff celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up to mark the occasion. Additionally, the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser wrapped up this month, with tremendous support from the PTO. Everyone at Strathmore is also looking forward to Read Across America next month, and is anxiously awaiting their visits from guest readers. Please join them if you can!

Next up is Ravine Drive. February included many celebrations starting with Groundhog Day on February 2nd and jumping right into Valentine's Day as well as the 100th Day of School on Friday, February 14th! Ravine Drive students celebrated the 100th day in many different ways, counting to 100, creating shirts with 100 items, dressing as if they were 100 years old, and writing 100 unique words. The day was also filled with love as they honored the January Remarkable Roadrunners who were selected by their teachers for demonstrating hard work throughout the year. As the warm weather is upon us, Ravine is excitedly looking forward to their spring events. They will kick off one of their favorite events of the year, the Color Run, while they search for a leprechaun over the next few weeks.

As for Cambridge Park Elementary, in recognition of Black History Month, students are celebrating the beauty of diversity by reading books written by Black and African American authors. Additionally, parents and guardians will visit Cambridge Park this Friday February 28th for a special buddy reading event! This brings me to the end of my report. Thank you and have a great evening.

XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mr. Liebmann presented the Curriculum and Instruction Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening.

Motion by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Spruell 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

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
NEW - Kean University, Union, NJ	March 14, 2025	MS Gr. 7 Students & Staff	Student Leadership Conference	No cost to attend; Transportation covered through school budget & sharing w/LRS
REVISED - Broadway, New York, NY	April 30, 2025 (revised date)	MS Gr. 7 and Wingman Students & Staff	Broadway play will provide educational experiences that engage students across multiple learning domains.	Student Funds
REVISED - Rutgers Geology Museum, New Brunswick, NJ	May 2, 2025 (revised date; added 2nd date, May 1st previously approved)	CL Gr. 2 Students & Staff	Tour of museum to learn about fossils	PTO Funds
REVISED - Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth, NJ	May 15, 2025 (revised date replacing 5/23/25)	LR Gr. 5 Students & Staff	Study our natural resources	Student Funded
NEW - Seven Presidents Park, Long Branch, NJ	May 22, 2025	ST Gr. PreK Students & Staff	Introduction to the ocean and some of its inhabitants through stories, crafts, and exploration	PTO Funds
NEW - Cambridge Park Elementary School, Aberdeen, NJ	May 27, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 Science Students & Staff	Students will be presenting activities on environmental	No Cost (Walking Trip)

			awareness to CPES students.	
REVISED - Bayshore Waterfront, Port Monmouth, NJ	May 29, 2025 (revised date)	RD Gr. 2 Students & Staff	Modeling & demonstrating the skills & topics taught throughout the science curriculum.	PTO Funds
REVISED - NJ State Museum, Trenton, NJ	June 3, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 Astronomy Students & Staff	To study Life Cycle of Stars & Constellations allows students to learn and visualize the constellations. Also provides an opportunity to view constellations not present in our local area.	School Budget
REVISED - Seven Presidents Park, Long Branch, NJ	June 5th & 6th, 2025 (revised date)	CL Kindergarten Students & Staff	Learn about seashells and ocean animals	PTO Funds
NEW - Cheesecake State Park, Matawan, NJ	June 10, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 Science Class Students & Staff	Application of APES concepts, environmental stewardship	School Budget
NEW - Insectropolis, Toms River, NJ	June 13, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 Students & Staff	Students will apply APES concepts on biodiversity and importance of organisms such as insects	School Budget

B. OTHER

1. 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.

2. 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.

	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, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) member were absent

XII. STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Liebmann presented the Student Services Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening.

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

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

Student	Program	Cost	Effective Dates
162771	Silvergate Prep	\$700.00	1/7/25-1/17/25
163745	LearnWell	\$2,320.00	2/1//25-2/25/25
160071	LearnWell	\$2,320.00	2/14/25-3/14/25

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

Cost: \$2,300.00

Account #: 11-219-100-320-09-0000-0

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
171423	Neptune Township Board of Education	Tuition \$7,900.00	2/14/25-6/30/25

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

Cost: \$7,900.00

Account #: 11-000-100-561-09-0000-1

4. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the Cessation Program offered by the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County to the K.E.Y.S. Academy. Presentations will take place in February 2025.

