

MISSION STATEMENT: To foster a safe and equitable 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/REGULAR ACTION MEETING was held on April 10, 2025, Matawan Regional High School, 450 Atlantic Ave., Aberdeen, NJ.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Ms. Werneke called the Special Meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

“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 April 7, 2025 in the Asbury Park Press. 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’ website.

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. Spruell

Absent: Ms. Skop

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

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 if necessary. Action may take place.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez seconded by Ms. Spruell that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:35 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Pell, seconded by Ms. Ascoli that the Board return to Open Session at 7:02 pm.

VI. MINUTES

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

- Workshop Meet and Greet Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2025
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2025
- Executive Session I & II Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2025
- Regular Action Meeting Minutes, February 27, 2025
- Executive Session I and II Meeting Minutes, February 27, 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, one (1) member was absent.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

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

Email received, March 28, 2025, nikhmwtz59@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received, April 4, 2025, mariamyzaky@gmail.com, regarding “Student Services”

Email received, April 4, 2025, kerianne catalano.islandeye@gmail.com, regarding “Transportation”

Email received, April 4, 2025, rebecca.c.mooney@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received, April 4, 2025, brflanders@comcast.net, regarding “Other”

Email received, April 5, 2025, Lmwhite1010@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction; Student Services; Program Services”

Email received, April 6, 2025, kerikoo@aol.com, regarding “Transportation”

Email received, April 7, 2025, aysha.flash@gmail.com, regarding “Transportation”

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Perez

- None

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Werneke

Clear up some misinformation -

1. The town budget and the school budget are completely different. The town collects the local funding portion of the school budget through our property taxes and then delivers that to the district.

2. There have been many calls to “audit the town” - I think what that means is audit the school district. We are required by the state to conduct an annual audit. It is done by an independent outside auditing firm and their expertise is school district finances. The objective is to verify the accuracy of the school's financial statements, ensure proper accounting practices, and identify mismanagement or misuse of funds. This annual state requirement starts each July and ends in January, and includes an audit of our books, accounts, and funds. 2020-21 had seven audit findings, 2021-22 had two, and 2022-23 had one finding, which was simply having too much money in the lunch account and had to be spent, and was, on food service activities. (Unfortunately, this could not be used on lunch debt.) Many thanks to our business administrator as we have zero findings for the year's

23-24 audit. In addition to that we have to show our books to the state so there is a lot of accountability on the district.

3. We also hear a lot about calls to eliminate administrator positions, especially in central office. The fact is we have the fewest number of central office positions we have had in many years. We have been able to reduce these high level and highly compensated positions by seven roles in last several years over all of many of our school buildings and central office through attrition, streamlining roles, dividing duties, moving director level positions to supervisor level and other creative solutions. Today we have a superintendent, assistant superintendent, director of personnel and business administrator in central office. These four positions have taken on many of the duties of those positions that were reduced, because the state mandates us to have certain roles in place including a security specialist, HIB (harassment intimidation and bullying) oversight, and now an AI specialist, among others. They are highly experienced professionals who are basically on call 24/7. Due to the diligence and efforts of this teams, the district was able to submit a fully funded budget to the county on March 21st – BEFORE any tax levy increase was presented to us.

4. When it comes to the tax levy - I will say that it's disappointing that the state would put the board in the position of having to make the difficult decision to raise taxes on members of both of our municipalities, in effect taking away your voice in the process.

5. I would like to thank the members of the board who have been diligent in diving into all of the information and finances of our budget as well as carefully considering the option of the tax levy. We've put in many hours and many conversations with district leadership who have provided us everything we have asked for. There is so much that goes into this work but the community should know that it is not something any of us take lightly.

6. Lastly, I wanted to wish Ms. Martinez our VP a happy birthday and congratulate Ms Lindsey Tuebner our student representative on her decision to attend MY alma mater, the college of NJ with a major in speech pathology and audiology.

