

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 virtually on January 26, 2026, Cliffwood Elementary School, 422 Cliffwood Ave., Cliffwood, NJ

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Ms. Werneke called the Regular Action Meeting to order at 6:30 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 May 22, 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. Feiles - Vice President
	Ms. Ascoli	Mr. McGovern
	Mr. Mondella	Mr. Montone
	Ms. Pell	Ms. Skop
	Ms. Spruell (arrived at 6:41 pm)	

Absent:

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
	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 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. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:32 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Skop, seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board return to Open Session at 7:11 pm. This motion was unanimously approved.

VI. MINUTES

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

- Regular Action Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2025
- Executive Session I & II Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2025

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

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) members were absent

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Email received Jan 8, 2026, mcnamarac05@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, acastiglia25@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, rachaelhryan@gmail.com, regarding "Curriculum & Instruction”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, minfante84@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, Saraannbarba@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, amandaknupp14@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, mattsarlo@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, Rhcs206@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Student Services/Program Services”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, Aweber529@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, lroyce888@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Student Services/Program Services”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, danic.spruell@gmail.com, regarding, ”Student Services”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, danic.spruell@gmail.com, regarding, ”Curriculum & Instruction”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, Amidtbo2@gmail.com, regarding “Transportation”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, jpiedra85@yahoo.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, Lmgenovese89@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Program Services”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, jbduchaine@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, meglizpigott@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Student Services/ Program Services/Transportation”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, kmcbride1718@yahoo.com, regarding “Student Services/ Program Services/Facilities/Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, Saraannbarba@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, clo2442@icloud.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, b.mcgoldrick@yahoo.com, regarding “Facilities/Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, mikelangen7@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Facilities”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, Gabrielle.lisiewski@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, coreysouzama@hotmail.com, regarding “Facilities/Transportation”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, kathrynsarlo@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, crystal@migliorisi.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, vrn1205@aol.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Student Services/ Program Services”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, Allison.betso@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Student Services/ Program Services”

Email received Jan 8, 2026, Gabrielleraisch@gmail.com, regarding “Student Services”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, sarahshanahan31@gmail.com, regarding “Student Services/Transportation”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, jbucco@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Student Services”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, nicole.sala@hilti.com, regarding "Curriculum & Instruction”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, 8:46 am, limariemccoy@gmail.com, regarding “Transportation/Other”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, 9:10 am, limariemccoy@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, 9:40 am, limariemccoy@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, andyppc@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, pattymrizzo@gmail.com, regarding “Student Services/Other”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, joannagehr@yahoo.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, rachaelhryan@gmail.com, regarding "Curriculum & Instruction”

Email received Jan 9, 2026, amandalitt@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction”

Email received Jan 11, 2026, dq32577@yahoo.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 12, 2026, myoskowitz@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 12, 2026, ordasandrea@yahoo.com, regarding “Student Services/Program Services

Email received Jan 12, 2026, bridgetmariee@yahoo.com, regarding “Program Services”

Email received Jan 12, 2026, ecedel@yahoo.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction”

Email received Jan 12, 2026, lisamcashin@gmail.com, regarding "re-distracting feedback”

Email received Jan 13, 2026, courtney.michnewicz@gmaol.com, regarding “Redistricting Plan”

Email received Jan 13, 2026, ashleyruscitto@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction”

Email received Jan 13, 2026, danalabulis@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 14, 2026, Lisabal71@gmail.com, regarding “Student Services/Program Services/Transportation”

Email received Jan 14, 2026, barrychenzhang@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 15, 2026, Danalabulis@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 15, 2026, taraassenza@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 15, 2026, Weavermaggi@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 15, 2026, sandy.furnbach@gmail.com, regarding "Curriculum & Instruction/Transportation”

Email received Jan 15, 2026 coreysouzama@hotmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction/Facilities”