Rationale: PCMC aims to build resilience in youth and young adults by providing them with the necessary tools needed to increase protective factors and reduce risk factors associated with behavioral health conditions. The Cessation Program aims to educate students regarding vaping and nicotine and equip them with the skills to make healthy decisions. By highlighting the impacts of substance use, PCMC aims to increase awareness and education needed for students to achieve healthy behavior.

Cost: Free

Account #: N/A

	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, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) member were absent

XIII. PERSONNEL

Dr. Rawls-Dill reviewed the Personnel Agenda to include a Walk-In Item on which the Board will take action this evening.

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

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

A. Resignations/Retirements - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Davila Serpa, Marilyn	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Resignation	9/1/2022	2/24/2025
Ortega, Wendy	CL	Instructional Assistant - Kindergarten	Resignation	1/2/2025	2/21/2025
Sanasac, Deanne	CO	Transportation Supervisor	Retirement	7/15/2024	4/30/2025
Walengewicz, Kathleen	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Retirement	9/9/2021	2/28/2025

B. Leave of Absence - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Diaz-Valle, Evelyn	CL	Instructional Assistant	Medical	With Pay	3/3/25-6/30/25
De Michele, Karen	LR	Instructional Assistant	Medical	With Pay	3/3/25-3/7/25 ½ Day AM 3/7/25
			FMLA	Without Pay	½ Day PM-6/30/25
Montague, Andrea	MS	School Counselor	Personal	Without Pay	3/26/25-3/28/25
Nicholson, Joyce	CO	School Bus/ Van Driver	Personal	Without Pay	1/24/25-1/27/25
Reynolds, Dustin	MS	Teacher	Paternity/ FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	4/22/25-6/20/25
Roman, Lauren	CL	Occupational Therapist	Maternity FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay	4/22/25-4/25/25
				Without Pay	4/28/25-6/02/25
				Without Pay	6/3/25-10/31/25
Savinon, Katiria	CO	Confidential Secretary	FMLA	Without Pay	2/18/25 ½ Day PM
Taylor, Lindsay	CP	Teacher	Maternity	With Pay	3/24/25-4/10/25
			Maternity/FMLA	Without Pay	4/11/25-5/16/25

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
			FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	5/19/25-6/30/25
Wilk, Michelle	MS	Instructional Assistant	Medical Medical/FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	2/13/25-3/17/25 3/18/25-3/19/25
Williams, Devenn	MS	Instructional Assistant	Personal	Without Pay	3/6/25
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
Narine, Gladis	CO	Transportation Assistant	N/A	\$27.75/Hour	Fantauzzi Vacancy	3/10/25-6/30/25
Paone-Hurd, Krysten	MS	Acting Assistant Principal	N/A	\$300/Per Diem	Tyburchy LOA	2/28/25-3/27/25
Sellino, Rebecca	MS	Special Education Teacher - Autism	E 6	\$67,225.00 (Prorated)	New Position	4/29/25-6/30/25 or sooner

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
Walsh, Matthew	HS	Boys Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$6,950.00	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	Consultant (Replacing	\$1,490.00	2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
		Production	San Martin)		

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>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	2/5/25-2/11/24
<u>161537</u>	Science	MS	First Children Services	2	4	8	2/3/25-3/31/25
161537	Social Studies	MS	First Children Services	2	4	8	2/3/25-3/31/25
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
<u>160374</u>	English	HS	Jennifer Moller	2	3	6	1/31/25-2/6/25
160374	Geometry	HS	Jennifer Moller	2	2	4	1/31/25-2/6/25
<u>162815</u>	Science	MS	Lauren Massa	2	9	18	2/3/25-4/3/25
162815	Social Studies	MS	Brianna Scatorchia	2	9	18	2/3/25-4/3/25
162815	Language Arts	MS	Beth Chodkiewicz	2	9	18	2/3/25-4/3/25

