

MISSION STATEMENT: To foster a safe and equitable learning environment that celebrates our diverse learners, and provides the necessary resources and support to prioritize the social-emotional and academic development of all students.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING was held on March 9, 2026, Matawan Regional High School, 450 Atlantic Ave., Aberdeen, NJ

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Ms. Werneke called the Regular Action Meeting to order at 6:32 pm

II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

“The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or agreed upon. In accordance with the provision of this act, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education advertised this meeting on February 27, 2026 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	

Absent:

Also Present:	Ms. Perez, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent for School Administration PreK-12
	Dr. Rawls-Dill, Director of Personnel

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION I

Be It Resolved, that a closed session be convened for the purpose of discussing Privacy, Personnel Matters and Legal Advice. The subject matter of these discussions will be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality subsides. Although the Board cannot guarantee it, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 30 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 I and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:33 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Mr. Mondella that the Board return to Open Session at 7:01 pm.

VI. MINUTES

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

- Re-Organization/Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2026
- Executive Session Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2026
- Workshop Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2026
- Regular Action Meeting Minutes (Virtual), January 26, 2026
- Executive Session I & II Meeting Minutes (Virtual), January 26, 2026
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2026
- Executive Session I & II Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2026

	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. Feiles to approve the following correspondence:

Email received Feb 9, 2026, natashavega25@gmail.com, regarding "Curriculum & Instruction/Transportation/ Other"

Email received Feb 11, 2026, laklockner@gmail.com, regarding "Other"

Email received Feb 12, 2025, guglielmi.mj@gmail.com, regarding "Other"

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Perez

- Mr. Liebmann presented the SSDS/HIB Report, Period 1, Sep 1, 2025-Dec 31, 2025
- Ms. Perez and Mr. Liebmann presented the Redistricting School Proposal
- There were questions from the community, the BOE and the Administrators responded

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Werneke

- Provided a brief update on the budget
- Discussed no cell phone use state wide and also discussed the Policy regarding cell phone use

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. Pell 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 MARS D Redistricting School Proposal, which includes grade level configurations, school boundaries for implementation beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

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 Plasma Physics Laboratory, Princeton, NJ	February 20, 2026	MS Gr. 7 & 8 Science Bowl Club Students & Advisors	Science Bowl Competition	Club Funds
REVISED - Colonia HS, Colonia, NJ	April 17, 2026	HS Gr. 9-12 Academic Bowls Students & Advisors	Academic competition for Academic Challenge	School Budget
NEW - Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ	April 30, 2026- May 3, 2026	HS Gr. 9-12 Winterguard Team & Advisors	Championship Competition	Students/Parents & Fundraising
NEW - Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ	June 11, 2026	HS Gr. 9-12 Chemistry & Physics Class Students & Staff	Planetarium Visit to reinforce the constellation unit	School Budget
NEW - Veteran's Memorial Park, Keyport, NJ	June 12, 2026	CL Gr. 3 Students & Staff	3rd grade moving up trip to Spray Park	PTO Funds

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose	Funding
NEW - Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	April 14, 2026	K.E.Y.S. Academy Students Gr. 9-12 & Staff	Substance Abuse Recovery and Wellness Programming	K.E.Y.S. Funding
NEW - Beyond Organic Growers, Freehold, NJ	April 16, 2026	K.E.Y.S. Academy Students Gr. 9-12 & Staff	Students will participate in activities connected to Health & Wellness and connect with the community.	K.E.Y.S. Funding
NEW - Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ	March 24, 2026	HS Gr. 9-12 Students from the Minority Male Mentoring Group & Advisors	2026 Empowering Young Black Males Annual Summit	School Budget
NEW - Brookdale Community College (K.E.Y.S.), Lincroft, NJ	May 19, 2026	HS Gr. 10-11 Students from Student Mentorship Program & Advisors	SPTS Youth Summit. Students will gain knowledge on healthy coping mechanisms and ways to seek help.	School Budget
NEW - TCNJ College of NJ, Ewing, NJ	May 28, 2026	HS Gr. 9-12 ALS Students & Staff	To provide students with a full ASL immersion experience.	School Budget
NEW - Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ	May 15, 2026	MS Gr. 6-8 Students in MD/Autism Classes & Staff	Students will explore and learn about various science topics and engage in interactive exhibits. Allows for social skills as well.	Student Services (CBI) Funds
NEW - Huber Woods, Middletown, NJ	April 13, 2026; April 17, 2026; April 20, 2026; April 23, 2026; April 24, 2026	LR Gr. 4 Students & Staff	Students will learn how the Lenape depended on each other to construct their villages. Aligns with the SS curriculum.	Paid by Students
NEW - The Plant Place, Middletown, NJ	April 24, 2026	LR Gr. 4-5 MD/Autism Classes & Staff	Students will create terrariums and plant art to enhance therapeutic creativity.	Student Services (CBI) Funds
NEW -	April 7, 2026;	LR Gr. 5	The program	Paid by

