

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 July, 21 2025, Lloyd Road Elementary School, 401 Lloyd Road, 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

“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 July 17, 2025 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’ website.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Present:	Ms. Werneke - President	Ms. Martinez - Vice President
	Ms. Ascoli	Ms. Feiles (left at 8:40 pm)
	Mr. Montone	Ms. Pell
	Ms. Skop	Ms. Spruell

Absent: Mr. McGovern

Also Present: Ms. Perez, Superintendent of Schools
 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 I

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 will not 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 6:31 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Pell, seconded by Ms. Ascoli that the Board return to Open Session at 7:15 pm.

VI. MINUTES

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

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2025
- Executive Session Meeting Minutes I & II - June 5, 2025
- Regular Action Meeting Minutes - June 16, 2025
- Executive I & II Meeting Minutes - June 16, 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

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Perez

- Mr. Aronowitz - Athletics and Extra Curriculum Presentation

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD - None

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Ms. Werneke

- Preparing for upcoming school year as well as future school years
 - Growth among communities leading to long term solutions
- Updates to Administrative roles in our schools
 - These updates are fiscally responsible and also help directly impact more students
- Fitness Court - funded by 2 grants as well as many generous donations from local businesses
 - Open to the entire Matawan-Aberdeen community
 - This will be the first of its kind fitness court for Monmouth County
- Other news - major facility improvements are needed that exceed our anticipated budget
 - The Board unanimously voted down a state incentivized tax increase
 - The district will seek funds by referendum which puts the decision in the hands of every voting member of our community
 - The goal for that ballot question is November 2026. Details will be provided over the next year

X. 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 Ms. Feiles to approve the following resolution(s):

A. TRAVEL

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

Policy: #6471 Travel/Reimbursable Expenses

Rationale: Required estimates to abide by law and policy

B. OTHER

1. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the submission of the MARSD 2025-2026 Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan.

Rationale: In April 2020, Governor Murphy issued an executive order that became P.L.2020, c.27. This law provides for the continuity of instruction in the event of a public-health related district closure so that LEAs can utilize virtual or remote instruction to satisfy the 180-day requirement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9. Districts are required to submit a Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan for the 2025-2026 school year. Should the district close more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure the District will implement the approved plan.

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the District Organizational Chart for the 2025-2026 school year.

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the purchase of an updated version of the Matawan Regional High School Biology textbooks for 9th grade, including professional development for staff.

Cost: \$7,650.00 Textbooks **Account #:** 11-190-100-640-04-0000-0

Cost: \$750.00 Professional Development **Account #:** 11-000-221-320-04-0000-0

4. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District and Lightspeed Systems for the 2025–2026 school year. This no-cost program provides grant-funded support aligned with the shared commitment of the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to promote the safety and wellness of school communities across the state. In response to the increasing urgency surrounding student mental health, school violence prevention, and the need for real-time, actionable support tools, the SAFE NJ initiative offers a modern, comprehensive solution designed to support students and staff 24/7.

Cost: \$0 - Grant Funded **Account #:** N/A

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Feiles	X				
Mr. McGovern				X	
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X		X		Abstain Item A and B.1.
Ms. Skop	X		X		Abstain Item A
Ms. Spruell	X		X		Abstain Item A
Ms. Martinez	X		X		Abstain Item B.1.
Ms. Werneke	X		X		Abstain Travel line 10 & B.1.

On a roll call vote, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, five (5) members abstained, one (1) member was absent.

XI. 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. Skop to approve the following resolution(s):

1. REVISION (Students were previously approved on 6/16/25 with start date of 9/4/25).The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following students to attend an out of district placement for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Student	School	Cost	Effective Dates
157785	Newgrange School	Tuition \$74,914.98	7/1/25-6/30/26
159163	Newgrange School	Tuition \$74,914.98	7/1/25-6/30/26

Cost: \$149,829.96

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

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following students to attend an out of district placement for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Student	School	Cost	Effective Dates
171587	Hawkwood School	\$142,388.40 (Tuition \$90,098.40, Aide \$52,290.00)	7/7/25-6/30/26

Rationale: Per Student's IEP

Cost: \$142,388.40

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

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education renew the RFP agreements with the following providers for the 2025-2026 school year on an as needed basis.

