

**MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
November 10, 2025**



**Executive Session Meeting  
6:30 PM**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting  
and  
Regular Action Meeting  
7:00 PM**

**Cambridge Park Elementary School  
1 Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ**

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**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. ROLL CALL
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION I
  - Privacy Matters
  - Personnel Matters
  - Legal Services

**RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

- VI. MINUTES
  - Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2025
  - Executive Session I & II Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2025
  - Regular Action Meeting Minutes, October 27, 2025
  - Executive Session I & II meeting Minutes, October 27, 2025
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Danny Ni)
- XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
- XII. STUDENT SERVICES
- XIII. PERSONNEL
- XIV. POLICY
- XV. FINANCE
- XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS
- XVII. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS (if necessary)
- XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- XVIII. NEW BUSINESS
- XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II (if necessary)
  - Privacy Matters
  - Personnel Matters
  - Legal Services
- XX. ADJOURNMENT

**MARSD MISSION:**

*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.*

## **Members of the Board**

Sheetal Werneke, President  
Annette Ascoli  
Christopher McGovern  
Dianna M. Pell  
Danielle Spruell

Tara Martinez, Vice President  
Katie Feiles  
John Montone  
Laurie Skop

## **Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District**

### **Welcome**

Welcome to a meeting of the Matawan-Aberdeen Board of Education. We are always pleased when members of the community attend our meeting. The Board welcomes the participation of interested organizations and individuals, and schedules time for public comment, discussion and input. Persons who have questions about specific school practices, incidents or events are encouraged to directly contact the school administration.

The Board regularly holds two meetings per month. The 2nd Monday of each month is the Committee of the Whole Meeting and the 4th Monday of each month is the Regular Action Meeting, unless otherwise scheduled or announced.

### **Board of Education Meetings**

These meetings are reserved for Board deliberation and for review of items contained within the agenda. The Board reserves the right to vote on Action items. Public comment shall be permitted early for thoughts and reactions on items of concern regarding the agenda. Each participant is asked to give his or her name and address prior to making a statement or asking a question. In addition, time will be allotted at the end of the meeting for public comment on any item. Speakers shall limit their comments to three minutes.

### **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 November 5, 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 Public Library. The notice was also placed on the district’s web site.”

### **Public Participation at Board Meetings**

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on matters of interest to the school community. Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes’ duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. All statements should be directed to the Board President and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others whose legal rights may be affected. Please note: While it is not the Board’s intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

## **Executive Sessions**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action \_\_\_\_\_ take place.

**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.

**Vision Statement:** Students will become life-long learners, critical thinkers, and creative problem solvers who achieve success as valuable and contributing members of society.

## **2025-2026 Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education Goals**

**Goal 1** - Increase Community Engagement & Buy-in

**Goal 2** - Broaden Leadership Development & Board Participation Opportunities

**Goal 3** - Support measurable improvement in academics

**Goal 4** - Support future forward planning of facilities to sustain our growing district

## **2025-2026 Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Strategic Plan Goals**

**Goal 1** - Increase student achievement by supporting regular student attendance

**Goal 2** - Align curriculum, instruction, and assessment to meet the needs of students

**Goal 3** - Provide students access to a variety of opportunities to help build well-rounded community members

**Goal 4** - Continue to promote safety and security for all students, staff, and our school community

**CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD**

Email received Oct 27, 2025, njgrl78@gmail.com, regarding "Redistricting"

Email received Oct 28, 2025, sponticrn@gmail.com, regarding "Other"

Email received Oct 28, 2025, Nikkiyankunas@gmail.com, regarding "Curriculum & Instruction Program Services/Facilities"

Email received Oct 28, 2025, ecsimbok27@gmail.com, regarding "Facilities/Transportation"

Email received Oct 29, 2025, DanaAGabriel@gmail.com, regarding "Other"

Email received Oct 29, 2025, DanaAGabriel@gmail.com, regarding "Other"

Email received Oct 30, 2025, Melissagalvin2@gmail.com, regarding "Other"

Email received Nov 3, 2025, meganpaulus@gmail.com, regarding "Facilities/Other"

Email received Nov 3, 2025, gardnergeorgia@gmail.com, regarding "Urgent: Address Public Statements & Transparency on Redistricting"

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**MOTION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 District’s participation in the Monmouth County Teen Arts NJ, formerly Arts & Education Program for the 2025-2026 school year for any middle or high school student that is selected. Classes for Arts High (9- 12) run once per week for 14 weeks and Arts High (6-8) runs for 12 weeks beginning in January, 2024.

**Rationale:** Arts High is a special release-time program for gifted and talented students, particularly in the area of the arts in grades 6-12. Students interested in joining the program must audition to participate. Arts High is administered by the Arts & Education Center which has been operating in Monmouth County since 2004.

**Cost:** There is no cost to the District. If a student is selected, all fees, including transportation, will be funded by the parent/guardian. Transportation will be provided by the Monmouth County Arts & Recreation Program.

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the Annual Memorandum of Agreement between the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District and the Aberdeen Township Police Department.

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the Annual Memorandum of Agreement between the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District and the Matawan Borough Police Department.

4. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>School/Grade</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<b>REVISED:</b> The Culinary Education Center, Asbury Park, NJ	12/19/25 <b>(revised date)</b>	MRHS Gr. 9-12 Food, Fashion & Family Students & Staff	To tour the county HS Culinary Arts Program. They will also participate in a luncheon	Student/Parent Funded

			prepared & served by culinary students.	
<b>NEW:</b> Junior Achievement of NJ Edison, NJ	01/09/26	MRHS Gr. 9-12 Financial Literacy Students & Staff	Commencement Activity for Financial Literacy Curriculum.	School Budget
<b>NEW:</b> Red Bank Basie Center, Red Bank, NJ	04/16/26	KEYS Students and Staff	Film on criminal law & justice system to connect with Humanities lessons	School Budget
<b>REVISED:</b> Manasquan Reservoir, Howell, NJ	05/14/26-05/15/26 <b>(revised date)</b>	ST Gr. 2 Students & Staff	Students will discover animals that live in the Manasquan Reservoir. Aligns with Science curriculum 5.2.LS4.1	PTO Funds

**STUDENT SERVICES****MOTION:** \_\_\_\_\_**SECONDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. 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
159588	CHA Learning Centers, Inc.,t/a Honor Ridge Academy	\$86,859.50	10/02/2025-6/30/2025

**Rationale: Per Student's IEP****Account #:** 11-000-100-566-09-0000-0**Cost:** \$86,859.50

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve bedside instruction for the following student(s):

Student	Program	Cost	Effective Dates
171414	LearnWell	\$2,436.00	10/14/2025-11/14/2025
164624	LearnWell	\$2,436.00	9/23/2025-10/23/2025
160097	LearnWell	\$3,654.00	10/6/2025-11/17/2025

**Rationale: Per student's IEP****Account#:** 11-150-100-320-09-0000-0**Cost:** \$6,090.00**Account#:** 11-219-100-320-09-0000-0**Cost:** \$2,436.00

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the agreement with the following provider for the 2025-2026 school year. The use of facilities will be granted for Pool usage only.

School	Cost	Effective Dates
YMCA Raritan Bay Area	\$1,100.00	12/12/2025,1/16/2026, 2/13/2026 3/6/2026,4/24/2026

**Rationale:** Community based instruction leisure activity to support students in learning a life skill.**Cost:** \$1,100.00**Account#:** 11-000-100-566-09-0000-0

4. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the agreement with the following provider for the 2025-2026 school year to provide educational services for the students who are blind or visually impaired. **REVISION ( Student was previously approved on 7/21/2025 for Education Level 1 service at a cost of \$2,541.00 and the contract is being amended to Education Level 3 at a cost of \$13,858.00).**

Student	School	Cost	Effective Dates
170101	Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$13,858.00	10/25/2025-6/30/2025

**Rationale: Per Student's IEP****Account#:**11-000-216-320-09-0000-0**Cost:** \$13,858.00

5. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the agreement with NJ Transit to provide Travel Training Classes to students in the AUT and MD classes at MAMS, MRHS, and REACH in the Spring 2026.

**Rationale:** NJ TRANSIT Safety Education Program is a FREE 45-minute statewide public transportation education program providing safety training by bringing rail, bus, and pedestrian safety to life through exciting, age-appropriate education programs.

**Cost:** No Cost

6. The Superintendent recommends that the Matwan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the agreement with the NJ DOE Office of Special Education to allow staff to participate in a professional development series in the Emotional and Behavioral Program Quality Indicators (EBPQIs) Action Learning group. Ravine Drive Elementary School was chosen for this opportunity after participating in the ERI Community of Practice. Sessions will be held January 13, February 24, April 21, and June 2, 2026.

**Rationale:** This collaborative learning experience provides staff the opportunity to improve their instructional practices and the district's emotional and behavioral programs through data analysis, root cause identification, and sustainable implementation strategies. Staff participants will also contribute to a statewide understanding of effective behavioral programming and self-assessment implementation.

**Cost:** No Cost

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Leave of Absence - 2025/2026 School Year**

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Alli, Asma	CL	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	01/14/2026 - 01/16/2026
Foti, Stephanie	LR	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	12/02/2025 - 12/03/2025
Hoffmann, Lisa	CL	Instructional Assistant	Personal	Without Pay	11/12/2025
Ripple, Susan	CP	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	10/10/2025 - 11/26/2025 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 09/29/2025
Savinon, Katiria	CO	Confidential Secretary	FMLA Intermittent	Without Pay	11/03/2025
Weaver, April	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Personal	Without Pay	10/29/2025

**B. Appointments - 2025/2026 School Year**

**1. New Hires**

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/Reason	Effective Dates
Balletta, Mia	CP	Preschool Teacher	Step C-1	\$58,550.00 (Prorated)	Scala Resignation	11/24/2025 - 06/30/2026

**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
<b>Athletic Activities</b>					
Lasher, Eric	HS/MS	Crowd Control	Crowd Control	\$64.78/Game	2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Meyer, Gina	HS/MS	Crowd Control	Crowd Control	\$64.78/Game	2025/2026 School Year

