

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 March 20, 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
	Mr. McGovern	Mr. Montone
	Ms. Pell	Ms. Skop
	Ms. Spruell	

Absent: Ms. Ascoli, Ms. Feiles

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
 Mr. Rubin, Board 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 35 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:32 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board return to Open Session at 7:10 pm.

VI. MINUTES - None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

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

Email received, Mar 4, 2025, maryelizabeth.germaine@gmail.com, regarding “Facilities”

Email received, Mar 17, 2025, amandaknupp14@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

	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, seven (7) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and two (2) members were absent

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Perez

The NJ Tax Incentive Program for public schools allows districts facing under adequacy funding to apply for an increase in their tax levy. This one-time initiative provides an opportunity for districts to secure additional funding to enhance their ability to deliver a thorough and efficient education. Under the program, the state will contribute \$50,000 for every million dollars raised through the increased tax levy. This funding can help school districts this year and help address the anticipated challenges in their budgets for the upcoming year. Without this support, districts may struggle to meet the standards required for providing a thorough and efficient education to their students next year.

There were 300 districts eligible to apply for this program. 20 districts in Monmouth, which include many of our neighboring towns. The state has \$20 million for this program. Our district is eligible to apply and is awaiting the official application and details. We are told it will be forthcoming. We do know the funds must be used to support a thorough and efficient education for all students - i.e., programs, services, special education, and professional development.

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Werneke

- Reviewed being transparent
- Received full-service Preschool grant and hopeful mitigate costs
- Reviewed Matawan article
- We need substitutes if you know of anyone

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT - None

XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

B. OTHER

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the partnership with Shore District Advertising for the 2025-2026 school year.

Rationale: Shore District Advertising is a marketing and advertising platform for businesses in Monmouth and Ocean counties. The mission of the firm is to provide a service to represented properties (MARSD) and sponsors (businesses/organizations) to achieve their financial, marketing, and advertising goals. Shore District Advertising provides integrated sponsorship services and resources, including but not limited to:

- Naming rights determine value and sales
- Inventory determine value
- Presenting sponsorship sales
- Event, TV/streaming and digital sales
- Invoicing and collections
- Sponsor contract execution
- Sponsorship proposal creation
- Sponsorship inventory and event creation for revenue generation
- Sales expertise and advice
- Industry sales and market research updates when available

Cost: N/A

Account #: N/A

XII. STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Liebmann reviewed the Student Services Agenda requesting the Board take action on Items 1. and 2.

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
Niesz, Hillary	HS	Chemistry Teacher	Resignation	9/1/2022	6/30/2025

B. Leave of Absence - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
DeGennaro, Sara	CO	Transportation Assistant	Medical	With Pay	2/4/25-3/7/25 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 1/23/25
Natale, Gloria	MS	Teacher	Maternity FMLA/NJFLA Personal	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	11/25/24-1/31/25 2/3/25-5/5/25 5/6/25-5/15/25 Amended Dates - Previously Approved

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
					on 10/17/24
Scala, Victoria	CP	Teacher	Maternity	With Pay Without Pay	5/28/25-6/4/25 6/5/25-6/30/25
Walengewicz, Kathleen	CO	School Bus Driver	Medical Medical/FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	10/21/24-11/15/24 11/18/24-2/25/25 Amended Dates - Previously Approved 12/19/24
Wilk, Michelle	MS	Instructional Assistant	Medical	With Pay	2/13/25-3/14/25 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 2/27/25

C. Appointments - 2024/2025 School Year

1. New Hires

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/Reason	Effective Dates
Paone-Hurd, Krysten	MS	Acting Assistant Principal	N/A	\$300/Per Diem	Tyburczy LOA	3/28/25- 4/24/25

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					
Esposito, Matthew	HS	Boys Baseball	Co-Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$3,475.00 Amended Stipend - Previously Approved on 1/23/25	2024/2025 School Year
Non-Athletic Activities					
Hourly Activities					

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

Name	Position	Staff	Activity	Max Hours	Cost/Hr	Total Cost
Posting #3 Colonna, Julianna Hughmanic-Renda, Janet Lenihan, Christine	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 TBD	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