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose	Funding
Freneau Woods, Aberdeen, NJ	April 24, 2027; May 12, 2026; May 13, 2026	Enrichment Students & Staff	introduces students to biodiversity adaptations, food webs, stewardship of freshwater systems.	Students/Families
NEW - Center for Holocaust, Lincroft, NJ	June 8, 2026	LR Gr. 5 Students & Staff	Learning experience for the Humanities Enrichment Class	Student
NEW - YMCA, Freehold, NJ	June 15, 2026	LR Gr. 5 Students & Staff	5th grade YMCA Pool Club (Rain Date)	PTO Funds
NEW - MRHS, Aberdeen, NJ	May 19, 2026	ST Gr. 3 Students & Staff	3rd Grade Show Rehearsal	Student Activity Funds
REVISED & NEW - Bayshore Waterfront, Port Monmouth, NJ	May 19 & 20, 2026 (May 19th is a change in date from 5/27/26 and May 20th is an added date to accommodate all students.)	RD Gr. 2 Students & Staff	Bayshore Waterfront trip aligns with Biodiversity & Human curriculum. Observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life & habitats.	PTO Funds
REVISED - Porcey Park, Red Bank, NJ	May 21, 2026 (new date)	RD Gr. 3 Students & Staff	Fossil Hunt as part of Unity & Diversity lesson. Analyze & interpret data.	PTO Funds
REVISED - Allaire Community Farm, Wall, NJ (new location replaced Von Thun Farms)	May 13, 2026 (new date)	RD Gr. 1 Students & Staff	Visit to farm aligns with Science curriculum on Structure & Function and Growth & Development of Organisms	PTO Funds
REVISED - Francisco Family Farm, Matawan, NJ (new location replaced Jenkinson's Aquarium)	May 12, 2026 (new date)	RD Kindergarten Students & Staff	Observe the environment of plants and animals.	PTO Funds

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve up to three coaches and up to four high school students to attend the 2026 NJSIAA State Wrestling Tournament at the Convention Hall in Atlantic City, NJ on March 12, March 13, and 14, 2026.

Rationale: Supervision provided by wrestling coaches for athletes qualifying for state level wrestling championships.

Cost: \$2,500 (NTE)

Account #: 11-402-100-580-30-1402-1

4. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the Matawan Regional High School baseball team for an overnight trip to compete in pre-season games in Delaware. The team will be departing on Friday, March 20, 2026 and will be returning on Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Rationale: This trip will enable student-athletes and coaches to compete in scrimmages that would not be available to them in New Jersey due to competition and weather. The trip will also serve as a team bonding experience.

Cost: No Cost to District (funded by parent booster and families)

	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 Mr. Mondella seconded by Mr. McGovern 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	Trinitas Regional Medical Center	\$3,000.00	1/23/26-2/13/26
170201	LearnWell	\$1,619.94	1/27/26-2/10/26
171227	LearnWell	\$809.97	2/12/26-2/18/26
162691	LearnWell	\$4,859.82	2/7/26-3/20/26
161090	Silvergate	\$320.00	2/9/26-2/13/26

Rationale: Per Student’s IEP

Cost: \$320.00

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

Cost: \$10,289.73

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

2. REVISION - The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve bedside instruction for the following student (Student was previously approved on the 1/27/2026 agenda).

Student	Program	Cost	Effective Dates
161090	LearnWell	\$647.96	1/5/26-1/8/26

Cost: \$647.96

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

3. 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	Program	Cost	Effective Dates
171172	Cornerstone School	\$45,326.80	02/04/2026-06/30/2026

Rationale: Per Student’s IEP

Cost: \$45,326.80

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

4. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following tuition/extraordinary aide rebill for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year.

