

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.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/REGULAR ACTION MEETING was held on November 10, 2025, Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Ms. Werneke called the Regular Action Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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 November 5, 2025 in the Asbury Park Press and the district’s website. 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.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Present: | Ms. Werneke - President | Ms. Martinez - Vice President |
| | Ms. Ascoli | Ms. Feiles |
| | Mr. Montone | Ms. Pell |
| | Ms. Skop | Ms. Spruell |

Absent: Mr. McGovern

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

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION I

Be It Resolved, that a closed session be convened for the purpose of discussing Privacy, Personnel Matters and Legal 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 30 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. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Skop that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:34 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Skop, seconded by Ms. Spruell that the Board return to Open Session at 7:00 pm. This motion was unanimously approved.

VI. MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Pell, seconded by Ms. Feiles to approve the following 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

| | 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

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

- 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”

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Perez

- Today we had our ribbon cutting for our new fitness court at the high school. I want to extend a thank you to our Board of Education members for their support to make this project come to fruition.
- I would also like to give a special thank you to our central office admin team, especially Ms. Case and Mr. Rick Carlson - who I know thought I was crazy to bring this up as a project. In fact Ms. Case said- how are we going to afford this? I said ‘don’t worry- it will work out - it’s for the kids and our community members.
- Ms. Case is always very resourceful and submitted a local recreation grant which we were awarded \$93,000.
- Mr. Carlson our Director of Facilities was another key player in this project with planning for the installation every step of the way.
- We worked together with our district partners and community members to sponsor additional funds and labor to make it all happen. Through strong partnerships and collaboration there was no cost to the district for this amazing project.
- We hope our students and community members enjoy the outdoor fitness court. It is the first and only Monmouth County.

- I want to remind everyone about our Scheduled Community Session on November 25, at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be located at Ravine Drive in person and community members will be able to listen in virtually. At this meeting we will share the:
 - Discuss the scope of the redistricting project
 - The reasons why redistricting is being considered
 - Introduce the team that will be working on the project
 - Explain the project’s timeline and potential implementation plan
 - Clarify potential changes and how can it impact our students, programming, and the school community
 - Discuss the various ways the community can provide feedback

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Ms. Werneke

I want to take a moment to clarify how the district and Board have been addressing enrollment growth and possible adjustments to our schools. First, no board member makes decisions in isolation. All actions take place publicly and only with a quorum present. Transparency is a core value of the Board of Education and a personal commitment of mine.

The demographer’s report, presented on June 5, has been publicly available since that meeting. This is the only data that is available. In other words - the public, the district and the board all have access to the same data. The conclusion of that report outlined options for managing growth within our current facilities. Since then, the topic of enrollment, growth and future planning by potentially redistricting has been discussed at multiple Board meetings and featured in the Board’s articles in the All Around Matawan and Aberdeen newspaper from July through November.

It’s important to understand how the process works. The Superintendent and administrative team develop recommendations based on data and professional expertise from the demographer. The Board’s role is to review those recommendations, ensure alignment with district goals, and vote on them publicly.

There’s also been some confusion about the word “plan.” Right now, “plan” means the process of figuring out what works best, not a finalized blueprint. The demographer’s analysis and the Superintendent’s forthcoming recommendations will guide that plan. No decisions have been made.

Finally, the Board of Education represents both Matawan and Aberdeen, with three seats from Matawan and six from Aberdeen, based on the student population from each town. Every member, regardless of hometown, shares the same goal: supporting the success and well-being of all MARS D students.

Our focus remains steady, which is to engage the community and support our Superintendent’s leadership to make informed, transparent decisions that put students first.