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - LINDAY TEUBNER

Good evening. To begin, at the high school, tonight is the Husky Hero Volleyball Showdown from 6-8 PM. Students, alumni, faculty, and our local police, fire, and EMS departments are all competing in the volleyball games. We cannot wait to see which team will win in the end! This past week, homerooms have been participating in the "Make a 'Change' Challenge" for Breakthrough T1D (formerly known as Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) which was organized by 9th grader Ryan Youncofski. The class that raises the most loose change will win breakfast from Main Street Donuts after spring break. Husky's Closet is still offering gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for students. Prom dresses are available in a wide variety of sizes and colors. Reach out to Ms. Longo in Room 600 if you have any questions or are interested. Please join the MRHS Field Hockey Team at their Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebees on Sunday, May 4th from 8-10 AM. Contact the field hockey team directly for more information and to buy tickets. The Husky Touchdown Club is selling lawn signs for graduating seniors once again this year. All orders must be received by Friday, May 2nd. Lastly, for the high school, the Senior Achievement Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd at 6 PM. Stay tuned for more information!

Next up, Lloyd Road Elementary School is excited to announce that all current 5th grade students will be taking a trip to visit Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School on Tuesday, June 3rd from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. This visit will include a presentation by MAMS teachers, counselors, and admin, along with a guided building tour, and time for a Q&A. This June student orientation will be in addition to the MAMS 6th Grade Family Orientation session that takes place at the end of August when rising 6th graders visit the middle school with their families just before the opening of school. On April 9th, Lloyd Road held its 2nd Annual STEM Night which was a night of hands-on fun that included experiments and engineering design challenges. Thank you to all of our families, students, and staff who supported this great night! Lloyd Road Elementary School recently shared a "Save-the-Date" Flyer with all families to assist in tracking the various end of year events they have coming up. They are excited for their Family Game Night taking place on Wednesday, May 9th which will include Jeopardy, Pyramid, SEL Bingo, and a special Escape Room. Lloyd Road is also looking forward to their PTO Color Run Event taking place on April 29th at 5pm. Finally, they are planning a movie night under the stars this May. Please mark your calendars for these events and be on the lookout for updates.

Moving on, Cliffwood would like to celebrate the wonderful activities and experiences that have brought their school together this month. A huge thank you to Ms. Dittloff, Cliffwood's incredible music teacher, for organizing

March Music Madness! Each morning, students enjoyed listening to and voting on their favorite songs. They are excited to announce that this year's winning song is "Pink Pony Club," nominated by Mrs. Anderson's class—congratulations! They kicked off the One School, One Book program with *Adventure According to Humphrey*. It has been truly heartwarming to see students reading in the hallways, classrooms, and excitedly discussing Humphrey's adventures. The joy of reading as a school community is something special! Don't forget—students who submit their chapter questions every Tuesday and Thursday have a chance to win fun prizes. They had their first winners last week and look forward to celebrating more lucky participants! During this month, Cliffwood will focus on autism acceptance, disability awareness, and diverse learners through engaging activities that promote understanding, inclusion, and celebration of differences. Wednesday, April 2nd was World Autism Acceptance Day and all students were encouraged to wear blue or tie-dye to show their support. Throughout the week of April 7th, students participated in activities like differentiating between facts and myths about neurodiversity, visiting a specially designed classroom to work hands-on with diverse learning experiences, and designing infinity symbols to represent the infinite diversity within the autism spectrum. Cliffwood is also thrilled to announce a schoolwide mural project to beautify the storage trailer near the playground and parking lot! Their 3rd grade students will take the lead by participating in a design contest. Once the design is chosen, Cliffwood students—along with the MAMS Art Club—will bring it to life by painting the mural. They cannot wait to see the creativity of their students shine through in this special project! Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Next up is Ravine Drive! At the end of March, they were able to honor their monthly Remarkable Roadrunners with a breakfast and each student selected was able to invite a special guest. The excitement of the students and the joy on their faces was truly tremendous throughout the morning. Ravine's PTO sponsored their Dinosaurs Rock Assembly on April 7th. Students and staff loved this engaging event. Thank you to the Matawan-Aberdeen Education Foundation for introducing this organization to our district and for the authentic learning experiences it is bringing to Ravine Drive Elementary School. When they return from Spring Break, they will have their next assembly, a performance by the Garden State Percussion Trio. Ravine has the opportunity to see this performance based on a grant that was awarded to their music teacher, Mx. Piedilato. Finally, Ravine is looking forward to both their Mother's Day Plant Sale on Friday, May 9th and Color Run on Thursday, May 16th. They hope to see you there. Ravine wishes everyone a spectacular spring break! Happy Passover and Happy Easter to all our families and community members celebrating.

