

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 23, 2026, Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Ms. Werneke called the Regular Action Meeting to order at 6:33 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
	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 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 I and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:34 pm.

It was moved by Mr. Mondella, seconded by Ms. Feiles that the Board return to Open Session at 7:10 pm.

VI. MINUTES

- None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Email received Mar 5, 2026, amandaknupp14@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Mar 7, 2026, gardnergeorgia@gmail.com, regarding “Cambridge Park Start Time”

Email received Mar 9, 2026, Lroyce888@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Mar 9, 2026, Laurensk426@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Mar 11, 2026, alyescasny@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Mar 11, 2026, jadiewang@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

Email received Mar 12, 2026, njgrl78@gmail.com, regarding “Student Services/Other”

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Perez

Good evening, Board President and members of the Board,

I would like to share some key updates across the district.

Preschool Lottery – March 25

Our **Preschool Lottery will take place on March 25**. Our District continues to mark an important step in expanding programs to our early learners and early childhood education. We look forward to welcoming our youngest learners. As discussed, we will have Preschool classrooms in Ravine, Strathmore, Cliffwood, Light Bridge Academy, and Cambridge Park, with the majority of our PK. in 2026-2027, we will look to expand our collaboration with community providers to work to serve our full universe, which is projected at 535 students to serve. We are not there, but we hope that with strong partnerships, we will get there.

Redistricting Update

Thank you to the Board for your **support and approval of the redistricting plan on March 9**. This work positions the district for long-term balance and sustainability. We encourage families to **visit our website** for updates and resources. The website will include maps showing new school boundaries, and we will share them with the county offices and both towns, Aberdeen and Matawan, so our new families will know which schools they are zoned for.

School Safety and Security

Student and staff safety remains our top priority. We continue to **collaborate closely with our local police departments** to strengthen procedures through ongoing **training, coordination, and review of safety protocols**. We aim to share community information that is educational for all community members and to strengthen our partnerships with parents and community members on school safety.

Finance Highlights on our Agenda this Evening-

- **Box Truck Donation:** We thank the **Matawan Borough** for their generous donation, which will support student programs, including our high school band.
- Tuition students for our KEYS Academy- we continue to support students in recovery with our program
- **2026–2027 Budget:** Tonight, we move forward with the submission of the district’s tentative budget.

Budget Context

Districts across the region are facing significant fiscal pressures. A survey conducted across the county by our Superintendents highlights **healthcare, salaries, and special education costs** as primary drivers in developing a school budget.

Like many districts, we are working to **develop a responsible, student-centered budget** while managing rising costs in **transportation, healthcare, and special education**. Many districts, just about 1/3 of the districts, are utilizing mechanisms such as healthcare adjustments to exceed the 2% cap, reflecting the intensity of these financial demands in order to maintain educational programming, athletics, security, and staffing to meet the needs of our students.

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership. Together, we remain focused on providing strong educational opportunities while planning responsibly for the future.

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Ms. Werneke

- Events on March 9, 2026 were troublesome to say the least. Collaboration of the Police Departments, Towns, Administration and our Security Team kept everyone safe.
- 2026-2027 Tentative budget will be approved tonight. The district will continue to attempt for more savings throughout the district.

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. Feiles, 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 following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year.

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose	Funding
REVISED Main Street, Matawan, NJ	04/21/26 & 04/22/26 (new dates)	CP PK 3 & 4 Students & Staff	Main Street Walking Tour	PEA Funds
NEW Freneau Woods Park, Aberdeen, NJ	05/01/26	REACH Students & Staff	Volunteer opportunity to work with someone from the MC Park System	SS Budget (CBI ONLY)
REVISED AMC Freehold Cinema, Freehold, NJ	05/15/26 (new date)	HS AASU Club Students & Advisors	To watch a film about the life of a famous African American Musical Artist	Club Funds
NEW Yestercades, Red Bank, NJ	06/05/26	HS MD/Autism Class Students & Staff	Students will have an opportunity to interact with others & work on taking turns	SS Budget (CBI ONLY)
NEW Blue Claws Stadium, Lakewood, NJ	05/27/26	HS Gr. 9-12 DECA Club Students & Advisors	DECA members will meet with marketing managers and business leaders of the Blue Claws to discuss their day to day activities	Club Funds