Service Provider	Cost	Effective Date
Allcare allcaretherapyservices@gmail.com	\$84.00 Occupational Therapy All costs are per hour	7/1/25-6/30/26
The Stepping Stones Group katherine.hutton@ssg-healthcare.com	\$138.00 BCBA \$64.00 RBT	7/1/25-6/30/26
Jump Ahead Pediatrics schools@jumpaheadpediatrics.com 551-580-0714	\$88.50 Speech-Language Therapy \$89.50 BCBA \$56.50 RBT	7/1/25-6/30/26
Atlantic Behavioral Analysis 609-276-1864 mlee.bcba@gmail.com	\$155.00 per hour for the following: - Consultation - Observations - Meetings with: home ABA team, CST, IEP, Office of Special Services, Parents,	7/1/25-6/30/26

	Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Related Service Providers - Staff training - Parent Training - Written Documentation, report writing, feedback notes for staff, parents - Social Skill Instruction/ Direct Teaching of Replacement Behaviors - BCBA \$175.00 per hour for the following - - Functional Behavior Assessments - Functional Analysis	
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4. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approves the following service provider to provide in-person RN/LPN Nursing services per the RFP award for the 2025 ESY as well as the 2025-2026 school year.

Student	Provider	Cost	Effective Dates
163001	Bayada	\$112,560.00	7/1/25-6/30/26
161852	Bayada	\$112,560.00	7/1/25-6/30/26
163064	Bayada	\$88,200.00	7/1/25-6/30/26
170224	Bayada	\$88,200.00	7/1/25-6/30/26
160316	Bayada	\$94,100.00	7/1/25-6/30/26
158134	Bayada	\$94,100.00	7/1/25-6/30/26

Rationale: Per students IEP

Cost: \$589,720.00

Account # 11-000-217-320-09-0000-0

5. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the agreement with the following providers for the 2025-2026 school year to provide educational services for the students who are blind or visually impaired.

Student	Provider	Cost	Effective Dates
165772	Commission For the Blind and visually impaired	\$2,541.00	9/1/25-6/30/26
161852	Commission For the Blind and visually impaired	\$2,541.00	9/1/25-6/30/26
170101	Commission For the Blind and visually impaired	\$2,541.00	9/1/25-6/30/26
164247	Commission For the Blind and visually impaired	\$19,161.0 0	9/1/25-6/30/26
163064	Commission For the Blind and visually impaired	\$2,541.00	9/1/25-6/30/26

	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

XII. PERSONNEL

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

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 following:

A. Resignations/Retirements - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Riley, Wendy	ST	Elementary Teacher - Kindergarten	Retirement	9/1/2000	9/30/2025

B. Leave of Absence - 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 School Years

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Cohen, Lauren	HS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	11/5/25
Gargulinski, Melissa	ST	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	6/19/25
Lyttle, Amanda	MS	School Counselor	Personal	Without Pay	9/2/25-9/29/25
Pecorino, Kristen	MS	Teacher	Maternity FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay Without Pay	9/22/25-11/14/2025 11/17/25-2/13/26
Pra Sisto, Samantha	HS	Teacher	Maternity Maternity/FMLA/NJFLA FMLA/NJFLA Personal	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay Without Pay	3/31/25-5/09/2025 5/12/25-6/30/25 9/1/25-10/6/25 10/7/25-1/28/26 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 4/10/25
Thiel, Alycia	CL	Teacher	Maternity Maternity/FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay Without Pay	4/4/25-6/12/25 6/13/25-11/14/25 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 6/16/25
Whitney, Alexis	HS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	9/15/25-9/19/25