Email received Jan 16, 2026, Skitkat13@yahoo.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 20, 2026, courtneyacoppotelli@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 20, 2026, jriv129@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Jan 21, 2026, sarahshanahan31@gmail.com, regarding “Transportation”

Email received Jan 21, 2026, sarahshanahan31@gmail.com, regarding "Transportation”

Email received Jan 21, 2026, egaray36@gmail.com, regarding “Program Services”

Email received Jan 22, 2026, ejgibson33@gmail.com, regarding “Curriculum & Instruction, Student Services, Program Services, Athletics and Other”

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Perez

- Thank you to all for the help with Redistricting

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Ms. Werneke

First - thanks to our facilities crews for working to clear our parking lots and check our buildings so they are safe and warm for school reopening tomorrow.

A reminder that due to icy conditions and freezing temperatures over night - all district schools will operate on a 2-hour delay schedule. Y-time will start at 9 am. The district bell schedule can be found on the Board Facebook page and on the website. If you scroll down on the homepage, it’s the third item in the “at a glance” section. We encourage homeowners to clear sidewalks according to town ordinances to ensure safety for our walkers. And please leave yourself extra time to take your time for a safe arrival to school.

High school midterms: there will be no early dismissal in light of the delayed opening. The midterm schedule will resume on Wednesday, Jan 28th

The Board has consistently worked to deepen our understanding of the budget process. We formed an ad hoc Finance and Facilities Committee that has been touring school buildings to identify maintenance, repairs, and potential upgrades. The budget timeline will be shorter with a new Governor just sworn in. We are fortunate to have County support through the process. A tentative budget is due to the County for review by mid-March.

Please save the date for March 11th for the Monmouth County Mental Health Symposium at Brookdale Community College. I’ve attended in the past, as I know numerous board members have, and it’s always informative and insightful - a reminder that this is open to the public.

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT - Danny Ni

- None

XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

Motion by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Skop 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 Corrective Action Plan - Addressing Student Chronic Absenteeism Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25.1, in the event that 10 percent or more of the students enrolled in a public school are chronically absent, the school(s) shall develop a corrective action plan to improve absenteeism rates. A student is considered chronically absent if the student misses 10 percent or more of the school days in session for which the student was enrolled. Utilizing attendance data from SY24-25, the following schools are on a corrective action plan for SY25-26.

Matawan Regional High School, Matawan Aberdeen Middle School, Cliffwood Elementary, Ravine Drive Elementary, Strathmore Elementary, and Cambridge Park.

2. 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
NEW - Princeton International School of Mathematics, Princeton, NJ	February 7, 2026	MS Gr. 7 & 8 Science Bowl Club Students & Advisors	Science Bowl Competition	Student/Parent Funded

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

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) members were absent

XII. STUDENT SERVICES

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

Motion by Ms. Pell, seconded by Mr. Mondella to approve the following:

1. 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	\$1,218.00	12/13/25-12/22/25
171227	LearnWell	\$1,218.00	12/18/25-12/29/25
170201	LearnWell	\$3,045.00	1/2/26-2/1/26
161090	LearnWell	\$609.00	1/2/26-1/9/26
162691	LearnWell	\$3,045.00	12/29/25-2/6/26
170117	Brookfield Schools	\$580.00	1/5/26-1/9/26
160481	LearnWell	\$609.00	1/14/26-1/20/26
161090	LearnWell	\$2,436.00	1/12/26-2/01/26

Rationale: Per student’s IEP

Cost: \$3,654.00

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

Cost: \$9,106.00

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

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
171851	Rutgers Day School (RDS)	\$60,648.00	12/9/25-6/30/26

Rationale: Per Student's IEP

Cost: \$60,648.00

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

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Mr. McGovern	X				
Mr. Mondella	X				

Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell	X				
Ms. Feiles	X				
Ms. Werneke	X				

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) members were absent

XIII. PERSONNEL

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

Motion by Mr. Mondella, 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:

A. Resignations/Retirements - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Esposito, Matthew	MS	Special Education Teacher	Resignation	9/1/2023	2/25/2026
Evans, Colleen	CO	Transportation Assistant	Resignation	9/1/2022	2/13/2026
Gascot, Deja	HS	School Secretary - 12 Month	Resignation	3/2/2015	2/27/2026
Kobylanski, Alison	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Resignation	9/1/2022	2/13/2026
Servidio, Paul Dr.	HS	Biological Science Teacher	Retirement	10/31/2005	6/30/2026

B. Leave of Absence - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Anderson, Sonali	CL	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	9/1/25-3/03/26 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 12/15/25
Beyer, Alexa	HS	Art Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	5/18/26-5/20/26
Damico, Victor	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical	With Pay	1/20/26-4/16/26
Folchetti, Maryann	LR	Instructional Assistant	Medical	Without Pay	1/5/26-1/12/26
Hanson, Christa	HS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	4/9/26-6/23/26
Savinon, Katiria	CO	Confidential Secretary	Medical/FMLA Intermittent	Without Pay	1/21/26

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

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Colon, Kevin	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Step 1	\$34.12/hr	Employee # 5972	2/9/26-6/30/26
Petersen, Leron	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Step 1	\$34.12/hr	Walengewicz Retirement	2/2/26-6/30/26

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

2. Salary Adjustments - 2025/2026 School Year (Half-Year Adjustments - February through June)

Name	Location/Position	From Step/Salary	To Step/Salary
Cotter, Kevin	Ravine Drive Music Teacher	MA - E-14, \$97,375.00	MA+30 - F14, \$99,725.00
Krumich, Erica	Strathmore Special Education Teacher	BA+30 - D-12, \$83,450.00	MA - E-12, \$85,600.00
Levine, Sam	Lloyd Road Music Teacher	BA - C-6, \$61,800.00	BA+30 - D-6, \$66,700.00
Schultz, Lisa	Cliffwood Elementary Teacher	MA - E-12, \$85,600.00	MA+30 - F-12, \$87,950.00
Claravall, Justine Hope	Ravine Drive Instructional Assistant	A 1-2, \$14,355.00	A 1-2, \$14,355.00 + BA Stipend \$1,539.20 Effective 11/11/2025

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

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
Meola, Michael	HS	Baseball	Co-Assistant Coach	Step 3 Split \$3,588.15 Amended Split Stipend	2025/2026 School Year
O'Halloran, Michael	HS	Baseball	Co-Assistant Coach	Step 3 Split \$3,588.15	2025/2026 School Year
Coppola, Joseph	HS	Softball	Head Coach	Step 2 \$8,146.89	2025/2026 School Year
Leonard, Keelyn	HS	Softball	Assistant Coach	Step 2 \$6,626.96	2025/2026 School Year
Wietecha, Robert	HS	Softball	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2025/2026 School Year
Williams, Devonn	MS	Softball	Assistant Coach Grades 6 - 8	Step 3 \$6,426.30	2025/2026 School Year
Lasko, Andrew	HS	Tennis (Boys')	Head Coach	Step 3 \$6,312.29	2025/2026 School Year
Mergner, Susan	HS	Spring Track (Girls')	Head Coach	Step 3 \$8,768.79	2025/2026 School Year
Colabelli, Cara	HS	Spring Track (Girls')	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2025/2026 School Year
Bowman, Jennifer	HS	Spring Track (Girls')	Assistant Coach	Step 2 \$6,626.96	2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Acosta, Alicia	MS	Spring Track (Girls')	Assistant Coach Grades 6 - 8	Step 3 \$6,426.30	2025/2026 School Year
Turner, Samuel	HS	Spring Track (Boys')	Head Coach	Step 3 \$8,768.79	2025/2026 School Year
Kalieta, Thomas	HS	Spring Track (Boys')	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2025/2026 School Year
Walsh, Matthew	HS	Spring Track (Boys')	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2025/2026 School Year
Grigoli, Jeremy	MS	Spring Track (Boys')	Assistant Coach Grades 6 - 8	Step 3 \$6,426.30	2025/2026 School Year
Marsh, Charles	MS	Spring Track (Boys'/Girls)	Assistant Coach Grades 6 - 8	Step 3 \$6,426.30	2025/2026 School Year
Non-Athletic Activities					
Wilson, Tara	MS	Spring Musical Production	Consultant	\$1,544.39	2025/2026 School Year
Hourly Activities					
Califano, Shannon	HS	Tutorial (Chemistry)	Instructor	\$36.28/hr	2025/2026 School Year
DeHart, Vanessa	HS	SAT Prep (Math) Fall/Spring	Instructor	\$50/hr	2025/2026 School Year
Itzol, Brenda	HS	Before/After School Detention	Monitor	\$25.91/hr	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.