4. Summer Extended School Year Program - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Max Hrs	Cost/Hr
Posting 2791 TBD	Special Education Teachers	Special Education Teachers for ESY Program	Up to 83 hours each	\$50/hr
Posting 2792 TBD	Substitute Special Education Teachers	Substitute Special Education Teachers for ESY Program	As Needed	\$50/hr
Posting 2793 TBD	Instructional Assistants	Instructional Assistants for ESY Program	Up to 80 hours each	Employee’s Hourly Rate
Posting 2794 TBD	Substitute Instructional Assistants	Substitute Instructional Assistants for ESY Program	As Needed	Employee’s Hourly Rate
Posting 2795 TBD	Specialized Reading Instruction Teachers	Specialized Reading Instruction Teachers for ESY Program	Up to 43 hours each	\$50/hr
Posting 2796 TBD	Teachers, CST Members, Related Service Providers, School Counselors	To attend IEP and 504 Meetings	As Needed	\$41.46/hr
Posting 2797 TBD	Related Service Providers	Evaluations	As Needed	\$400/Eval
Posting 2798 TBD	CST Members for Student Contact & Case Management	CST Members for Student Contact & Case Management for ESY Program	Up to 80 hours each	\$50/hr
Posting 2799 TBD	Behaviorists	Behaviorist for ESY Program	Up to 86 hours each	\$50/hr
Posting 2800 TBD	CST Members for Evaluations	Evaluations	As Needed	\$400/Eval
Posting 2801	School Nurse	School Nurse for Preschool	Up to 10 hours	\$41.46/hr

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Max Hrs	Cost/Hr
TBD		Screenings		
Posting 2802 TBD	School Nurses	School Nurses for Summer Programs	Up to 83 hours each	\$50/hr
Posting 2803 TBD	School Counselors	Shared hours to complete 504 updates, scheduling reviews and other tasks at the discretion of the principal	HS: 180 shared MS: 100 shared LR: 30 shared CL: 10 shared RD: 10 shared ST: 10 shared	\$41.46/hr
Posting 2804 TBD	School Bus/Van Drivers	School Bus/Van Drivers for Summer Programs	As Needed	Employee's Hourly Rate
Posting 2805 TBD	Transportation Assistants	Transportation Assistants for Summer Programs	As Needed	Employee's Hourly Rate
Posting 2806 TBD	Substitute School Nurses	Substitute School Nurses for Summer Programs	As Needed	\$50/hr
Posting 2807 TBD	Related Service Providers Speech, OT, PT	Related Service Providers for ESY Program	Up to 83 hours each	\$50/hr
	Related Service Providers Social Workers, School Psychologists	Related Service Providers for ESY Program	Up to 43 hours each	\$50/hr
Posting 2808 TBD	School Nurses	School Nurses for Summer Flex Time	Up to 10 hours each	\$50/hr

5. Summer 2025 Credit Recovery Program - 2025-2026 School Year

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Max Hrs	Cost/Hr
Posting 2809 TBD	High-School Credit Recovery Teachers	Supervise students' online learning and progress monitoring on site.	Up to 50 hours each	\$41.46/hr
Posting 2810 TBD	Middle-School Credit Recovery Teachers	Supervise students' online learning and progress monitoring on site.	Up to 50 hours each	\$41.46/hr

6. Summer 2025 Summer Theater Workshop - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Stipend	Loc
Posting 2811 TBD	<u>Summer 2025 STW Production</u> Director/Coordinator Director Musical Director Vocal Director Production/Design/Construction Production Assistant Choreographer	Director/Coordinator Director Musical Director Vocal Director Production/Design/Construction Production Assistant Choreographer	\$6,820.17 \$6,136.08 \$3,461.91 \$3,461.91 \$4,166.73 \$1,544.39 \$3,078.41	MAMS

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Stipend	Loc
	Choreographer Technical Director School Nurse	Choreographer Technical Director School Nurse	\$3,078.41 \$2,674.17 \$50/hr	

7. 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>161199</u>	Science	MS	Joseph Coppola	2	2	4	2/27/25-3/13/25
161199	Social Studies	MS	Robert Moller	2	2	4	2/27/25-3/13/25
161199	Language Arts	MS	Jennifer Moller	2	2	4	2/27/25-3/13/25
161199	Math	MS	Casey Barilka	2	2	4	2/27/25-3/13/25
<u>170052</u>	Advanced Ceramics	HS	First Children Services	2	13	26	3/10/25-6/13/25
170052	English 4	HS	First Children Services	2	13	26	3/10/25-6/13/25
170052	Grade 12 PE/Health	HS	First Children Services	2	13	26	3/10/25-6/13/25

8. Staff Array Changes - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignments	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason

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

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Friedman, Emily	Amanda Longo, School Counselor	High School School Counselor Practicum & Internship TCNJ Fall 2025 Practicum Spring 2026 Internship
Williams, Devonn	Under the Direction of Principal, Mark Van Horn	Middle School Student Observer BCC ART-CC 3/6/25

10. Volunteers - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date
Kaye, John	HS	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 February 27, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
0	0

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

- Andre Baldasserini, Daphne Binns, Julia Cacciatore, Samantha Calandrino, Robert Carnovsky, Maria Ciaravino, Lauren Cohen, Vanessa DeHart, Deja Gascot, Christopher Harnett, Brenda Itzol, Neil Jackman, Sheryl Kish, Daniel Lordi, Latieffa Mackay, Helen Matthews, Michael Meola, Madison Naimo, Lee Pickell, Janice Quattrocchi, Mary Kate Shalhoub, Tyler Smayda, Haley Vial, Linda Walling, Dylan Warren, Alexis Whitney, Jennifer Wishnick, Jamie Zibbell
Graduation Rain Date 6/21/25 - Time May Change - TBD
Up to 3 hours each at \$25/Hr
Account #11-421-100-178-11-0000-6

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

- Donna Godowski for Graduation Ceremony, Semi Formal, Jr. Prom, & Sr. Prom
Graduation Rain Date 06/21/2025 - Time May Change - TBD
Up to 4 hours each event at \$40/Hr
Account # 11-0000-213-104-11-0000-9

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

- TBD
Graduation Rain Date 06/23/2025 - Time May Change - TBD
Up to 3 hours each at \$25/Hr
Account #11-421-100-178-11-0000-5

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

- TBD, Graduation Ceremony, 8th-Grade Semi Formal
Graduation Rain Date 06/23/2025 - Time May Change - TBD
Up to 4 hours each at \$40/Hr
Account # 11-000-213-104-11-0000-9

6. School Calendar Revision - 2024/2025 School Year

- June 18 Middle School Graduation (Rain Date 06/23/2025 - Time TBD)
- June 19 High School Graduation (Rain Date 06/21/2025 - Time TBD)
(Last day of school except for Middle School and Cliffwood)
- June 18 and 19 Early Dismissal for students and staff
- June 20 School Closed (Changed from June 19 to reflect Federal/State Holiday)
- June 23 last day of school for Middle School and Cliffwood (Due to earlier Water Main Break) - Early Dismissal for students and staff

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

- Employee # 4200 - Administrative Leave w/Pay on 03/07/2025
- Employee # 6249 - Administrative Leave w/Pay on 03/07/2025
- Employee # 6632 - Administrative Leave w/Pay 03/12/2025 -03/18/2025
- Employee # 6764 - Administrative Leave w/Pay 03/18/2025 - 03/27/2025

8. Settlement Agreement for Veterans Pay Back - 2024/2025 School Year

- The Superintendent recommends to approve the settlement agreement for employee # 4345

9. Longevity Adjustment - 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 School Years

- Employee # 4007
2024/2025 School Year: \$700.00
2025/2026 School Year: \$8,500.00

10. Additional Hours - 2024/2025 School Year

- Melissa Falciglia - Professional Development Presenter on 03/05/2025
Up to 3 hours for prep at \$30/hr

XIV. POLICY

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

XV. FINANCE

Ms. Case reviewed the Finance Agenda requesting the Board take action on Items 1., 2. And 3. The remainder of the items will be presented for action at the March 27, 2025 Regular Action Meeting.

Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification - February 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of February 28, 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 February 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 February 14, 2025 in the amount of \$2,298,175.91 and the February 28, 2025 in the amount of \$2,352,551.89 payroll.

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

4. Receipt and Acceptance of the February 2025 Board Secretary’s Report

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of February 28, 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 February 28, 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.

5. Treasurer’s Report - February 2025

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

6. Approve Appropriation Transfers

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the transfers attached.

7. Approve Bills

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

8. Acceptance of Donation from Griffin Leibell, DrinkCirkul.com

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from Griffin Leibell, DrinkCirkul.com valued at \$800.00 for Lloyd Road give-a-ways for families at parent night.

9. Acceptance of Donation from an Anonymous Donor

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from an anonymous donor valued at \$621.70 for the negative balances of two (2) students.

