

**MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
January 12, 2026**



**Workshop Meeting  
5:30 PM**

**Administrative Offices,  
1027 Route 34, Matawan, NJ**

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**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. ROLL CALL
- V. BOARD DISCUSSION
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VII. XXIV. 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  
Michael Mondella  
Dianna M. Pell  
Danielle Spruell

Katie Feiles, Vice President  
Christopher McGovern  
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 January 7, 2026 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

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Discussion

- Ethics
- Budget