At Strathmore, the PTO sponsored another great schoolwide assembly - The ABCs of Hip Hop - where students were taken on a fun, multimedia trip through the world of creative writing. There was a lot of dancing and all of the students had so much fun! Strathmore celebrated the Week of the Young Child, April 7th - 11th, with theme activities each day including Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday which is tomorrow. Upon returning from spring break, Strathmore is excited to begin preparations for spring activities, including the stepping-up ceremonies, fun days, and many end-of-year activities for the 3rd grade students.

Furthermore, at MAMS, the multicultural club will be creating a diversity quilt during the month of April. Students may create a square to represent their own culture, traditions, holidays, languages, clothing, landmarks, and more. Individual student pieces will be assembled by the club to create a single quilt which celebrates the diverse cultures present at MAMS. We look forward to seeing the finished product! Did you know that MAMS has a new official Instagram account? Check out the nearly daily posts and stay informed about the great things happening at the middle school by following @mams_spotlight.

Finally, Cambridge Park also celebrated the 'week of the young child' April 7th-11th. On Music Monday, Cambridge Park staff and students took a walking trip to Lloyd Road School where they were entertained by the very talented Lloyd Road Chorus and band students. Many Cambridge Park students felt it was the best show they had ever seen! Next was Tasty Tuesday. This fun, food-themed day was about more than just cheese and crackers. Cooking together helped students in connecting math with literacy skills, science, and more. On Work Together Wednesday, high school students from MRHS came to Cambridge Park to assist with fun and educational STEAM activities. On Artsy Thursday, Cambridge celebrated the joy and learning children experience when engaging in creative art making. Tomorrow at Cambridge is Family Friday! Students have invited family members to their school for 'bring your adult to school day'! This will be so much fun for all involved! This concludes 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. Martinez, seconded by Mr. McGovern 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 - New Providence HS, New Providence, NJ JP Case Middle School, Flemington, NJ	April 26, 2025 & May 3, 2025	MS Gr. 6-8 Choral Students & Staff	Students will participate in the choral festival.	N/A to district. Any costs will be paid by parents.
REVISED - TCNJ, Ewing, NJ	May 29, 2025 (new date)	HS Gr. 9-12 ASL Students & Staff	To provide Advanced ASL Club Students with a full ASL immersion experience.	School Budget
NEW - Matawan Aberdeen Middle School, Cliffwood, NJ	June 3, 2025	LR Gr. 5 Student & Staff	Student Orientation Students will visit the middle school.	School Budget
NEW - Matawan Regional High School, Aberdeen, NJ	May 27 & 28, 2025	MS Gr. 8 Students & Staff	8th grade students will visit MRHS to transition them to high school.	School Budget
NEW - Lloyd Road School, Aberdeen, NJ	May 15, 2025	ST Gr. 3 Students & Staff	Rehearsal for 3rd grade concert	School Budget

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Feiles	X		X		Abstained from travel section of agenda
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, one (1) member abstained from the Travel section of the agenda and one (1) member was absent.