C. Appointments - 2025/2026 School Year**1. New Hires**

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/Reason	Effective Dates
Emery, Jennifer	LR	Special Education Teacher - Autism Grades 4-5 Replacement Position	F-8	\$75,350.00	Natale LOA	9/1/25-6/30/26
Hargrave, Alyssa	CP	Preschool Teacher	E-8	\$73,000.00	Li Resignation	9/1/25-6/30/26
Kelly, Lauren	ST	Acting Principal	A-1	\$146,761.44	Revision from 6/16/25 Agenda	7/1/25-8/31/25

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Royland, Amy	CL	Special Education Teacher K-1 Self-Contained Autism	C-9	\$68,250.00	Falcigia Transfer	9/1/25-6/30/26
Saglamdemir, Mustafa	CO	Maintenance Mechanic	Step 1	\$55,875.00 Plus Black Seal Stipend \$785.67 = \$56,660.67	Rehire	7/1/25-6/30/26
Youssef, Christine	CP	Preschool Teacher	C-1	\$58,550.00	Chenelworth Recession	9/1/25-6/30/26

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 - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
Saviano, Nicole	HS	Cheerleading	Assistant Coach	Step 1 \$3,403.44	2025-2026 School Year
Mejia, Edward	HS	Baseball	Assistant Coach	Step 2 \$6,626.96	2025/2026 School Year
Meola, Michael	HS	Baseball	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2025/2026 School Year
Vasilenko, Nicholas	MS	Baseball	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$6,426.30	2025/2026 School Year
Non-Athletic Activities					
Fischer, Nicole	LR	Garden Club	Advisor (Replacing Dougherty as Co-Advisor - Previously Approved on 5/22/25)	\$1,171.25	2025/2026 School Year
Brussel, Catherine	LR	Student Council	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2025/2026 School Year
Dougherty, Gerard	LR	Student Council	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2025/2026 School Year
Pecorino, Kristen	MS	Art Club	Co-Advisor (Amended - Approved as Advisor on 5/22/25)	\$684.09	2025/2026 School Year
Garrett, Carolina	MS	Art Club	Co-Advisor	\$684.09	2025/2026 School Year
Hourly Activities					
Pedersen, Joyce	RD	One-to-One	Aide	Employee's Hourly Rate	2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
				As Needed	

3. Curriculum & Instruction - Summer Curriculum Developers - 2025/2026 School Year

Posting #/ Name	Position	Staff	Activity	Max Hours	Cost/ Hr	Total Cost
7 Jackman, Neil	HS Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus Honors AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise curriculum guides, including updating standards and adding assessments 	Up to 30 Hours Total	\$36.28	\$1,088.40
Dawson, Vanessa	STEM - Elementary	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop curriculum for new STEM course 	Up to 12 Hours total	\$36.28	\$435.36

4. 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>160513</u>	Algebra 2 Honors	HS	First Children Services	2	6	12	5/27/25-7/1/25
160513	Lab Physics	HS	First Children Services	2	6	12	5/27/25-7/1/25

5. Perfect Attendance - 2024/2025 School Year

Name	Location	Position	Cost
Chevalier, Davina	Transportation	Transportation Assistant	\$450.00
Debek, Ewa	Transportation	School Bus/Van Driver	\$450.00
Dukes, Jennifer	Transportation	School Bus/Van Driver	\$550.00
Massa, Lauren	Middle School	Teacher	\$550.00
Pickering, Nancy	High School	Secretary - 12-Month	\$655.00
Siguenza, Nelson	Transportation	School Bus/Van Driver	\$550.00

6. Staff Array Changes - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignments	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Melikova, Julia	HS: 1.00 .04 O/L	Physics Teacher Physics Lab	HS: 1.00	Physics Teacher	9/1/25-6/30/26
Giacchi, Gabrielle	LR: 1.00	School Counselor	CL: .50 LR: .50	School Counselor School Counselor	9/1/25-6/30/26
Stevens, Roderick	MS: 1.00	Art Teacher	MS: 1.00 .17 O/L	Art Teacher KEYS Art Teacher	9/1/25-6/30/26