4. Staff Array Changes - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Giacchi, Gabrielle	CL: .60 LR: .40	School Counselor	CL: 1.00	School Counselor	1/12/26-6/30/26
Thiel, Alycia	CL: 1.00	Media/STEM Teacher	CL: 1.00	Elementary Teacher Grade 1	1/12/26-6/30/26 Bottone LOA
Black, Laura	MS: 1.00	English Teacher	MS: 1.00 .17 O/L	English Teacher LAL Enrichment Grade 6	2/2/26-6/30/26 New Program
Colao, Raquel	MS: 1.00	English Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	English Teacher LAL Enrichment Grade 7	2/2/26-6/30/26 New Program
Goldstone, Chani	MS: 1.00	Math Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Math Teacher STEM Enrichment Grade 6	2/2/26-6/30/26 New Program
Wangen, Georgette	MS: 1.00	Math Teacher	MS: 1.00 .17 O/L	Math Teacher STEM Enrichment Grade 7	2/2/26-6/30/26 New Program

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Buchanan, Laura	RD: 1.00	Special Education Teacher	RD: 1.00 .17 O/L 2 days/week	Special Education Teacher Supplemental Support	12/15/25-6/30/26 Per Student IEP

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

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Bizzosa, Theresa	Ashley Gomez, Preschool Teacher Alyssa Pappas, Elementary Teacher/Grade 3	Lloyd Road Elementary School, Student Observer, Brookdale Community College, Spring 2026
Gargiulo, Samantha	Megan Kresevic, Elementary Special Education Teacher	Strathmore Elementary School, Student Observer, Eastern University, Spring 2026
Jones, Georgia	Tara Perchuk, Special Education Randi Eisenberg, General Education	Lloyd Road Elementary School, Student Observer, Brookdale Community College, Spring 2026
Parra-Victoriano, Samira	Kristina Leach, School Counselor	KEYS Academy, Human Services Practicum, Brookdale Community College Spring 2026
Teubner, Lindsay	Linda Gumina, SLP	Strathmore Elementary School, Student Observer, TCNJ, 2025/2026 School Year

6. Substitute School Nurses - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Position	Location	Salary	Account #	Effective Dates
Festo, Marie-Elena	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.

7. Volunteers - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date
Kaye, John	High School	Baseball	2025/2026 School Year
Miller, David	Middle School	Theater Arts Spring Musical Production	2025/2026 School Year
O’Hara, Colin	High School	Spring Track	2025/2026 School Year
Pearson, Dax	High School	Boys Basketball	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 January 5, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
0	0

2. Additional Hours - 2025/2026 School Year

- Corey Souza, Instructional Assistant at CL
Up to 13 hours at Employee’s Hourly Rate
- Michael W. Wells, Hall Monitor
Up to 2 hours at Employee’s Hourly Rate to cover a hall monitor’s absence on 12/18/2025