XII. STUDENT SERVICES

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

Motion by Ms. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Spruell to approve 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
171414	Brookfield School	\$21,344.00	2/12/25-6/30/25
165437	LearnWell	\$580.00	3/28/25-4/04/25

Cost: \$21,924.00

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

XIII. PERSONNEL

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

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:

A. Leave of Absence - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Alvarez, Dawn	RD	Teacher	Medical/FMLA	With Pay	3/18/25-3/24/25 ½ Day AM
				Without Pay	3/24/25 ½ Day PM -5/9/25
Hassanin, Ahmed	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Personal	With Pay	4/22/25-5/23/25
Jerabek, Joseph	ST	Principal	Medical/FMLA	Without Pay	5/23/25-6/30/25
Pra Sisto, Samantha	HS	Teacher	Maternity	With Pay	3/31/25-5/9/25
			Maternity/FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	5/12/25-6/30/25
			FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	9/1/25-10/6/25 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 12/19/24
Scala, Victoria	CP	Teacher	Maternity	With Pay	5/28/25-6/3/25
			Maternity/FMLA	Without Pay	6/4/25-6/30/25 Amended - Previously Approved on 3/27/25 - Added Type of Leave for W/O Pay

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

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Kelly, Lauren	ST	Acting Principal	A1	\$146,761.44 (Prorated)	Jerabek Leave	5/23/25-6/30/25

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

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

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
Acosta, Alycia	MS	Intramural Basketball	Coach	\$1,045.00	2024/2025 School Year
Tarrazi, Dylan	MS	Intramural Basketball	Coach	\$1,045.00	2024/2025 School Year

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

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Max Hrs	Cost/Hr
Posting 2791 Barrett, Edward Budner, Bethany Burlew, Briana Carter, Katelyn Ciambuschini, Dina Dhume, Valerie Fielder, Charnell Fisco, Kristen Foti, Stephanie Gerding, Chrystal Krumich, Erica Mackey, Latieffa Moller, Alexis Osipowitz, Beth Perchuk, Tara Renda, Janet Santos, LoriAnn Sloan, Michelle Small, Alexandra Smith, Siobhan Sniffen, Alan Thorpe, Jacqueline Wishnick, Jennifer Whitney, Alexis Wilensky, Daniel	Special Education Teachers	Special Education Teachers for ESY Program	Up to 83 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 2792 Carter, Katelyn Foti, Stephanie Fowler, Michelle Leonard, Keelyn Santos, Lisa Scatorchia, Brianna Yemi-Forli, Maria	Substitute Special Education Teachers	Substitute Special Education Teachers for ESY Program	As Needed	\$51.83/hr
Posting 2793 Bocchieri, Michelle Collins, Sharon	Instructional Assistants	Instructional Assistants for ESY Program	Up to 80 hours each	Employee's Hourly Rate

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Max Hrs	Cost/Hr
Dahlquist, Sheena DeGuzman, Rosewynne Dela Rosa Hona, Lara Donaghue, Lori Elmendorf, Jennifer Harnett, Matthew Kelahan, Jean Kruzik, Jacqueline Patel, Payal Pedersen, Joyce Sagino, Melissa Schueller, Melanie Scianna, Madeline Uljaj, Lirije Walsh, Nancy Wietecha, Corrine Yemi-Forli, Maria				
Posting 2795 Colao, Raquel Longo, Andrea	Specialized Reading Instruction Teachers	Specialized Reading Instruction Teachers for ESY Program	Up to 43 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 2796 Bauer, Jennifer Binns, Daphne Budner, Bethany Burlew, Brianna Carter, Katelyn Chodkiewicz, Beth Ciambuschini, Dina D'Angelo, Christine Fisco, Kristen Foti, Stephanie Frye, Christine Gallagher, Amy Gerding, Chrystal Gumina, Linda Hollinger, Jessica Krumich, Erica LaPlaga, Alyssa Leonard, Keelyn Maretta, Gianna Martignoni, Alison Miles, Lauren Murray, Paula Nangano, Jennifer Dr. Racioppi, Bernadette Reistrom, Meghan Rocco, Sandra Sacommondo, Kristina Sandner, Nicole Santos, Lisa Sidley, Kate Sloan, Michelle Thorpe, Jacqueline Wilson, Tara Wishnick, Jennifer Zibbell, James	Teachers, CST Members, Related Service Providers, School Counselors	To attend IEP and 504 Meetings	As Needed	\$41.46/hr