7. District Anti-Bullying Coordinator and School Anti-Bullying Specialists - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Location
Michael J. Liebmann	District Anti-Bullying Coordinator
Gabrielle Giacchi	Cliffwood Elementary School ABS
Kathleen Feen/Kathleen Tay	Lloyd Road Elementary School ABS

8. College Student Observers/Teachers/Interns - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Dorobis, Jeanann	Kristine Maniscalchi, Elementary Teacher	Lloyd Road Elementary School, Student Teaching, Rutgers University 2025/2026 School
Manning, Gregory	Effie Provines, Math Teacher	High School, Student Teaching Seton Hall University 2025/2026 School Year

9. Volunteers - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date
Cella, Alex	HS	Boys Soccer	2025/2026 School Year

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

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 June 16, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
2	0

2. Job Descriptions - 2025/2026 School Year

- Supervisor of Early Childhood - New
- Supervisor of PreK-3 & Special Programs - New

3. Additional Staff - ESY Summer 2025 - 2025/2026 School Year

- Frances Catania, Rachel Signorile
Instructional Assistants, Up to 80 hours each at Employee’s Hourly Rate (Posting 2793)
- Maria Yemi-Forli
Substitute Instructional Assistant, Employee’s Hourly Rate, As Needed (Posting 2794)
- Rachel Alvarez, Gerard Haney
Attend IEP/504 Meetings, \$41.46/Hr As Needed (Posting 2796)
- Rachel Alvarez, Christine Frye, Linda Gumina, Gerard Haney, Alyssa LaPlaga
CST Members Student Contact and Case Management, \$51.83/Hr As Needed (Posting 2798)

4. Extra Hours Summer 2025 - 2025/2026 School Year

- Alexa Johnson, CP School Nurse, Up to 30 hours at \$51.83/hr

5. Salary Adjustment for ESY 2025 - 2025/2026 School Year

- Jennifer Reyes, ESY Transportation Assistant, \$28.65/hour (As needed)
- Andrea Trezza, ESY Coordinator, \$51.83/hour (Up to 100 hours)
- Corinne Weitecha, ESY Instructional Assistant, \$20.22/hour (Up to 80 hours)

6. Extra Responsibilities Stipend - 2025/2026 School Year

- Darlene Gallagher, \$3,000.00 for KEYS Academy
Account #20-470-200-105-11-0000

7. Registered Behavioral Technician Certification (RBT) Stipend - 2025/2026 School Year

- Valerie Dhume, Latieffa Mackey, Melanie Schueller, Madeline Scianna, Denise Zitzman
\$2,073.00 Each

8. Substitute Administrator/Substitute Danielson Observer/Evaluator - 2025-2026 School Year

- Michele Ruscavage
Up to 60 days, \$300/per diem District Substitute Administrator
Up to 60 Days, \$300/per diem KEYS Substitute Administrator
Up to 35 hours, \$37.50/per hour, Substitute Danielson Observer/Evaluator
Account #11-000-240-103-11-0000-1 (District)
Account #20-470-200-100-11-0000-1 (KEYS)

9. Play Unified Grant Coaches - 2024/2025 School Year

- Lee Pickell, \$900.00
- Daniel Wilensky, \$1,700.00
Per the acceptance of the Special Olympics New Jersey Grant funds Board approved on September 26, 2024 to promote the District goal of fostering access, equity and inclusivity

PERSONNEL WALK-IN ITEMS

1. Resignations/Retirements - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Sellino, Rebecca	RD	Special Education Teacher Autism Grades 2-3	Resignation	04/29/2025	9/12/25

2. Leave of Absence - 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 School Years

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/ Without Pay	Effective Dates
Bera, Kelly	RD	Principal	Medical	With Pay	9/2/25-1/4/26

3. Appointments - 2025/2026 School Year

New Hires

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Deignan-Czachor, Kaitlin	ST	Part-Time School Social Worker CST	E-6	\$53,703.00 .78 FTE	New Position	9/1/25-6/30/25
Paone-Hurd, Krysten	CP	Supervisor of Early Childhood	SupervisorC -5	\$104,379.48	New Position	7/22/25-6/30/26
Sengotta, John	LR	Elementary Teacher - Grade 5	BA C-12	\$78,550.00	Ciambrushini Transfer	9/1/25-6/30/20
Trezza, Andrea	CO	Supervisor of PreK-3 & Special Programs	SupervisorC -12	\$117,461.15	Kelly Transfer	7/22/25-6/30/26