School	Cost	Effective Dates
Archway Programs	\$3,377.25	9/1/23-6/30/24
Neptune Township	\$10,035.61	9/1/24-6/30/25
RKS/Harbor School	\$17,185.00	9/1/24-6/30/25
Collier Youth Services	\$10,422.03	9/1/24-6/30/25
The Center School	\$6,460.00	9/1/24-6/30/25
Lakeview	\$19,649.70	9/1/24-6/30/25
Children’s Center of Monmouth County	\$16,375.00	9/1/24-6/30/25
RKS/Gateway School	\$567.00	9/1/24-6/30/25
Honor Ridge Academy	\$2,831.76	9/1/24-6/30/25
Hawkswood School	\$17,723.00	9/1/24-6/30/25
Deron School	\$7,642.00	9/1/24-6/30/25
New Road	\$46,261.00	9/1/24-6/30/25

Rationale: Due to Audit

Cost: \$154,529.35

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

5. **REVISION** - (Student was previously approved on 6/16/2025 agenda) The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following student to have a 1:1 aid added to the out of district placement for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Student	Program	Cost	Effective Dates
158098	Future Foundations Academy	\$45,360.00	9/4/25-6/30/26

Rationale: Per Student’s IEP

Cost: \$45,360.00

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

	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		X		Abstained from Item #5
Ms. Werneke	X				

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

XIII. PERSONNEL

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

Motion by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Mr. Mondella 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
Bera, Kelly	RD	Principal	Retirement	9/1/1994	5/31/2026
Pugliese, Joseph	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Rescission	2/16/2026	2/16/2026

B. Leave of Absence - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Apple, Michael	MS	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	2/2/26-3/25/26
Dela Rosa Hona, Lara	ST	Instructional Assistant	Medical	Without Pay	3/5/26-3/6/26
Furman, Jessica	MS	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	2/18/26-6/30/26
Gargulinski, Melissa	CP	Teacher	Medical	Without Pay	2/11/26-3/9/26
Lathrop, Margret	ST	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	3/2/26-4/10/26
Ludwig, Kayla	MS	Teacher	Medical	Without Pay	2/5/26 2/20/26 ½ Day PM
			Medical/FMLA	Without Pay	2/25/26-2/27/26 3/2/26-4/30/26
Natale, Gloria	LR	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	3/27/26-6/30/26
Pisani, Laura	HS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	3/6/26-3/9/26
Posyton, Emily	MS	Teacher	Maternity	With Pay	1/27/26-3/2/26
			Maternity	Without Pay	3/3/26-3/25/26
			FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	3/26/26-6/12/26 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 12/15/25
Rosenblum, Erika	ST	Secretary	Medical	With Pay	1/9/26-1/15/26
				Without Pay	1/16/26-3/20/26 Amended - Previously Approved 1/5/26
Savinon, Katiria	CO	Confidential Secretary	FMLA Intermittent	Without Pay	2/18/26
Signorile, Rachel	CL	Instructional Assistant	Medical	With Pay	2/9/26-2/20/26
Thiel, Alycia	CL	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	4/22/26-4/27/26
Toomey, Joanne	RD	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	2/16/26-6/30/26
Weaver, April	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical/FMLA (Intermittent)	Without Pay	1/5/26-12/23/26

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Weaver, April	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	FMLA Intermittent Days	Without Pay	2/19/26 ½ Day PM 2/20/26 2/25/26-3/23/26
Whesper, JoAnn	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical	With Pay	1/30/26-4/1/26

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	2/17/26-6/30/26 Amended Date - Previously Approved on 2/9/2026
Siguenza, Wendy	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Step 1	\$34.12	Pugliese Recission	3/16/26-6/30/26

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

2. Curriculum & Instruction - Teachers for MRHS Mid-Day Tutorial Program - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Position	Staff	Activity	Max Hours	Cost/Hr	Total Cost
Posting # 3048 Borchers, Sheri Cohen, Lauren Itzol, Brenda Kotlowski, Nicole Moller, Jennifer Moller, Robert O'Neill, Michelle Warren, Dylan	Teachers	8	MRHS Mid-Day Tutorial Program (Perkins Grant)	Up to 216 shared hours	\$36.28/Hr	\$7,836.48