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162815	Math	MS	DiLonardo, Kristi Dr.	2	9	18	2/3/25-4/3/25
162815	Wilson Reading	MS	Mary Biagianti	2	9	18	2/3/25-4/3/25
<u>162990</u>	Lab Chemistry	HS	Robert Carnovsky	2	9	18	1/31/25-4/4/25
162990	Grade 10 Physical Education	HS	Shannon Claudio	2	9	18	1/31/25-4/4/25
162990	English 2	HS	Jennifer Moller	2	9	18	1/31/25-4/4/25
162990	Geometry	HS	Julia Cacciatore	2	9	18	1/31/25-4/4/25
162990	US History	HS	Mark Brubaker	2	9	18	1/31/25-4/4/25
<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	First Children Services	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
<u>163619</u>	Math/Science	LR	Rebecca Heuer	3	2	6	1/13/25-1/21/25
<u>164866</u>	Math	ST	Melissa Cullen	2	4	8	2/22/25-4/23/25
164866	Science	ST	Melissa Cullen	2	4	8	2/22/25-4/23/25
164866	Language Arts	ST	Melissa Cullen	2	4	8	2/22/25-4/23/25
164866	Social Studies	ST	Melissa Cullen	2	4	8	2/22/25-4/23/25
<u>170052</u>	Advanced Ceramics	HS	First Children Services	2	2	4	2/24/25-3/7/25
170052	English 4	HS	First Children Services	2	2	4	2/24/25-3/7/25
170052	Grade 12 PE & Health	HS	First Children Services	2	2	4	2/24/25-3/7/25

4. 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
Fontana, Dana	MS: 1.00	Special Ed English Grade 6 ICR	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Special Ed English Grade 6 ICR Language Arts ICR Grade 7	3/4/25-6/30/25 Koranda Transfer
Monro, David	MS: 1.00	Special Ed Math/STEM Grades 6-8	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Special Ed Math/STEM Grades 6-8 Language Arts ICR Grade 8	3/4/25-6/30/25 Koranda Transfer
Taylor, Scott	MS: .67 KEYS: .33	Special Ed Math Special Ed Math	MS: .67 KEYS: .33 MS: .33 O/L	Special Ed Math Special Ed Math Language Arts ICR Grade 7	3/4/25-6/30/25 Koranda Transfer
Scrofani, Melissa	CP: 1.00	Enrichment (Specials) Teacher	CP: 1.00	Preschool Teacher	2/25/25-6/30/25
Weiner, Joyce	CP: 1.00	Preschool Teacher	CP: 1.00	Enrichment (Specials) Teacher	2/25/25-6/30/25

5. 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

6. Volunteers - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date
Giles, Thomas	MS	Baseball	2024/2025 School Year
Wietecha, Robert Jr.	MS	Softball	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 February 13, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
4	2

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

- Employee # 5197 - Administrative Leave with Pay 02/07/2025 - 02/10/2025

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

- Employee # 6610 - Administrative Leave with Pay 02/10/2025 -02/25/2025

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

- Employee # 6584 - Administrative Leave with Pay 02/13/2025 - 02/24/2025

5. School Calendar - 2025/2026 School Year

- Adoption of 2025/2026 School Calendar

6. Additional Pay - 2024/2025 School Year

- Dr. Emily Zupkus, School Psychologist - Up to 10 hours at Employee's Hourly Rate

PERSONNEL WALK-IN ITEMS

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

1. Resignation - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Marchesano, Joseph	CO	Maintenance Mechanic	Resignation	7/18/2022	2/25/2025

2. Appointment - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Lozano, Marcus	RD	Special Education Teacher - ERI	F 14	\$98,225.00 (Prorated)	New Position	4/28/25-6/30/25

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

3. Staff Array Changes - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignments	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Borchers, Sheri	HS: .60 .40	Biology Teacher ESL Teacher	HS: .60 .40 .20 O/L	Biology Teacher ESL Teacher Chemistry Honors	3/5/25-6/30/25 Califano LOA
Fitzgerald, Connor	HS: 1.00	Science Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Science Teacher Chemistry Honors	3/5/25-6/30/25 Califano LOA
McMillan, Marloudiza	HS: 1.00 .20	Science Teacher Intro Biology	HS: 1.00 .20 .20 O/L	Science Teacher Intro Biology Chemistry Honors	3/5/25-6/30/25 Califano LOA
Shalhoub, MaryKate	HS: 1.00	Special Ed Science Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Special Ed Science Teacher Chemistry Honors	3/5/25-6/30/25 Califano LOA
Walker, Julianna	HS: 1.00	Science Teacher	HS: 1.00 .04 O/L .24 O/L	Science Teacher AP Bio Lab AP Chemistry	3/5/25-6/30/25 Califano LOA