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

4. Extra-Curricular Activities - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
Macomber, James	HS	Boys Basketball	Head Coach	Step 3 \$10,458.29	2025/2026 School Year

5. Other

A) Stipend for Benefits and Leaves of Absence - 2025/2026 School Year

- Reina Homowitz, Confidential Executive Secretary, \$6,500.00
 - Heidi Rochette, Payroll Manager, \$6,500.00
- To cover extra responsibilities associated with the position of part-time Benefits Coordinator from 7/1/25 through 6/30/26, or when 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, eight (8) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, one (1) member was absent

XIII. POLICY

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

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

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

1. First Reading

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	First Reading
0000	Bylaws	P 0143.2 Student (M)	Student Representative to the Board of Education	7/21/25
1000	Administration	P 1511 (M)	Board of Education Website Accessibility	7/21/25
2000	Program	P 2415.05 (M)	Student Surveys, Analysis, And/Or Evaluations	7/21/25
2000	Program	P 2467 (M)	Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents	7/21/25
3000	Teaching Staff Members	P 3216	Dress and Grooming	7/21/25
5000	Students	R 5200	Student Attendance	7/21/25

(M) indicates mandated by state law

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

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

XIV. FINANCE

Ms. Case presented the Finance Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening. Item No. 9 was tabled.

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

Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification - June 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of June 30, 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 June 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 June 13, 2025 in the amount of \$1,458,618.82; the June 18, 2025 in the amount of \$1,211.453.44 and the June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$111,400.97 payroll.

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

1. Receipt and Acceptance of the June 2025 Board Secretary’s Report

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of June 30, 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 June 30, 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 - June 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of June 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 \$2,918,040.65. June 2025 Supplemental Bills List in the amount of \$3,491,610.42.

5. Allocation of Nonpublic Technology, Textbook, Nursing, and Security Aid Services

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the following allocation of Nonpublic Technology, Textbook, Nursing and Security Aid Services for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Nonpublic Technology	\$6,747
Nonpublic Textbook Aid	\$9,455
Nonpublic Nursing Aid	\$24,752
Nonpublic Security Aid	\$34,850

6. Allocation and Submission of the Grant Application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the allocation and authorize the submission of the grant plan for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Grant Title	Amount
IDEA Basic	\$943,305
IDEA Preschool	\$25,275

7. Acceptance of Grant Funds for the Recovery High School Access Project - Monmouth County

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the acceptance of grant funds through the Monmouth County Commissioner designated under the Recovery High School Access Project in the amount of \$200,000, and to execute a Letter of Agreement formalizing the responsibilities and expectations of the program during the project period dated July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

8. Perkins Secondary Consolidated Application for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the submission of the Perkins Secondary Consolidated Application in the amount of \$9,786 Matawan Regional High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

9. Settlement Agreement - TABLED

Whereas, the Matawan Aberdeen Regional Board of Education (“the Board”) and the Matawan Aberdeen Regional Education Association (“the Association”) are parties to a collective negotiations agreement setting forth terms and conditions of employment for non-supervisory employees of the Board; and

Whereas, the Association initiated a grievance challenging the non-renewal of the annual employment contract of Employee 6050; and

Whereas, MAREA pursued the grievance to arbitration, PERC Docket No. AR 2024-553 (“the Arbitration”); and

Whereas, the parties have amicably resolved their differences prior to the arbitration hearing.

Be It Resolved that a settlement in the matter of MAREA o/b/o Employee 6050 v. Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education, pursuant to a written agreement between the parties in a form suitable to General Counsel.

10. Renewal of Flood Insurance for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the renewal of flood insurance in the amount of \$25,282 for the Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year.