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT - Danny Ni

Good evening everyone. Even though November has just started, each school still has a lot to report! Starting with the high school, students were introduced to the brand new outdoor gym in a ribbon cutting ceremony just today! This outdoor gym is available for any student, especially those in dance and band, and will encourage a healthy and active lifestyle! In addition to this, fall sports has just recently ended, with the football team making it to playoffs and the Marching Band getting 3rd in states with a score of 88.3 and 4th in nationals with a score of 89.8! As for some notable things being run by clubs, the Men's Mental Health club is accepting donations through votes to see which teacher will grow the biggest mustache/beard! All proceeds will go to the Movember Foundation. In addition to this, AASU is hosting a food drive with Student Government, giving students a chance to support their community as well as gain BOTC points for their grade! Looking forward to events this week, NJSLA and NJGPA field testing will begin this Wednesday and will continue until Friday. Last but not least, the Husky Open House Experience is this Thursday, November 13th at the High School!

Moving on to Cambridge Park, their students had Picture Day today, with their halls being filled with smiles and excitement! This Thursday, they will welcome DJ Got Me Fit for a PTO-sponsored assembly that will get everyone engaged and practicing their gross motor skills in a fun way! They are also celebrating World Kindness Day by painting rocks to add to their Kindness Garden, spreading positivity and joy. Next week, the school has a field trip to Stop and Shop, where students will go on a scavenger hunt that ends with them scanning, paying, and checking out their own items!

At Cliffwood, their first graders learned about the election process and voted for their cookies, connecting classroom lessons to real world experiences! In their Pre-K class, their students were designing bridges in STEM class, and their 3rd graders created x-rays of their hands and discovered what would happen if our bodies didn't have bones. As for this week, Cliffwood Students are looking forward to the Scholastic Book Fair and Coastal Wilds Assembly thanks to the Cliffwood PTO! Cliffwood would also like to take a moment to thank all of our veterans for their courage, service, and sacrifice. They ask that everyone join them in wearing red, white, blue, or camouflage on Tuesday for Veterans' Day to show our gratitude.

Over at Strathmore, students and teachers alike celebrated Halloween with a costume parade and special classroom activities! All of the teachers dressed up as different holidays that spanned the calendar! Looking to the future, Strathmore will be running its annual food drive from November 17th to 21st, with donations directly supporting the Strathmore community. A big thanks to the Strathmore PTO for their help with this event. In addition to this, Principal Kelly would like to remind everyone that the next PTO meeting is this Wednesday, November 12th, at 7:00 PM, with all being welcome.

Next up is Ravine Drive, with Principal Carbajal offering an update on their PBIS program! Students are continuing to earn tickets for being Responsible, Responsive, and Reflective, with weekly drawings also being held for students to earn rewards. This Wednesday they will be celebrating the students nominated for the Remarkable Roadrunner award for the month of October for showing Kindness. Last but not least, the PTO is hosting a Bingo Pizza night for the community on Friday, Nov. 14th at 6pm.

Then, at Lloyd School, the school recently got its new Attendance Incentive program up and running! For the month of October, the homerooms with the best attendance earned an extra recess period, with a large bulletin board and regular announcements reminding students about the importance of getting to school on time! Something to look forward to is the PTO Winter Chill event on Thursday, December 11th, that Lloyd Road is gearing up for! Families can look forward to a fun night that will include a DJ, a Hot Cocoa Bar, food & drinks, and more! In addition to this, students are getting ready for the NJSLA-Adaptive Field Test that will be given this week to all 4th and 5th graders. This test will allow staff and students alike to learn more about the new tests before the official one in spring.

After Lloyd is MAMS, who have their annual Thanksgiving food drive that is active now through Monday, November 17th. For each food item donated, students will earn one point toward Battle of the Classes, with students even earning five points for any turkeys donated! MAMS is also holding a student design contest for a new school T-shirt! For 3 weeks, students have the opportunity to submit their designs to the basket in the main office. Principal van Horn expresses his excitement for the creative ideas to come!

All of this brings me to the end of my report. Thank you for listening, and I look forward to seeing you again next month!

XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mr. Liebmann presented the Curriculum and Instruction Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening.