Account # 20-361-100-100-30-0000-0

3. Staff Array Changes - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Cohen, Lauren	HS: 1.00	English Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	English Teacher English 1	2/17/26-6/30/26 Hanson LOA
Colabelli, Cara	HS: 1.00	Freshman Seminar	HS: .80 .20	Freshman Seminar English 1	2/17/26-6/30/26 Hanson LOA
Giamella, Lauren	HS: .80 .20	English Teacher Theater	HS: .80 .20 .20 O/L	English Teacher Theater English 1	2/17/26-6/30/26 Hanson LOA

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Moller, Jennifer	HS: 1.00	English Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	English Teacher English 1	2/17/26-6/30/26 Hanson LOA
Naimo, Madison	HS: 1.00	English Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	English Teacher English 1	2/17/26-6/30/26 Hanson LOA
O'Neill, Michelle	HS: 1.00	Freshman Seminar	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Freshman Seminar Freshman Seminar	2/17/26-6/30/26 Colabelli/Hanson LOA
Giannone, Tara	LR: 1.00	Special Education Teacher	ST: 1.00	Special Ed Teacher	3/2/26-6/30/26 LOA
Reistrom, Meghan	MS: 1.00	Special Education Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Special Education Teacher Grade 6 ICR Science/SS	2/23/26-3/26/26 Esposito Resignation
Russo, Susan	MS: 1.00	Special Education Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Special Education Teacher Grade 6 ICR Science/SS	2/23/26-3/26/26 Esposito Resignation
Vasilenko, Nicholas	MS: 1.00	Health & PE Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Special Education Teacher Grade 6 ICR Science/SS	2/23/26-3/26/26 Esposito Resignation
Acosta, Alicia	MS: 1.00	Health & PE Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Health & PE Teacher Grade 7 ICR LAL	2/23/26-3/25/26 Apple LOA
Fontanta, Dana	MS: 1.00	Special Education Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Health & PE Teacher Grade 7 ICR LAL	2/23/26-3/25/26 Apple LOA
O'Brien, Matthew	MS: 1.00	Special Education Teacher	MS: 1.00 .33 O/L	Special Education Teacher	2/23/26-3/25/26 Apple LOA

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

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Campisi, Kyra	Brittany Whelan, Special Education	Cliffwood, Student Observer- Early Field Placement, Monmouth University Spring 2026
O'Donnell, Madison	Vanessa DeHart, Math Teacher	High School, Student Teacher, GCU Spring 2026
Palomo, Gabriella	Thomas Giles, Grade 6 Science Daniel Wilensky, Special Education	Middle School, Student Observer- Early Field Placement, Monmouth University Spring 2026

5. Volunteers - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date
Brady, Ryan**	MS	Softball	2025/2026 School Year
Giles, Thomas*	MS	Baseball	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. *District Staff Member, **Non-Staff Member

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 February 9, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
5	4

2. School Nurse for High School Graduation Events - 2025/2026 School Year

- Donna Godowski, School Nurse
Graduation Ceremony, Semi-Formal Dance, Jr. Prom and Sr. Prom
Up to four hours per event at \$41.46/hr
June 2026 Graduation Date or Raindate

3. School Nurse for Middle School Graduation Events - 2025/2026 School Year

- Sonia Saul, School Nurse
Graduation Ceremony and 8th-Grade Dance
Up to four hours per event at \$41.46/hr
June 2026 Graduation Date or Raindate

4. School Calendar - 2026/2027 School Year

- Adoption of 2026/2027 School Year Calendar
Will be available on district website

5. Completion of EX AID State Report - 2025/2026 School Year

- Kate Cameron
Up to 40 hours at \$40/hr - 30 hours to complete report, 10 hours to train district staff member

6. SSDS & HIB Reporting Period 1 - 2025/2026 School Year

- Presented by Michael J. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

7. Substitute School Nurse After Hours Pay - 2025/2026 School Year

- Kim Hulsart, Substitute School Nurse
Up to 2 hours at \$34.62/hr
To work beyond the regular school day to attend the 8th-Grade Trip on 03/13/2026

	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

XIV. POLICY

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

Motion by Mr. Mondella, seconded by Ms. Spruell to approve the following resolution(s):

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

1. Second Reading and Adoption

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	Second Reading
8000	Operations	P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M)	03/09/2026

(M) indicates mandated by state law

	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

XV. FINANCE

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

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

Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification - January 2026

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of January 31, 2026, 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 January 2026 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 January 15, 2026 in the amount of \$2,557,846.72 and the January 30, 2026 in the amount of \$2,272,821.83 payroll.