10. Acceptance of Donation from Ocean County Student Assistance Counselors (SAC’s)

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

11. Fire and Evacuation Drills

The following Fire and Evacuation Drill occurred during February 2025

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/3/25 @ 2:16 pm
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Lockdown	2/5/25 @ 2:12 pm
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/3/25 @ 10:35 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Lockdown - Active Shooter	2/11/25 @ 2:15 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	2/7/25 @ 9:30 am
Matawan Regional High School	Lockdown - Active Shooter	2/27/25 @ 1:45 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Shelter in Place	2/18/25 @ 10:49 am
Lloyd road Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/18/25 @ 1:34 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Lockdown/Active Shooter	2/11/25 @ 2:14 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	2/14/25 @ 8:45 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/4/25 @ 2:04 pm
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Shelter in Place (Bomb Threat)	2/28/25 @ 10:44 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/11/25 @ 10:28 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Medical Emergency	2/25/25 @ 2:17 pm

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL ITEMS

7:50 pm

- C. Santora (Aberdeen) – The dates for the Aberdeen Council and school dates for meetings do align and then we have to make a decision.
- Ms. Werneke – We will work on this and with the towns.
- C. Santora – Use bus #133 and its very icy on the sidewalk of the field
- Ms. Case – The town owns the field
- M. Pearl (Aberdeen) – 3 issues: 1. CP drop off and pick up. It does not have signage. 2. School lunches and my child wants the muffin bag and the fee for the credit card. 3 – Daughter is bringing home so many papers, use workbooks.
- Ms. Case – Thank you for the information about arrival and dismissal. You can send in a check to the school.
- M. Germaine (Matawan) – HS bathrooms and in the girls bathroom with missing titles, gross and are there capital improvements in the budget.
- Ms. Perez- We are including repairs to the budget
- M. Germaine – The day in the ceramic class needing clay
- Ms. Case – Reviewed QSAC, facilities, long range facilities with architects and clay for the ceramics class.
- C. Santora – Concerned about the low-income housing and incentive for the builders. Aberdeen is voting on changing an area into residential housing. Did the study get released?
- Ms. Perez – Hoping that we have it by the end of the year.
- Ms. Werneke – Utilizing demographer with the architect long range facility planning
- Ms. Martinez – Mr. McGovern can you work with town about this?
- Ms. Pell – The demographer is looking at the current zoning and does complete the report outcome based on what is released at the time.
- M. Pearle – Other districts have an incentive attendance for staff.
- Ms. Perez – We have that in our contract and staff do receive it.

8:30 pm

XVII. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Motion by Ms. Skop, seconded by Ms. Pell 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.1. 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
REVISED - Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ	March 18, 2025 (new date - previously approved 08/19/24)	MS Gr. 6-8 MD Students & Staff	Students will explore and learn various science topics and engage in interactive exhibits. Help with students'	Student Services Budget (CBI)

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose	Funding
			social skills.	
NEW - Red Bank Regional High School, Little Silver, NJ	April 8, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 Band Students & Staff	This trip will allow students of the concert band to participate in a combined group ensemble with other area high school bands. Students will also receive critique and workshops from visiting band directors.	School Budget
NEW - Cambridge Park Elementary School, Aberdeen, NJ	April 9, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 NHS, Volunteer Club or Key Club Students & Advisors	Students are volunteering to work with preschool students during the Week of the Young Child science activity.	PEA Funds
NEW - Seven Presidents Park, Long Branch, NJ	May 8 & 9, 2025	RD PreK Students & Staff	Students will be introduced to the ocean and its inhabitants through hands-on activities, crafts, and exploration.	PTO Funds
REVISED - Longstreet Farm, Holmdel, NJ	May 8, 2025 (new date)	ST Kindergarten Students & Staff	Visit Longstreet Farm to support science units on plants and animals	PTO Funds
NEW - ASL Fun Day, Ewing, NJ	May 21, 2025	HS Gr. 9-12 American Sign Language Club Students & Advisor	This field trip will provide Advanced ASL Club students with a full ASL immersion experience, reinforcing their language skills and cultural understanding in an authentic setting.	School Budget
NEW - Monmouth University, Long Branch, NJ	May 28, 2025	HS IEP & REACH Students, Staff & CST	Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference	Student Services Budget (CBI)