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

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.

| Location | Date(s) | School/Grade | Purpose | Funding |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| REVISED: The Culinary Education Center, Asbury Park, NJ | 12/19/25 (revised date) | MRHS Gr. 9-12 Food, Fashion & Family Students & Staff | To tour the county HS Culinary Arts Program. They will also participate in a luncheon prepared & served by culinary students. | Student/Parent Funded |
| NEW: 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 |
| NEW: 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 |
| REVISED: Manasquan Reservoir, Howell, | 05/14/26-05/15/26 (revised date) | ST Gr. 2 Students & Staff | Students will discover animals that live in the | PTO Funds |

| Location | Date(s) | School/Grade | Purpose | Funding |
|----------|---------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| NJ | | | Manasquan Reservoir. Aligns with Science curriculum 5.2.LS4.1 | |

| | 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. STUDENT SERVICES

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

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

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 | 10/2/25-6/30/25 |

Rationale: Per Student’s IEP
Cost: \$86,859.50

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

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 | 10/14/25-11/14/25 |
| 164624 | LearnWell | \$2,436.00 | 9/23/2025-10/23/25 |
| 160097 | LearnWell | \$3,654.00 | 10/6/2025-11/17/25 |

Rationale: Per student’s IEP
Cost: \$6,090.00
Cost: \$2,436.00

Account #: 11-150-100-320-09-0000-0
Account #: 11-219-100-320-09-0000-0

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 | 10/25/25-6/30/25 |

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

XIII. 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. Martinez 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 - 2025/2026 School Year

| Name | Loc | Position | Type of Leave | With/Without Pay | Effective Dates |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Alli, Asma | CL | Teacher | Personal | Without Pay | 1/14/26-1/16/26 |
| Foti, Stephanie | LR | Teacher | Personal | Without Pay | 12/2/25-12/3/25 |
| Hoffmann, Lisa | CL | Instructional Assistant | Personal | Without Pay | 11/12/25 |
| Ripple, Susan | CP | Teacher | Medical | With Pay | 10/10/25-11/26/25 Amended Dates - |

| Name | Loc | Position | Type of Leave | With/Without Pay | Effective Dates |
|------------------|-----|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | Previously Approved on 9/29/25 |
| Savinon, Katiria | CO | Confidential Secretary | FMLA Intermittent | Without Pay | 11/3/25 |
| Weaver, April | CO | School Bus/Van Driver | Personal | Without Pay | 10/29/25 |

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 | 11/24/25-6/30/26 |

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 | | | | | |
| Lasher, Eric | HS/MS | Crowd Control | Crowd Control | \$64.78/Game | 2025/2026 School Year |
| 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 Math 7 | 11/13/25-4/16/26 Lubniewski LOA |
| Lenge, Tatiana | MS: 1.00 | Math Teacher | MS: 1.00 .33 O/L | Math Teacher Math 7 | 11/13/25-4/16/26 Lubniewski LOA |
| Monro, David | MS: 1.00 | Special Ed Teacher | MS: 1.00 .33 O/L | Special Ed Teacher Math 7 | 11/13/25-4/16/26 Lubniewski LOA |

| Name | Loc/Fte | Current Assignments | Loc/Fte/O/L | New Assignment | Effective Dates/Reason |
|----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Slater, Kelley | RD: 1.00 | Special Education Teacher Gr 2-3 ICR | RD: 1.00 | Special Education Teacher Gr 2-3 ERI | 11/10/25-6/30/26 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) |
| 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 |

PERSONNEL - WALK-IN ITEMS

1. Resignations/Retirements - 2025/2026 School Year

| Name | Loc | Position | Reason | Hire Date | Effective Date |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| Youssef, Christine | CP | Preschool Teacher | Resignation | 9/1/2025 | 12/31/2025 |

2. Appointments

a) Volunteers - 2025/2026 School Year

| Name | Location | Activity | Effective Date |
|-----------------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Castro, Michael | HS | Wrestling | 2025/2026 School Year |
| Piscopo, Joseph | HS | Boys' Basketball | 2025/2026 School Year |
| Terry, Edwin | 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.