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Max Hrs	Cost/Hr
Zupkus, Emily Dr.				
Posting 2797 Bauer, Jennifer D'Angelo, Christine Gallagher, Amy Gumina, Linda LaPlaga, Alyssa Racioppi, Bernadette Roman, Lauren Sidley, Kate	Related Service Providers	Evaluations	As Needed	\$400/Eval
Posting 2798 Binns, Daphne Hollinger, Jessica Miles, Lauren Nangano, Jennifer Dr. Saccomondo, Kristina Zibbell, James	CST Members for Student Contact & Case Management	CST Members for Student Contact & Case Management for ESY Program	Up to 80 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 2799 Falciglia, Melissa	Behaviorists	Behaviorist for ESY Program	Up to 86 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 2800 Alvarez, Rachel Binns, Daphne Frye, Christine Haney Gerard Hollinger, Jessica Jimenez, Dominique Marretta, Gianna Martignoni, Alison Miles, Lauren Nangano, Jennifer Dr. Saccomondo, Kristina Sandner, Nicole Schaffer, Kathleen Zibbell, James Zupkus, Emily Dr.	CST Members for Evaluations	Evaluations	As Needed	\$400/Eval
Posting 2801 Moore, Susan	School Nurse	School Nurse for Preschool Screenings	Up to 10 hours	\$41.46/hr
Posting 2802 Mallozzi, Catharina Moore, Susan	School Nurses	School Nurses for Summer Programs	Up to 83 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 2803 Bennett, Adrian Connelly, Taylor DeCosta, Florence Feen, Kathy Giacchi, Gabrielle Grieci, Jessica Longo, Amanda LoStocco, Justine McKurth, Daryl Palumbo, Christine Pietrangelo, Morgan Tay, Kathleen	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 Bartolotta, Geena Damico, Victor	School Bus/Van Drivers	School Bus/Van Drivers for Summer Programs	As Needed	Employee's Hourly Rate

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Max Hrs	Cost/Hr
Easterday, JoAnn Fineran, Melissa Hampton, Kim Hampton, Stacy Hassanin, Ahmed Hudson, Sharon Kobylanski, Alison McCarthy, Donna Nicholson, Joyce Poulsen, Nicole Ramirez, Yefferson Ramsey, Holly Tatarka, Stephen				
Posting 2805 Chevalier, Davina De Gennaro, Sara Evans, Colleen Field, Diane Hulse, Kathleen Weaver, Mary Weber, Melissa	Transportation Assistants	Transportation Assistants for Summer Programs	As Needed	Employee's Hourly Rate
Posting 2806 Regler, Margaret	Substitute School Nurses	Substitute School Nurses for Summer Programs	As Needed	\$51.83/hr
Posting 2807 Bauer, Jennifer Gallagher, Amy Gumina, Linda LaPlaga, Alyssa Racioppi, Bernadette	Related Service Providers Speech, OT, PT Related Service Providers Social Workers, School Psychologists	Related Service Providers for ESY Program Related Service Providers for ESY Program	Up to 83 hours each Up to 43 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 2808 Caldwell, Sheila – CL Godowski, Donna – HS Johnson, Alexa – CP Mallozzi, Catharina – ST Moore, Susan – RD Regler, Margaret – LR Saul, Sonia – MS	School Nurses	School Nurses for Summer Flex Time	Up to 12 hours each	Employee's Hourly Rate

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

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Max Hrs	Cost/Hr
Posting 2809 Harnett, Christopher Cohen, Lauren Hughes, Matthew Longo, Amanda Moller, Jennifer Walsh, Heather Walsh, Matthew	High-School Credit Recovery Teachers	Supervise students' online learning and progress monitoring on site.	Up to 100 hours shared at principal's discretion	\$41.46/hr

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

Name	Position	Loc	Salary	Account #	Effective Dates
Ajoy, Betty	IA as Substitute Teacher	ST	Per MAREA Contract*	11-120-100-101-11-0002-9	9/1/24-6/30/25