REVISED Broadway, New York, NY	06/10/26 (new dates)	HS Gr. 9-12 Thespian Club Students & Advisors	Broadway show and theatre workshop in NY rehearsal studio	Club Funds
REVISED Freneau Woods Park, Aberdeen, NJ (new location)	04/14/26 and 04/23/26 (new dates)	RD Preschool Students & Staff	Learn how animals use their senses to find their families and their homes	PTO Funds

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Ms. Ascoli	X				
Mr. McGovern	X		X		Abstained from Item A Travel
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 A Travel

On a roll call vote, nine (9) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, two (2) members abstained Item A Travel from the travel section of the agenda and 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. Skop 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
160481	Silvergate	\$1,200.00	2/4/26-2/26/26

Cost: \$1,200.00

Account: 20-0006-100-566-09-0000-0

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
170203	LearnWell	\$485.97	2/11/26-2/17/26

Cost: \$485.97

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

	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, and zero (0) members were absent

XIII. PERSONNEL

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

Motion by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Feiles 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
Alvarez, Dawn	RD	Kindergarten Teacher	Retirement	9/1/1994	6/30/2026
Fallon, Jill	CL	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	3/1/2000	6/30/2026
Longo, Andrea	LR	Special Education Teacher	Retirement	9/16/2003	9/30/2026
Sullam, Joanne	RD	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	9/1/2007	6/30/2026

B. Leave of Absence - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Alli, Asma	CL	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	3/16/26-3/17/26 3/23/26-3/27/26
Anderson, Sonali	CL	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	3/4/26-4/7/26 Extended - Previously Approved on 1/26/26
Bartelotti, Samantha	RD	Teacher	Maternity Maternity/FMLA Personal	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	4/25/26-6/30/26 9/1/26-11/24/26 11/25/26-6/30/27
Bera, Kelly	RD	Principal	Medical	With Pay	5/1/26-5/29/26
Caldwell, Sheila	CL	School Nurse	Personal	Without Pay	5/7/26
Certa, Anthony	MS	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	4/27/26-5/4/26
Fineran, Melissa	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical	With Pay	3/9/26-3/13/26
Furman, Jessica	MS	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	2/19/26-6/30/26 Amended - Previously Approved on 3/9/26 RAM
Flanagan, Colleen	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical/FMLA	With Pay	3/2/26-3/11/26
Gargulinski, Melissa	CP	Preschool Teacher	Medical	Without Pay	3/10/26-3/16/26 Extended - Previously Approved on 3/9/26 RAM
Greco, Dawn	CP	Instructional Assistant	Medical/FMLA	Without Pay	4/17/26-6/17/26
Lays, Trevor	CO	Transportation Assistant	Medical FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	2/20/26-4/17/26 4/20/26-5/4/26
Natale, Gloria	LR	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	3/30/26-6/30/26

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
					Amended - Previously Approved on 3/9/26 RAM
Potter, Madga	CP	Instructional Assistant	Medical	With Pay	2/25/26-3/18/26
Rosenblum, Erika	ST	Secretary	Medical Medical/FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	11/10/25-1/15/26 1/16/26-6/30/26 Amended/Extended - Previously Approved on 3/09/26 RAM
Taite, Nicole	ST	Teacher	Medical	With Pay Without Pay	3/23/26-4/7/26 4/8/26-6/15/26
Tapinis, Eladia	CO	Transportation Assistant	Medical	With Pay	3/2/26-3/20/26
Unterburger, Erica	HS	Teacher	Maternity Maternity FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	4/27/26-6/1/26 6/2/26-6/23/26 9/2/26-11/24/26
Weaver, April	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	FMLA Intermittent Days	Without Pay	2/19/26 ½ Day PM-2/20/26 2/25/26-3/30/26 Extended - Previously Approved on 3/9/26 RAM
Wishnick, Jennifer	HS	Teacher	Medical	With Pay Without Pay	5/19/26-6/15/26 ½ Day AM 6/15/26 ½ Day PM-6/23/26
Zupkus, Emily	ST/RD	School Psychologist	Maternity FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay Without Pay	6/15/26-6/23/26 9/1/26-11/24/26