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

1. Receipt and Acceptance of the January 2026 Board Secretary's Report

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of January 31, 2026, 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 January 31, 2026 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 - January 2026

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2026.

3. Approve Appropriation Transfers

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the transfers attached.

4. 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 Lakewood School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#3137871522) at a cost of \$25,000 for the 2025-2026 school year. The student's last day was January 30, 2026. The revised cost is \$6,666.72 (previously approved on November 10, 2025)

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 Manchester Township School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#141940376) at a cost of \$57,527 for the 2025-2026 school year. The student's last day was February 18, 2026. The revised cost is \$32,278.59 (previously approved on August 25, 2025)

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 Middletown Township North School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#4392174694) beginning on March 12, 2026 at a cost of \$21,092.94, prorated for the 2025-2026 school year.

7. Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approves the SEMI Action Plan that is required if a school district does not meet at least 90% parental consent responses and/or 100% of budgeted reimbursement revenue by June 30, 2026. The district did not meet 100% of budgeted reimbursement.

8. February 2026 District Enrollment Report

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

9. Fire and Evacuation Drills

The following Fire and Evacuation Drill occurred during **January 2026**

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	1/12/26 @ 2:14 pm
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Shelter in Place	1/13/26 @11:37 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Lockdown	1/12/26 @ 9:45 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	1/13/26 @ 2:20 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	1/13/26 @ 9:51 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Lockdown	1/22/26 @ 10:46 am
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	1/8/26 @ 7:47 am
Matawan Regional High School	Shelter in Place (Bomb Threat)	1/15/26 @ 11:17 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	1/7/26 @ 1:30 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Lockdown	1/15/26 @ 9:00 am
Ravine DriveElementary School	Fire Drill	1/14/26 @ 2:20 pm
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Lockdown (Active Shooter)	1/29/26 @ 10:43 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	1/8/26 @ 10:16 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Lockdown (Active Shooter)	1/30/26 @ 10:02 am

10. Award of Parental Contract for Student Transportation

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve a Parental Contract for Student Transportation (Route 831) for the transportation of student ID 161852 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 6A:27-9.9 (e) and N.J.S.A.6A:27-1.5 (a) and (b) 1 for the school year 2025-2026 at a total cost of \$1,308.60.

11. Award of Transportation Out of District Routes for the 2025-2026 School Year

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

Route	Destination	# of Days	Eff Dates
ESQ2305	Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	40	9/2/25-11/10/26
ESQ 2342	Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	139	11/13/25-6/23/26
SE1985	Brick Township/Brick Township High School	124.5	12/8/25-6/30/26
SE 1872	Brick Township/Havens Young, Emma ES	124.5	12/8/25-6/30/26
SE2274	UMDNJ/Rutgers Day School	119	12/8/25-6/30/26

	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, and zero (0) members were absent

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

- M. Hoffman - concern Parent/Teacher Conference all on same day
- C. Knup - read a letter regarding grandfathering
- R. Knup - 4th grade grandfathering
- Ms. Perez - Over capacity
- Angela - 5th grade PTO a whole one, graduation/promotion 5th grade

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Skop - Calendar - no Passover days off
- Ms. Pell - Are all driver openings filled; Congratulations to Ms. Bera
- Dr. Rawls-Dill - no; actively recruiting
- Ms. Spruell - Congratulations to Ms. Bera
- Ms. Ascoli - Congratulations to Ms. Bera; Perkins grant; after school; bus aides; leaves - how are we managing
- Ms. Perez - Doubling routes; delays
- Ms. Feiles - Vetting the process for volunteers

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 45 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. Spruell, seconded by Ms. Skop that the Board convene in Executive Session II and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 9:00 pm.

It was moved by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Mondella that the Board return to Open Session at 9:50 pm.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. McGovern seconded by Ms. Pell and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:51 pm.