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose	Funding
REVISED - Shore Lanes Bowling, Ocean, NJ and Juanito’s Restaurant, Red Bank, NJ	May 29, 2025 (new date)	HS Gr. 9-12 World Cuisine Students & Staff	Celebration of Mexican Culture & Cuisine	Paid by Students/Families
REVISED - Cheesequake State Park, Matawan, NJ	May 29, 2025 (new date)	HS Gr. 9-12 Science Classes & Staff	Application of APES Concepts, Environmental Stewardship	School Budget
REVISED - Jenkinson’s Aquarium, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ	June 3, 2025 (new date)	RD Kindergarten Students & Staff	Observe the environment of plants and animals. Identify examples of how plants and animals change their environment. Identify examples of human impact on land, water, air, and other living things.	PTO Funds
REVISED - Broadway, New York, NY	June 11, 2025 (new date)	HS Gr. 9-12 Thespian Honor Society Students & Advisors	Thespian Theatre Workshop Trip	Club Funds

	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, seven (7) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and two (2) members were absent

STUDENT SERVICES

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

1. 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
161629	LearnWell	\$2,320.00	2/21/25-3/21/25

Cost: \$2,320.00 **Account#** 11-150-100-320-09-0000-0

2. 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
Children's Center	\$889.32	6/1/24-6/30/24

Cost: \$889.32 **Account#:** 11-000-100-566-09-0000-0

	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, seven (7) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and two (2) members were absent

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Martinez seconded by Mr. McGovern 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
Kaeser, Regina	CO: 1.00	Transportation Dispatcher	CO: 1.00	Acting Transportation Supervisor - Differential pay \$134.10 per diem	3/13/25-6/30/25 Or until position is filled

	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, seven (7) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and two (2) members were absent

POLICY

Motion by Ms. Skop, seconded by Ms. Pell 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
5000	Students	R 5410	Promotion and Retention	March 20, 2025
5000	Students	P 5533	Student Smoking	March 20, 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, seven (7) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and two (2) members were absent

FINANCE

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

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

1. Tentative Budget Approval - Fiscal Year 2025-2026

The Superintendent recommends the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2025-2026:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025-2026 School Year using the 2025-2026 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 budget supported by a general fund local tax levy in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$82,970,838
Special Revenue Fund	\$9,708,838
Debt Service Fund	\$2,700,430
Total Budget	\$95,380,106

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approves the tax levy to be raised in the following amounts:

	Total	Matawan	Aberdeen
General Fund	\$64,805,698	\$20,494,950	\$44,310,748
Debt Service Fund	\$2,369,505	\$749,361	\$1,620,144
Total Taxes to be Raised	\$67,175,203	\$21,244,311	\$45,930,892

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing be held at the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education located at Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ 07747 on April 24, 2025 at 7pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Adjustment for HEALTH CARE COSTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$334,094. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

Use of Banked Cap

BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The

district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$216,251 for the purpose of a thorough and efficient education. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2026.

Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-12.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$650,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

Emergency Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that the general fund appropriations include a \$60,000 withdrawal from the Emergency Reserve Account for cameras to improve school security in the district.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education 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:23A-7.3 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, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education established \$153,511 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$31,808 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursement in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$143,515 for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. Tuition costs for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the tuition costs for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Grade	Cost
Kindergarten	\$16,902.00
Grades 1-5	\$17,849.00
Grades 6-8	\$19,249.00
Grades 9-12	\$18,236.00
Language Learning Disability (Mild to Moderate)	\$21,779.00
Emotional Regulation Impairment (Behavioral Disability)	\$16,543.00
Autism	\$43,549.00
Multiple Disability	\$14,307.00

Grade	Cost
Preschool Disabled – FT	\$27,813.00
KEYS - SPED	\$57,527.00
KEYS - General	\$25,000.00
REACH	\$42,483.00

3. Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) 2025-2026

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the Preschool Expansion Aid funding for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$8,098,205.

Preschool Education Aid (PEA)	\$7,695,415
Prior Year PEA Carryover	\$16,990
Minimum Amount for PSD in General Ed Classrooms	\$321,500
2025-2026 Total Preschool Funding	\$8,033,905

	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, seven (7) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and two (2) members were absent

XVIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Spruell – provided a Finance Committee update
- Mr. McGovern – Aberdeen Town Council Liaison – YMCA Summer Program, tentative budget
- Matawan Town Council received the same information

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Skop – KEYS Program discussion, time off by staff
- Ms. Spruell – the Middle School play was incredible
- Ms. Skop – High School Night of the Arts was amazing

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 30 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 8:32 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Skop, seconded by Mr. McGovern that the Board return to Open Session at 9:06 pm.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Skop, seconded by Ms. Pell and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:07pm.