C. Appointments - 2025/2026 School Year

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

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Hartigan, Nicholas	Matthew Walsh, Social Studies Teacher	High School, Student Observer Brookdale Community College Spring 2026
Reynolds, Aprille	Kristina Saccommondo, School Psychologist	Cambridge Park Elementary School Student Observer- Early Practicum Kean University, 2026/2027 School Year

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 March 9, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
5	2

2. High School Graduation Chaperones - 2025/2026 School Year

- Andre Baldasserini, Alexa Beyer, Daphne Binns, Julia Cacciatore, Samantha Calandrino, Robert Carnovsky, Maria Ciaravino, Lauren Cohen, Brian Dean, Vanessa DeHart, Chris Harnett, Brenda Itzol, Neil Jackman, Sheryl Kish, Eric Lasher, Daniel Lordi, Latieffa Mackay, Helen Matthews, Julie McKurth, Madison Naimo, Janice Quattrocchi, Mary Kate Shalhoub, Tyler Smayda, Linda Walling, Dylan Warren, Louise Wegrzyn, Jamie Zibbell
Up to three hours at \$25.91/hr
June 2026 Graduation Date or Raindate

3. Middle School Graduation Chaperones - 2025/2026 School Year

- Anthony Certa, Helen Bebel, Laura Cahill, Raquel Colao, Emily Crawford, Joseph DiMario, Gina Hynes, Terrence Korranda, Amanda Lyttle, Kenneth McCabe, Lauren McGuirk, Christine Monro, Matthew O’Brien, Paula Schnakenberg, Stephanie San Martin, Dana Spafford, Dylan Tarrazi, Scott Taylor, Louise Tomasello, Catherine Towle, Corrine Wietecha, Tara Wilson
Up to three hours at \$25.91/hr
June 2026 Graduation Date or Raindate

4. Sabbatical Leave of Absence - 2026/2027 School Year

- Dina Ciambuschini, Special Education Teacher
To be paid 50% of salary from 09/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Sabbatical Leave per MAREA Contract

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

- Employee # 6690 - 03/18/2026 - 06/30/2026

PERSONNEL - WALK-IN ITEM

1. Leave of Absence - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Bebel, Helen	MS	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	3/23/26-6/23/26

	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, 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. Pell to approve the following resolution(s):

Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification - February 2026

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of February 28, 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 February 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 February 13, 2026 in the amount of \$2,373,446.77 and the February 27, 2026 in the amount of \$2,320,361.48 payroll.

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

1. Receipt and Acceptance of the February 2026 Board Secretary’s Report

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of February 28, 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 February 28, 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 - February 2026

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

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 \$2,507,055.26.

5. March 2026 District Enrollment Report

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

6. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TENTATIVE FY2027 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 School Year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	TOTAL
2026-2027 Total Expenditures	\$89,773,625	\$10,175,528	\$2,683,555	\$102,632,708
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$20,742,384	\$10,175,528	\$326,250	\$31,244,162
Taxes to be Raised	\$69,031,241	\$0	\$2,357,305	\$71,388,546

And to post said tentative budget on the district’s website in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education located at Cliffwood Elementary School 422 Cliffwood Ave., Cliffwood, NJ

on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Adjustment for HEALTH CARE COSTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$2,929,429. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

Capital Reserve Withdrawal – Other Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$1,500,000 for other capital project costs of partial roof replacements for \$1,000,000 and the cost of High School Auditorium renovation \$500,000. The total cost of this project is \$1,500,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$750,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education established \$145,960 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$85,530 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$137,825 for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) 2026-2027

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the Preschool Expansion Aid funding for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$8,338,517.