3. Mentor Teachers - 2025/2026 School Year

- Cliffwood Elementary: Christina Oczkowski
- Lloyd Road: Emily Mills

4. Moving Compensation - 2025/2026 School Year

- Gabrielle Giacchi, Alycia Thiel: Cliffwood Elementary School
Up to 5 hours each at \$25/hr

5. Additional Evaluations - 2025/2026 School Year

- Lauren Miles, LDTC
Up to 10 cases at \$400/case (To cover CST Member’s LOA)

PERSONNEL - WALK-IN ITEM

1. Appointments - 2025/2026 School Year

New Hires

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Case, John	CO	Dispatcher	Step 7	\$62,850.00	Kaeser Transfer	2/1/26-6/30/26
Domogala, Krystyna	HS	Interim Assistant Principal	N/A	\$500/per diem 4 Days per Week	Bera LOA- Carbajal Transfer	1/27/26-6/30/26
Mason, Melissa	MS	Math Teacher	D-10	\$75,650.00 Prorated	Scheuing LOA/ Retirement	4/6/26-6/30/26 Or sooner

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

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Ms. Ascoli	X				
Mr. McGovern	X				
Mr. Mondella	X				
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell	X				
Ms. Feiles	X				
Ms. Werneke	X				

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, zero (0) members were absent

XIV. POLICY

- None

XV. FINANCE

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

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

Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification - December 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of December 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 December 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 December 15, 2025 in the amount of \$2,325,148.30 and the December 23, 2025 in the amount of \$2,280,405.58 payroll.

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

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

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of December 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 December 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 - December 2025

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2025.

3. Approve Appropriation Transfers - None**4. Approve Bills**

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the bills paid and checks issued at the Board meeting in the amount of \$4,745,990.41.

5. REVISED - 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. The students last day was Nov 26, 2025. The revised cost is \$7,500 (previously approved on Jul 21, 2025)

6. REVISED - 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. The students last day was Oct 20, 2025. The revised cost is \$9,587.78 (previously approved on Jul 21, 2025)

7. 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 Toms River North School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#4561484825) beginning on January 30, 2026 at a cost of \$29,082.69, prorated for the 2025-2026 school year.

8. Ed-Stability Tuition 2025-2026

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following students to attend placement as indicated for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student ID	Placement	Start Date	End Date	Tuition
171858	Brick School District	9/3/25	6/30/26	\$21,390 (prorated based on # of days student is active)
171856	Brick School District	9/3/25	6/30/26	\$21,390 (prorated based on # of days student is active)

Account # 11-000-100-562-11

9. January 2026 District Enrollment Report

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the attached District Enrollment Report for January 2026. [January 2026](#)

10. Fire and Evacuation Drills

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

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	12/3/25 @ 11:32 am
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Shelter in Place (Bomb Threat)	12/11/25 @ 2:05 pm
Cliffwood Elementary School	Lock Down	12/12/25 @ 2:30 pm
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	12/18/25 @ 1:45 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	12/10/25 @ 1:50 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Shelter in Place	12/18/25 @ 10:59 am
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	12/3/25 @ 1:23 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Lock Down	12/19/25 @ 9:39 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	12/3/25 @ 8:45 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Active Shooter/Lock Down	12/9/25 @ 10:00 am

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Ravine DriveElementary School	Fire Drill	12/12/25 @ 9:30 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Lock Down	12/19/25 @ 1:45 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	12/10/25 @ 2:19 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Lock Down	12/19/25 @ 10:31 am

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Mr. McGovern	X				
Mr. Mondella	X				
Mr. Montone	X				
Ms. Pell	X				
Ms. Skop	X				
Ms. Spruell	X				
Ms. Feiles	X				
Ms. Werneke	X		X		Abstained from Item 5

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, one (1) member abstained from item 5 and zero (0) members were absent