11. Out of District Tuition for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve a student from the Middletown Twp North School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#2576598467) at a cost of \$57,527 for the 2025-2026 school year.

12. Out of District Tuition for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve a student from the Central Regional - Bayville School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#1360353383) at a cost of \$57,527 for the 2025-2026 school year.

13. Out of District Tuition for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve a student from the Old Bridge Twp School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#5418376622) at a cost of \$57,527 for the 2025-2026 school year.

14. Out of District Tuition for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the 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 \$25,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

15. Out of District Tuition for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve a student from the Lakewood Public School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#2441971802) at a cost of \$25,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

16. Increase to the Bid Threshold

WHEREAS, Lindsey Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from \$44,000 to \$53,000, effective July 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$53,000 for the school district, and further authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

Furthermore, for contracts in the aggregate that are less than the bid threshold but fifteen (15%) or more of the amount, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall award contracts after soliciting at least two competitive quotations.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37 (c), is authorized to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than fifteen (15%) percent of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotations.

17. 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 in the amount of \$425.20 to be used for student(s) negative meal balance(s).

18. Acceptance of Donation from McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC in the amount of \$500 to be used for sponsorship for the Outdoor Fitness Court.

19. Acceptance of Donation from YMCA

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from the YMCA in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for sponsorship for the Outdoor Fitness Court.

20. Acceptance of Donation from Tanner Furniture

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept an additional donation from Tanner Furniture in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for sponsorship for the Outdoor Fitness Court. The total amount donated is \$10,000.

21. Acceptance of Donation from Effective School Solutions, LLC

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from the Effective School Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$2,500 to be used for sponsorship for the Outdoor Fitness Court.

22. Acceptance of Donation from MRHS PTO

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from the MRHS PTO in the amount of \$9,902.95 to replace outdated furniture in the MRHS main lobby.

23. Routine Travel Reimbursement for 2025-2026

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 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position	Total
Rich Abrahamsen	Assistant Principal, HS	\$250
Rachel Alvarez	Preschool Intervention & Referral Specialist CL, CP& LB	\$250
Joshua Aronowitz	Supervisor, Athletics, PE & Health	\$250
Sarah Bakley	LDTC	\$250
Kelly Bera	Principal, RD	\$500
Jennifer Bauer	Occupational Therapist	\$250
Daphne Binns	Social Worker	\$250
John Bombardier	Principal, LR	\$500
Samantha Calandrino	Science Teacher, HS & KEYS	\$750
Lorena Carbajal	Assistant Principal, HS	\$250
Rick Carlson	Director of Facilities	\$500
Julia Cacciatore	Teacher, HS & KEYS	\$750
Christine Cherence	Principal, CL	\$500
Sean Cronin	Director of C&I Grades 6-12/Assistant Principal	\$500
Christine D'Angelo	Speech Therapist	\$250
Brian Dean	PE Teacher, HS & KEYS	\$750
Dave Diaz	Computer Technician	\$750
Kevin Dugal	Manager, Information & Systems Technology	\$500
Shiri Engel	Psychologist	\$250
Melissa Faciciglia	Behaviorist	\$250
Christine Frye	Social Worker & CPIS, District	\$250
Amy Gallagher	Speech Therapist	\$250
Louis Gonzalez	Computer Technician	\$750
Barbara Gray	Teacher of the Deaf, MAMS (OOD schools)	\$500
Linda Gumina	Speech Therapist	\$250
Kerin Halper	Instructional Coach, CL, RD & ST	\$500
Gerard Haney	Psychologist	\$250
Jessica Hollinger	Transition Coordinator/LDTC	\$500
Dominique Jimenez	Social Worker	\$250
Lauren Kelly	Acting Principal, ST	\$500
Alyssa LaPlaga	Speech Therapist	\$250
Maggie Lazur	Director of C&I Pre-K/Student Services	\$500
Margaret Lathrop	Spanish Teacher, CL, RD, ST	\$250
Kristina Leach	KEYS	\$125
Gianna Maretta	Psychologist	\$250
Alison Martiginoni	LDTC	\$250
Lauren Miles	LDTC	\$250
Jennifer Nangano	Psychologist, OOD Case Manager	\$750
Jennise Nieves	Asst Dir, Student Wellness & Prevention Programs	\$500
Cristina Olsen	Assistant Principal/MAMS	\$250
Dora Palandrano	Assistant Principal, MAMS	\$250
Bernadette Racioppi	Physical Therapist	\$750
Susan Ripple	Instructional Coach, CP & LB)	\$150
Jaime Roche	Speech Therapist	\$250
Lauren Roman	Occupational Therapist	\$250
Kristina Saccomondo	Psychologist	\$250
Nicole Sandner	LDTC	\$250

