

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

**REGULAR ACTION MEETING** was held on April 24, 2025, Matawan Regional High School, 450 Atlantic Ave., Aberdeen, NJ.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President, Ms. Werneke called the Regular Action Meeting to order at 6:32 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 24, 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. Skop
	Ms. Spruell	

Absent:

Also	Ms. Perez, Superintendent of Schools
Present:	Ms. Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
	Mr. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent for School Administration PreK-12
	Mr. Rubin, Board Attorney

## **V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Be It Resolved, that a closed session be convened for the purpose of discussing Privacy, Personnel Matters and Legal Advice. 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 45 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 6:33 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Pell, seconded by Ms. Skop that the Board return to Open Session at 7:12 pm.

**VI. MINUTES**

- None

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD**

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

Email received April 16, 2025, marianazregan@gmail.com, regarding “04-24 BOE”

Email received April 17, 2025, marianazregan@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction”

Email received April 22, 2025, marianazregan@gmail.com, regarding “4-24 BOE”

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Perez**

Good Evening

Spring Break and now the countdown has begun with all the wonderful celebrations as we close out the school year. Yesterday was the NHS 2025 Induction, and tonight is the Junior Prom.

I would like to share the importance of safety to and from school. Unfortunately, we had a recent incident where a student was hit by a car. Thankfully, the student is okay, and he was wearing his helmet. We have been collaborating with Aberdeen PD, and while we don't have all the details of the situation, we feel it is important to remind our families and students to adhere to walking, riding following traffic signs (i.e. walking on the right side of the road, following the guidance of the crossing guards). We will continue working with our families and the towns to educate and support safety. We realize there was ‘chatter’ on social media, and please reach out with any specific questions.

Our budget was approved by the county yesterday, and we will host our public hearing on May 5th, and we will no longer have a May 8th meeting. Please take some time and review our district calendar on our website to join us for our upcoming activities.

**IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Ms. Werneke**

- Committee:
  - Ms. Pell - Delegate Assembly Update: Transportation for funding on hazardous routes
  - Ms. Martinez - Asked town Liaisons to bring up with towns about additional crossing guards
  - Ms. Ascoli - Will have a meeting with towns, leadership and Liaisons. Matawan Borough approved their budget.
  - Mr. McGovern - Discussed same topics and PILOT Program

**X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT - LINDAY TEUBNER**

- Report was presented at the April 10, 2025 BOE meeting

**XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- None

**XII. STUDENT SERVICES**

- None

**XIII. PERSONNEL**

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

Motion by Ms. Skop, 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 following:

**A. Resignations/Retirements - 2024/2025 School Year**

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Weiner, Joyce	CP	Preschool Teacher	Resignation	9/1/2021	6/30/2025

**B. 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 April 10, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
0	0

**2. Administrative Leave w/Pay - 2024/2025 School Year**

- Employee # 6764 - Administrative Leave w/Pay 5/9/2025 - 5/22/2025
- Employee # 4285 - Administrative Leave w/Pay 4/10/2025 - 5/5/2025

	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.

**XIV. POLICY**

- None

**XV. FINANCE**

- None

**XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

Started 7:25 pm

- M. Regan (ST parent) - Listed many optics and provided documentation to the Board.
- Madilyn & Kera (Freshman HS) - MAMS Memorial Garden concern. Lots of litter and could there be a group of volunteers that would take care of it? Trash cans are by or in the garden.
- Ms. Perez - It should be kept up and will address it.
- Ms. Werneke - Please fill out the google form so we get your information and a resolution.
- Ms. Ascoli - we will address this
- M. Regan - discussed the remainder of the topics. 3rd grade has lunch at 1:30 pm, or maybe a rotation.

- H. Dalton (Cliffwood Beach) - Opted for subscription busing until it was no longer an option. Taught my daughter how to ride the bike to school and learn to look at the driver while riding. Can there be brainstorming and have our students be educated on proper bike safety.
- Ms. Perez - While speaking with the police department to have information for education about safety. Also discussed e-bikes and options and proper age group.
- Ms. Werneke - MAMS Newsletter came out weekly and it was updated with the information due to seeing e-bikes in the bike rack. It appear reaction.
- Ms. Martinez - Appreciate the discussion
- A. Derrada - Would a petition for the road help?
- Ms. Perez - We would share that with the towns and community liaisons.
- Mr. McGovern - It would help to go to the town meeting and address it at that meeting.

Ended 8:00 pm

## **XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Ms. Pell will attend the Delegate Assembly on May 10, 2025 for 3 items: 1. Esports for policy as interscholastic; 2. Create position at NJSBA for school nursing shortage and 3. New language for state excused absences for skilled trades. Ms. Pell will send details out to the full board.

## **XVIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- May 1st is Aberdeen Town Council Meeting
- Ms. Ascoli - NHS ceremony with 75 new members

## **XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II**

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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 8:04 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board return to Open Session at 9:47 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 9:48 pm.