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

- None

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. McGovern - Good luck on midterms
- Ms. Pell - Attended NJSBA of bills: Bell to Bell; Charter School; Instructional Mandate for cursive 3-5th grade; Dangers on Opioids; Service training with every 5 years; Clarification on mental health referrals; Water Safety Facts Sheet; Water Suppliers must notify us on supply issues; Lowering the requirements to be a CTE instructor; Pension re-enrollment changes; Lower thresholds for leaves; Maintain a central place to see all vacancies; Central tutoring source for parents; Task Force for Chronic Absenteeism and regionalization
- Ms. Spruell - Give a restrict timeline update
- Ms. Perez - Provided an update including Special Education Programming with ensuring its equal and fair with clubs that are age appropriate. Appreciate support and staff support!
- Ms. Ascoli - Spoke to the unpaid lunch debt. Provide an update every 3-6 months and re-review the policy
- Ms. Perez - Include Board Attorney into the conversation
- Ms. Pell - NJSBA to include incentives to pay. Free - graduation, prom tickets, etc. Reach out to HS for these opportunities, i.e. field trip
- Ms. CAse - Reviewed the 3 ways to send in money for the lunch accounts

Issues Ms. Pell covered

NJSBA New Laws Highlights

Internet Enabled Devices (Bell to Bell) – ban with some flexibility built into the guidance that DOE issued on 1/15 (updated from the fall so look at it). Law effective 7/1/26. Broken up into elementary, middle, and high school. Needs to be consistency with fed law ie IEPs and 504s as students need it. Uses “internet enabled devices” to encompass anything – watches, glasses, etc. Other guidelines that our policy needs to address (what happens in emergencies etc.). NJSBA will develop model policy to distribute to districts later this year.

Charter School Reform – update from 1995 law, reaction to high profile issues with just a few schools. Covers transparency, reporting, enrollment, placement, athletics.

Instructional Mandate – Cursive Handwriting – grades 3-5 - curriculum standard that student can read and write in cursive legibly by grade 5.

Instructional Mandate – Dangers of illicit opioids – introduced with a focus on fentanyl specifically but then expanded generally to illicit opioids because youth drug use trends change over time

Epilepsy and Seizure Training – all staff need to be trained every 5 years (was already required, but the interval is what was added in the law)

Mental Health Referrals – staff mental health professionals are permitted to refer students to outside professionals (with parental notification). School is not responsible for any costs for outside professional.

Home Instruction Documentation – expands who can provide documentation that a student needs home instruction due to a medical condition [10 consecutive school days or 17 cumulative school days over course of year] was just a doctor, now includes more medical professionals

Water Safety – Dept of Children and Families must develop fact sheet, DOE must distribute it to districts, districts will be delivered to parents/guardians. Requires that our website shows a list of local swim lesson providers who have requested to be included on the list – kind of burdensome on districts to keep website updated, must be updated annually.

Water Violations – water suppliers must notify school districts of water quality violations and provide recommendations on how customers can deal with a quality issue

CTE Certification – used to require 2 years or 350 hours of teacher prep; now 1 year or 200 hours.

Pension Reenrollment Changes – allows to people to take a break of up to 10 years and reenter the pension system at where you left off (and break can be 15 years for some exceptions). Goal to get more former teachers to go back to the profession. Cost is on state pension fund.

Family Leave – lowers thresholds to be eligible to take family leave (worked for the employer for less time, etc.).

Employment Web Portal – DOE will maintain a list of school related job postings, will link to individual district's websites.

Supplemental Tutoring Registry – DOE will maintain a list of individuals/orgs who provide tutoring

Expand eligibility of formerly retired teachers to teach STEM in private schools

Task Force – Chronic Absenteeism – study causes of chronic absenteeism and develop recommendations to address. NJSBA able to recommend one member of task force.

Task Force – Special Education Transportation – study and make recommendations on best practices on transporting special education students including addressing behavioral and medical situations. NJSBA able to recommend one member of task force.

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 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. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Skop that the Board convene in Executive Session II and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 8:01 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Pell, seconded by Ms. Martinez that the Board return to Open Session at 8:40 pm.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Feiles and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.