Name	Position	Total
Katiria Savinon	Confidential Secretary for Student Services	\$100
Jessica Segui	KEYS	\$125
Kate Sidley	Speech Therapist	\$250
Alan Sniffen	REACH Teacher	\$500
Jennifer Steffich	Director, Student Services & Programs	\$500
Jennifer Strehl	Confidential Secretary for Student Services	\$100
Rod Stevens	Art Teacher, MAMS & KEYS	\$750
Andrea Trezza	Behaviorist	\$250
Mark Van Horn	Principal, MAMS	\$500
Chris Villa	Supervisor, O&M/District Energy Specialist	\$500
Mike Wells	Principal, HS	\$500
Jamie Zibbell	Social Worker	\$250
Jessie Zitarosa	Director C&I 3-5/Assistant Principal, LR	\$500
Emily Zupkus	Psychologist	\$250

24. Sale or Disposal of Assets

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education deems the property/obsolete equipment listed below to be surplus property which is no longer useful for school purposes, and

WHEREAS, the value of said property is estimated to be as enumerated below,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator to offer the property/obsolete equipment to be disposed/recycled or for sale to other public entities without advertisement for bids in accordance with 18A:18A-45c-f.

25. Fire and Evacuation Drills

The following Fire and Evacuation Drill occurred during **June 2025**

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	6/6/25 @ 1:45 pm
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Evacuation	6/19/25 @ 9:35 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Evacuation	6/5/25 @ 3:10 pm
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	6/11/25 @ 9:45 am
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	6/3/25 @ 1:22 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Lockdown	6/4/25 @ 7:30 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	6/6/25 @ 2:10 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Active Shooter	6/11/25 @ 2:22 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	6/6/25 @ 1:30 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Evacuation	6/12/25 @ 9:08 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Lockdown	6/9/25 @ 2:13 pm
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	6/12/25 @ 1:45 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	6/11/25 @ 2:18 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Shelter in Place	6/17/25 @ 2:38 pm

	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. Item #9 was tabled

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Started 8:54 pm

- C. Barilka (MAREA) - Ms. Martinez I can hear you. Clarification of student absence and is it a minimum of 2 days and can receive longer? Dress code be specific as possible.
- Ms. Skop - Yes, minimum of 2 days, but a teacher can give longer.

Ended 8:57 pm

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Werneke - Please be cautious about what we say until we receive clarity.
- Ms. Skop - Be careful with dress code for items like sports
- Ms. Perez - Two teachers being promoted to supervisors and thrilled to nurture talent in our district.

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 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 90 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. Pell that the Board convene in Executive Session II and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 9:03 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board return to Open Session at 10:26 pm.

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

9. Settlement Agreement - Item tabled during the Finance agenda review/discussion and vote

Whereas, the Matawan Aberdeen Regional Board of Education (“the Board”) and the Matawan Aberdeen Regional Education Association (“the Association”) are parties to a collective negotiations agreement setting forth terms and conditions of employment for non-supervisory employees of the Board; and

Whereas, the Association initiated a grievance challenging the non-renewal of the annual employment contract of Employee 6050; and

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Whereas, the parties have amicably resolved their differences prior to the arbitration hearing.

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	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Ms. Feiles				X	Left at 8:40 pm
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, two (2) members were absent.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Pell and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:27 pm.