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

**3. Substitute School Nurses - 2025/2026 School Year**

Name	Position	Location	Salary	Account #	Effective Dates
Rivera, Tiana	Substitute School Nurse	District	\$225/Day	11-000-213-104-11-0000-9	2025/2026 School Year

Substitute School Nurse Pay Rates: \$225 Full-Day Rate; \$112.50 Half-Day Rate; \$34.62 Hourly Rate

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

**4. Staff Array Changes - 2025/2026 School Year**

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignments	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Fiorilli, Christina	MS: 1.00	Math Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Math Teacher <i>Math 7</i>	11/13/2025 - 04/16/2026 Lubniewski LOA
Lenge, Tatiana	MS: 1.00	Math Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Math Teacher <i>Math 7</i>	11/13/2025 - 04/16/2026 Lubniewski LOA
Monro, David	MS: 1.00	Special Ed Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Special Ed Teacher <i>Math 7</i>	11/13/2025 - 04/16/2026 Lubniewski LOA
Slater, Kelley	RD: 1.00	Special Education Teacher Gr 2-3 ICR	<b>RD: 1.00</b>	<b><i>Special Education Teacher Gr 2-3 ERI</i></b>	11/10/2025 - 06/30/2026 DeGroat Recission

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

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Friedman, Emily	Jessica Grieci, School Counselor	Middle School School Counselor Practicum & Internship TCNJ Fall 2025 Practicum Spring 2026 Internship (Assignment changed from HS to MS)

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
DeGaetano, Justine	Dr. Emily Zupkus, School Psychologist	CST School Psychology Practicum Seton Hall University Spring 2026

**6. Volunteers - 2025/2026 School Year**

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date
Brown, Eric	HS	Wrestling	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 - 2025/2026 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 October 27, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
1	0

**POLICY**

**MOTION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**1. First Reading**

<b>Series</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Policy/ Regulation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>First Reading</b>
0000	Bylaws	0163	Quorum	11/10/2025
2000	Program	P 2270	Religion in Schools	11/10/2025
5000	Students	R 5200	Attendance (M)	11/10/2025
5000	Students	P&R 5330.01	Administration of Medical Marijuana (M)	11/10/2025
7000	Property	P&R 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	11/10/2025
9000	Community	P 9560	Administration of School Surveys (M)	11/10/2025
9000	Community	P 9713	Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M)	11/10/2025

**2. Second Reading and Adoption**

<b>Series</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Policy/ Regulation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
5000	Students	P 5722	Student Journalism (M)	11/10/2025

**(M)** indicates mandated by state law

**FINANCE****MOTION:** \_\_\_\_\_**SECONDED:** \_\_\_\_\_**Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - October 2025**

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of October 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 October 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 October 15, 2025 in the amount of \$2,297,423.05 and the October 30, 2025 in the amount of \$2,270,103.51 payroll.

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

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

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of October 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 October 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 - October 2025**

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 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 \$1,599,929.16.

## 5. November 2025 District Enrollment Report

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the attached District Enrollment Report for November 2025. [November 2025 District Enrollment Report](#)

## 6. 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 School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#3137871522) at a cost of \$19,305.71 for the 2025-2026 school year.

## 7. Acceptance of Donation from Recovery Innovations, Inc.

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept a donation from Recovery Innovations, Inc., chairs for students attending the KEYS program in the amount of \$875.

## 8. Approve 2026-2027 Preschool Projected Enrollment Form

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Preschool Project Enrollment Form.

## 9. Approve 2026-2027 Annual Preschool Operational Plan

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Annual Preschool Operational Plan.

## 10. Fire and Evacuation Drills

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

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Lockdown	10/9/25 @ 1:36 pm
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	10/15/25 @ 2:15 p,
Cliffwood Elementary School	Bus Evacuation	10/10/25 @ 9:30 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Evacuation	10/16/25 @ 2:30 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	10/9/25 @ 10:38 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Evacuation Drill	10/16/25 @ 2:20 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Non-Fire Evacuation Drill	10/6/25 @ 7:40 am
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	10/7/25 @ 1:30 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Lockdown (Active Shooter)	10/22/25 @ 1:25 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Bus Evacuation Drill	10/27/25 @ 7:15 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	10/7/25 @ 8:45 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Lockdown	10/15/25 @ 2:06 pm
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	10/21/25 @ 10:20 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Non Fire Evacuation	10/23/25 @ 9:39 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	10/10/25 @ 10:19 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Evacuation	10/24/25 @ 2:05 pm

**11. Bus Evacuation Drills:**

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following bus evacuation drills for the 2025-2026 school year per schedule below

<b>School</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Supervised by</b>
Cambridge Park Elementary School	10/22/25	Bus Driveway for all routes	Krysten Paone-Hurd
Cliffwood Elementary School	10/10/25	Bus Driveway for all routes	Christine Cherence
Lloyd Road Elementary School	10/6/25	Bus Driveway for all routes	John Bombardier
Matawan Regional High School	10/27/25	Bus Driveway for all routes	Mike Wells
Strathmore Elementary School	10/7/25	Bus Driveway for all routes	Lauren Kelly