Preschool Education Aid (PEA)	\$7,835,175
Prior Year PEA Carryover	\$3,842
Minimum Amount for PSD in General Ed Classrooms	\$499,500
2025-2026 Total Preschool Funding	\$8,338,517

8. Tuition Costs for the 2026-2027 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the tuition costs for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Grade	Cost
Kindergarten	\$15,535
Grades 1-5	\$17,556
Grades 6-8	\$17,884
Grades 9-12	\$17,697
Language Learning Disability (Mild to Moderate)	\$27,121
Emotional Regulation Impairment (Behavioral Disability)	\$22,621
Autism	\$48,062
Multiple Disability	\$19,664
Preschool Disabled – FT	\$30,145
KEYS - SPED	\$57,527
KEYS - General	\$25,000
REACH	\$43,332

9. Acceptance of Donation from Matawan Borough

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the donation of a box truck from the Borough of Matawan. The vehicle will be used by the district's band and color guard programs for the transportation of equipment.

10. Routine Travel Reimbursement for 2025-2026

Policy: #6471 School District Travel

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education pursuant to Travel policy # 6471, approve the following staff for travel related to routine business for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position	Total
Brian Dean	HS Physical Education Teacher/KEYS	Addl \$550*
Roderick Stevens	Art Teacher	Addl \$100**
Maria Yemi-Forli	District IA - RD, CL & ST (covering for long term leave)	\$250

* Previously approved on July 21, 2025 (\$750)

** Previously approved on on July 21, 2025 (\$250)

11. 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 School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#3153954687) beginning on March 9, 2026 at a cost of \$22,371.30, prorated for the 2025-2026 school year.

12. 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 (#1187613886) beginning on April 6, 2026 at a cost of \$7,638.95, prorated for the 2025-2026 school year.

13. Fire and Evacuation Drills

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

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Shelter in Place	2/19/26 @ 12:44 pm
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/25/26 @ 12:00 pm
Cliffwood Elementary School	Lockdown	2/3/26 @ 11:10 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	22/13/26 @ 11:05 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/10/26 @ 2:27 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Bomb Threat	2/26/26 @ 2:34 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	2/10/26 @ 9:40 am
Matawan Regional High School	Lockdown (Active Shooter)	2/19/26 @ 1:45 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	2/9/26 @ 1:30 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Lockdown Active Shooter	2/12/26 @ 2:00 pm
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Shelter in Place (Medical Emergency)	2/12/26 @ 10:20 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/17/26 @ 1:45 pm
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	2/19/26 @ 10:19 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Medical Emergency Shelter in Place	2/27/26 @ 2:22 pm

	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

Started at 7:45 pm

- S. Dominick - Rep of Color Guard and thank you for the new truck
- S. Reynolds - Councilwoman of Matawan and worked with many to accept donations for repairs to the box truck
- Ms. Werneke - A big thank you and appreciate it when budgets are tight
- Ms. Perez - Thank you for the donation and your partnership
- A. Berg - Spoke about incident with son, Recommend to get families together when there are issues
- Ms. Perez - We do try to have a mediation piece and will highlight how Lloyd Road students can be mediators.
- Mr. Liebmann - Thank you this is how community and HIB can evolve and teach strategies

Ended at 7:54 pm

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Ascoli - Will continue to tour buildings
- Ms. Pell - Contract negotiations will have update next month
- Ms. Werneke - Provided policy update; will be reviewing cell phone policy, food service for debt
- Ms. Feiles - Leap of Faith musical was incredible
- Mr. McGovern - Cliffwood Leprechaun trap for St. Patrick's Day and Read Across American and enabling differences

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II

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It was moved by Ms. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Skop that the Board convene in Executive Session II and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 7:55 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Pell that the Board return to Open Session at 8:58 pm.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Pell and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.