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

6. 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>162990</u>	Lab Chemistry	HS	Robert Carnovsky	2	10	20	4/7/25-6/19/25
162990	Grade 10 Physical Education	HS	Shannon Claudio	2	10	20	4/7/25-6/19/25
162990	English 2	HS	Jennifer Moller	2	10	20	4/7/25-6/19/25
162990	Geometry	HS	Julia Cacciatore	2	10	20	4/7/25-6/19/25
162990	US History 1	HS	Mark Brubaker	2	10	20	4/7/25-6/19/25

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 March 27, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
1	1

2. Substitute School Nurse Additional Pay - 2024/2025 School Year

- Nicole Update, Substitute School Nurse
Up to 6 additional hours to attend the MAMS Field Trip to Wicked on 04/30/2025
(Bus scheduled to return to MAMS at 7:30 PM)

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

- Employee # 6764 - Administrative Leave w/Pay 04/11/2025 - 05/08/2025

4. Black Seal Boiler Operator's License Stipend - 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 School Years

- John Poplawski, Maintenance Mechanic
To be paid \$758.00 for each year, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025, for a total of \$1,516.00

5. Summer Practices, Camps, and Clinics - 2025/2026 School Year

- As per the NJSIAA Constitution, all Coaches are permitted to coach/instruct their teams during the "Summer Recess Period". The "Summer Recess Period" begins on the Monday after the last scheduled Spring NJSIAA event until August 31st. Student-Athletes are permitted to attend multiple athletic team practices during this time period. For example, a Student-Athlete can attend both baseball practices and football practices scheduled during the "Summer Recess Period."
All Coaches have been instructed that all Multi-Sport Athletes who participate in a Fall Sport are permitted to practice only with their Fall Sport, starting on August 11th in the sport of football and tennis, and on August 18th, in all other Fall sports, in accordance with the official NJSIAA approved start dates for the Fall Sports Season. On their start dates, Coaches will begin to follow the NJSIAA required NATA Pre-Season Heat Acclimatization Guidelines for Secondary School Athletics.

The following Extra-Curricular Coaches & Advisors have requested approval to coach/instruct their Student-Athletes during the “Summer Recess Period” by offering the opportunity for members of their teams to participate in organized practices, camps, clinics, and leagues. All Student-Athletes participating will be required to have an updated Sports-Physical on file.

Fall Extra-Curricular Sports & Clubs

Football / Boys Soccer / Girls Soccer / Field Hockey / Boys Cross Country / Girls Cross Country / Girls Tennis / Girls Volleyball / Cheerleading / Dance / Marching Band / Color Guard / Esports / Unified Special Olympics & Challenger

Winter Extra-Curricular Sports & Clubs

Boys Basketball / Girls Basketball / Wrestling / Boys Winter Track & Field / Girls Winter Track & Field / Bowling / Winter Guard / Esports / Cheerleading / Dance

Spring Extra- Curricular Sports & Clubs

Baseball / Softball / Boys Track & Field / Girls Track & Field / Boys Tennis / Boys Volleyball / Intramural Golf / Girls Flag Football / Esports

PERSONNEL - WALK-IN ITEM

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

1. Leave of Absence - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Bera, Kelly	CP	Principal	Medical	With Pay	4/22/25-9/1/25
Meany, Karen	RD	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	4/22/25-5/14/25

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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, one (1) member was absent.

XIV. POLICY

- None

XV. FINANCE - Discussed the Tax Levy Incentive

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

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

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - March 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of March 31, 2025, after review of the Secretary's 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 March 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 March 14, 2025 in the amount of \$2,253,312.08 and the March 28, 2025 in the amount of \$2,262,011.30 payroll.

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

1. Receipt and Acceptance of the March 2025 Board Secretary's Report

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of March 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 March 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 - March 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 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 \$3,454,430.83.

5. Application Submission – Additional Expenditures and Tax Incentive Aid

Whereas, in the proposed FY2026 State Budget, certain districts have the opportunity to apply to the Commission of Education to increase expenditures, including an allocation of Tax Levy Incentive Aid, in order to satisfy the thoroughness and efficiency standards established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-46.