3. Other

a. Administrative Leave with Pay - 2025/2026 School Year

- Employee # 6796 - 11/11/2025 - 12/31/2025

b. Moving Compensation - 2025/2026 School Year

- Kelli Werner, Cliffwood Elementary School
Up to 5 hours at \$25/hr

| | 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 and one (1) member was absent

XIV. POLICY

Motion by Ms. Pell, seconded by Ms. Spruell to approve the first reading of the following:

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 | 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

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

(M) indicates mandated by state law

XV. FINANCE

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

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

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 DriveElementary 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

| School | Date | Location | Supervised by |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |

| | 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

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Started 7:39 pm

- D. Gabriel - Make up of the board and how votes are handled? Data driven and in that report we are under capacity so 2 overcrowding and why move only CL & RD? Higher SES and low diversity and handle w/
- Ms. Werneke -
- Mr. Rubin - No, once it's a district wide issue then each get a vote.
- D. Avery - Company handles the assessment for RFP?
- Ms. Werneke - Demographer was out of state and spoke to both municipalities for information.
- Ms. Case - Yes, it went out to Request for Proposal and there was one bidder.
- Ms. Perez - Historically, it was completed and the last one before this was completed 10 years ago.
- D. Avery - Any other work besides this for the awardee?
- Ms. Case - No, it was in the Asbury Park PRes
- Ms. Martinez - This was done prior with no vendor and we needed a professional who does it.
- D. Avery - Will there be a peer review?
- Mr. Rubin - There are no current plans to pay a second vendor
- G. Lee - If boundaries are changed how would it impact bussing?
- Ms. Perez - It will look at current and future changes. During the demographic study did not look at bussing. That will be reviewed during this process. City Gate will present and assist to receive community questions. No decisions have been made, grade level configurations will be looked at along with the boundaries. A potential recommendation in Feb to move forward. Potentially if it's just bussing then possibly.
- G. Lee - Kids should go where they reside.
- Ms. Pell - It was hard to receive information and understand that we can only receive information all together as it does not fall under executive session.
- Ms. Wereneke -
- Ms. Perez - It could be a phase in plans depending upon the results.
- B. Serudy - Development stated that it's a well established community and what development name is that? Zoned for Cliffwood? Showing there are an additional 200 units?
- Ms. Perez - Glassworks first phase provided the full district 120 students. Yes, for PK-3.
- Ms. Werneke - 120 is actual and has happened. We can't predict how many will be there.

- Ms. Perez - We had 100 + students register from July-Sept that came from all over the towns. We are planning for what will come. The additional students required us to open a new class to keep class sizes lower. It has caused delays in transportation.
- Ms. Ascoli - We are planning now because we saw how quickly it impacted this year. We will all be informed when we see the data. Ravine is close to capacity.
- Ms. Pell - Right now we see that ST is overcrowded and in a few years it will be LR.
- D. Gabriel - It makes sense but our children are not dots on a map. It's uprooting a child. We took \$7.8 million dollars and how committed are we? We will flock to get free PreK and what commitment is it?
- Ms. Werneke - No one is here because we are moving dots on a map.
- Ms. Perez - Spoke of securing funding and it's a yearly commitment.
- D. Gabriel - This was a slippery slope and felt foolish.
- Ms. Ascoli - Spike about the bill
- Ms. Pell - We have had preschool for a long time.
- L. Cashin - Thank you for your time and congratulations to Ms. Werneke and Ms. Ascoli. I have been in education for 11 years. The research shows small class size and preschool is important. Strathmore is overcrowded.
- L. Cashin - It's hard when we should be here for all of our students.
- B. Serudy - The first time we were supposed to be awarded and it was removed the day before. At that time there were other buildings to house students. Where will the overflow go? When I was a kid there were kids in trailers and buildings always under construction. What other things are we considering?

Ended - 8:22 pm

XVI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Pell - Delegate Assembly update for upcoming meeting
- Ms. Werneke - Thank you to all that came out and hope to see you all on the 24th

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

- None

XVIII. 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 35 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. Skop, seconded by Ms. Feiles that the Board convene in Executive Session II and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 8:27 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Pell, seconded by Ms. Martinez that the Board return to Open Session at 9:03 pm.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Pell, seconded by Ms. Martinez and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.