4. OTHER -**High-School Midday Tutorial - 2024/2025 School Year**

- Sheri Borchers, Julia Cacciatore, Kathleen Casserly, Lauren Cohen, Brian Duffy, Christa Hanson, Megan Harrington, Brenda Itzol, Katelyn Kinneman, Sheryl Kish, Kathleen Mancuso, Jennifer Moller, Robert Moller, Michelle O'Neill, Erica Unterburger

\$45/hr for Up to 3 hours per week for 14 weeks (Begins 03/03/2025)

5. Leave of Absence - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Tyburczy, Philip	MS	Assistant Principal	Medical	With Pay	2/28/25-3/27/25

	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		X		Abstained from Walk In Items
Ms. Martinez	X				
Ms. Werneke	X				

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) member were absent; one (1) member abstained from the Walk In Items

XIV. POLICY

Dr. Rawls-Dill reviewed the Policy Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening.

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

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

1. First Reading

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	First Reading
5000	Students	R 5410	Promotion and Retention	February 27, 2025
5000	Students	P 5533	Student Smoking	February 27, 2025

2. Second Reading-Approval and Adoption

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	Second Reading
2000	Program	P 2365	Artificial Intelligence	February 27, 2025
5000	Students	P 5460 (M)	High School Graduation	February 27, 2025
5000	Students	P 5512 (M)	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying	February 27, 2025
7000	Property	P & R 7441 (M)	Electronic Surveillance In School Buildings and on School Grounds	February 27, 2025
8000	Operations	P 8500	Food Services	February 27, 2025

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	Second Reading
		(M)		
9000	Community	P 9163 (M)	Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events	February 27, 2025
9000	Community	P 9210	Parent Organizations	February 27, 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, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) member were absent

XV. FINANCE

Ms. Case reviewed the Finance Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening.

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

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - January 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of January 31, 2025, 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 January 2025 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:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Approve Appropriation Transfers

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the transfers attached.

4. Approve Bills

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the bills paid and checks issued at the Board meeting in the amount of \$4,384,015.81.

5. 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
David Lehman	District Technology Coach	\$250.00

6. 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 \$2,607.00 for the purchase of weather cover PV Pit for the Track Program.

7. Acceptance of Donation from Ocean County Student Assistance Counselor's (SAC's)

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from the Ocean County Student Assistance Counselor's (SAC's) valued at \$1,400.00 in total for the KEYS Academy for the purchase of gift cards to ShopRite, Michaels and Target.

8. 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 Red Bank Regional School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (3632829350) at a cost of \$10,000.00 beginning March 3, 2025 through June 25, 2025.

9. 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

	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, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) member were absent

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Stared at 8:30 pm

- S. Calvino (CL) – When not enough subs, students lose their specials. (ST/RA) preparing for LR and class switching going away. Thank you for eliminating as many half days as possible.
- Ms. Werneke – Thank you
- Ms. Perez – We appreciate feedback and well aware we have an issue in PK-5. We are working to fix this. We are preparing for our 2025-2026 school year and see how we can improve instruction.
- S. Calvino – Why switch buildings if not switching?
- Ms. Martinez – Ask PTO to put out for help with sub coverage.
- Mr. Liebmann – Reviewed sub coverage qualifications.

Ended 8:37 pm

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Ascoli –
 - Finance Committee – working on meeting every two weeks, Governor’s address, 2/25 @ 3:00 pm
 - Tentative adoption 3/20/25;
 - Special meeting for Budget date between 4/24-5/7
 - State aid numbers released this afternoon
- Ms. Pell – updated us about federal grant and changes impacting education
- Mr. McGovern – Liaison as Aberdeen Town Council reviewing items with town and school once a month
- Ms. Ascoli – Liaison as Matawan Council and speak a few times a month to update – budget and demographer

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Ascoli – Phishing emails be cautious
- Ms. Feiles – MAMS March 7-8, Beetlejuice
- Mr. McGovern – 2nd place for Unified Bowling; great night for the Snowballs

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II – N/A

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Skop and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.