Whereas, Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is below local fair share and spending below adequacy to be eligible to participate in this program.

Whereas, Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is eligible to increase expenditures by \$1,050,000 and qualify for Tax Levy Incentive Aid in the amount of \$50,000.

Whereas, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is requesting the approval to increase expenditures based on the following reasons: curriculum and instruction materials/subscriptions and mental health services.

Therefore, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education is approving the submission of this application to the Commissioner of Education.

6. Preschool Classroom Square Footage Facilities Waiver

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the submission of the application to the Executive County Superintendent for Monmouth County, Preschool Square Footage Classroom Facilities Waiver for the following school/classrooms:

School	Classroom	Instructional	Bath	Storage	Total
Cambridge Park	1-9	850	15	62	927
	13-22	812	15	62	889
Ravine Dr	13	784	20	45	849
	14	784	25	45	854
	15	840	30	40	910
	16-18	840	N/A	40	880
Strathmore	27	860	20	0	880
	33	840	20	0	860

7. Acceptance of Donation from Doreen Jorgensen

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from Doreen Jorgensen valued at \$1,200 for a Yamaha Tenor Saxophone.

8. Fire and Evacuation Drills

The following Fire and Evacuation Drill occurred during March 2025

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/6/25 @ 9:10 am
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Medical Emergency - Shelter in Place	3/14/25 @ 2:15 pm
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/11/25 @ 12:15 pm
Cliffwood Elementary School	Medical Emergency	3/25/25 @ 10:00 am
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	3/4/25 @ 1:22 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Shelter in Place - (Medical Emergency)	3/26/25 @ 9:17 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/11/25 @ 9:56 am
Lloyd road Elementary School	Lockdown	3/27/25 @ 10:50 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Bomb Threat	3/3/25 @ 9:50 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	3/26/25 @ 9:30 am
Ravine DriveElementary School	Lockdown (Active Shooter)	3/4/25 @ 9:41 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/10/25 @ 2:06 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/19/25 @ 2:15 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Active Shooter - Lockdown	3/27/25 @ 1:29 pm

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X	X			Nay to Item #5
Ms. Feiles	X	X			Nay to Item #5
Mr. McGovern	X	X			Nay to Item #5
Mr. Montone	X	X			Nay to Item #5
Ms. Pell	X	X			Nay to Item #5
Ms. Skop				X	
Ms. Spruell	X	X			Nay to Item #5
Ms. Martinez	X	X			Nay to Item #5
Ms. Werneke	X	X			Nay to Item #5

On a roll call vote, eight (8) members voted yes, eight (8) members voted no to Item # 5, one (1) member was absent.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Started 7:55 pm

- A Board discussion ensued regarding the tax levy
- M. Potter (IA @ CP) - Thank you for the last few days and students have to love school. With what's going on in the world everyone is afraid and doesn't want people to move out.
- C. Barilka - (Farmingdale) - Are we required to provide a balanced budget every year
- Ms. Case - Yes
- Ms. Pell - There are changes every year and it might not be at the kid level.
- Ms. Werneke - It could be, the state needs to fix the formula. Kicking the can down the road in hopes it's fixed.
- Ms. Martinez - In my opinion, we have exhausted where we can cut. If something doesn't change there will be cuts.
- Ms. Werneke - We are pushing the other revenue sources. Such as shared Services and banners.
- Ms. Spruell - Sitting with a knot in my stomach and don't want to cut staff in 2026-2027.
- C. Barilka - Coerced the town to go back to working with the school again.
- Ms. Werneke - Bond referendum would be for facilities or second questions for operational cuts.
- Ms. Pell - It needs to be for T&E.

Ended 8:13 pm

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Spruell - Stem night at Lloyd Road was incredible

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

- None

XIX. 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 if necessary. Action may take place.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez seconded by Ms. Feiles that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 8:14 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board return to Open Session at 8:47 pm.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Pell and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.