

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING was held on April 13, 2026, Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 CrestWay, Aberdeen, NJ.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werneke called the Committee of the 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 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	

Absent:

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

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION I

Be It Resolved, that a closed session be convened for the purpose of discussing Privacy, Personnel Matters and Legal Services. The subject matter of these discussions will be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality subsides. Although the Board cannot guarantee it, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 30 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business if necessary. Action will not take place.

It was moved by Ms. Pell seconded by Ms. Feiles that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:33 pm.

It was moved by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Skop that the Board return to Open Session at 7:05 pm.

VI. MINUTES

- None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

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

- Email received Mar 9, 2026, Laurensk426@gmail.com, regarding “other”
- Email received Mar 20, 2026, amandaknupp14@gmail.com, regarding “Other”
- Email received Mar 20, 2026, jennifer.campion224@gmail.com, regarding “Other”
- Email received Mar 22, 2026, amandaknupp14@gmail.com, regarding “Other”
- Email received Mar 26, 2026 (8:45 am), Ambrozia.chris@gmail.com, regarding “Other”
- Email received Mar 26, 2026 (12:02 pm), Ambrozia.chris@gmail.com, regarding “Other”

	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

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- None

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Correction to All Around Matawan-Aberdeen article
- Budget general comments, reduction of \$1M+ from tentative budget, letter to community
- Preschool - current waiting list, transportation waiver
- School safety update, learnings from March 9th incident

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

- None

XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mr. Liebmann presented the Curriculum and Instruction Agenda requesting the Board take action on items A. and B.1. The remainder of the items will be presented for action at the Regular Action Meeting on April 27, 2026.

B. OTHER

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 - Main St. Walking Tour, Matawan, NJ (trip is replacing Peppino’s Pizza trip previously approved)	5/1/26	CL Preschool Students & Staff	Preschool field trip to 4 local community businesses	PEA
REVISED -	5/6/26	RD Preschool	Main Street	PEA

Main Street Community Trip, Matawan, NJ	(new date)	Students & Staff	Community Trip	
REVISED - Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ	4/21/26 (new date)	HS AMSU Club Students & Advisors	Baseball Museum Tour	Club Funds
REVISED - Brice Park, Allenwood, NJ	4/21/26 (new date)	HS Gr. 9-12 Science Students & Staff	Trout Release	School Budget
NEW - Ocean County Community College, Toms River, NJ	6/4/26	HS Students Gr. 9-12, Students w/IEP and REACH Students and Staff	Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference sponsored by NJDOE Office of Special Ed	Student Services
NEW - Gil Memorial Chapel, Lawrenceville, NJ	4/26/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Students in Chamber Choir Club & Advisors		Whiteness high level academic performances of choral music.
REVISED - Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	5/28/26 (new date)	K.E.Y.S. Academy Students & Staff	Students will participate with the Stockton Collegial Recovery students on sobriety, mental health and wellness programming.	Grant Funds
NEW - Shore Cake Supply, Ocean, NJ	5/8/26	REACH Students & Staff	CBI Trip - Cupcake making class	Paid through Sweet Treats Fund

3. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following non-resident student enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year pursuant to Policy 5111.

Staff Member ID	Student ID	Grade in 2026-2027	School
5047/4918	165707	4	TBD
8124	164862	5	LRS
5047/4918	163796	7	MAMS
8124	163267	8	MAMS
4235	161750	9	MRHS

4. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve a full day of professional development on May 5 - 6, 2026 from JLMartin Consulting to kindergarten and first grade teachers district-wide.

Rationale: Classroom Remix will assist teachers in reflecting and sharing successes and challenges in the classroom. Developmental norms and collaboration are used to transform familiar instructional practices into engaging learning experiences for student development.

Cost: \$ 7,065.00

Account #: 20-218-200-329-09-0000-0 (PEA)

XII. STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Liebmann presented the Student Services Agenda requesting the Board take action on items 1 and 2. and B.1.

XIII. PERSONNEL

Dr. Rawls-Dill presented the Personnel Agenda requesting the Board take action on items 1., 2., and 3. The remainder of the items will be presented for action at the Regular Action Meeting on April 27, 2026.

A. Resignations/Retirements - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date

B. Leave of Absence - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Lathrop, Margaret	ST	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	3/2/26-5/8/26 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 3/9/26
O'Brien, Denise	ST	Instructional Assistant	Medical	With Pay	4/6/226-4/10/26
Sica, Alexis	HS	Teacher	Maternity Maternity/FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	6/1/26-6/30/26 8/31/26-11/20/26
Tapinis, Eladia	CO	Transportation Assistant	Medical	With Pay	3/2/26-3/27/26 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 3/23/26
Whesper, JoAnn	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical	With Pay	1/30/26-5/1/26 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 3/9/26

C. Appointments - 2025/2026 School Year

1. New Hires

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/Stipend	Replace/Reason	Effective Dates

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

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

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
Baumert, Deana	HS/MS	ESports Spring Season	Head Coach	Step 3 \$6,312.29	2025/2026 School Year
Conceicao, Brandon	HS	ESports Spring Season	Co-Assistant Coach	Step 3 (½) \$3,277.20	2025/2026 School Year
McCammon, Ashley	HS	ESports Spring Season	Co-Assistant Coach	Step 1 (½) \$2,795.23	2025/2026 School Year
Deyo, Jennifer	MS	ESports Spring Season	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$5,804.40	2025/2026 School Year
Non-Athletic Activities					

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Kim, Karl (Replacing Ludwig)	MS	Vocal Chorus	Advisor	\$796.81 (\$1,062.42 paid to previous advisor)	2025/2026 School Year
Hourly Activities					
Harrington, Meghan	HS	Tutorial Program - Social Studies	Instructor	\$36.28/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.

3. Summer 2026 - Summer Staff Recommendations - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Position	Activity	Max Hours	Cost/Hr
Posting 3052 TBD	Special Education Teachers	Special Education Teachers for ESY Program	Up to 83 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 3053 TBD	Substitute Special Education Teachers	Substitute Special Education Teachers for ESY Program	As Needed	\$51.83/hr
Posting 3054 TBD	Instructional Assistants	Instructional Assistants for ESY Program	Up to 80 hours each	Employee’s Hourly Rate
Posting 3055 TBD	Substitute Instructional Assistants	Substitute Instructional Assistants for ESY Program	As Needed	Employee’s Hourly Rate
Posting 3056 TBD	Behaviorists	Behaviorist for ESY Program	Up to 83 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 3057 TBD	Specialized Reading Instruction Teachers	Specialized Reading Instruction Teachers for ESY Program	Up to 43 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 3058 TBD	Related Service Providers Speech, OT, PT	Related Service Providers for ESY Program	Up to 83 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 3059 TBD	CST Members for Student Contact & Case Management	CST Members for Student Contact & Case Management for ESY Program	Up to 80 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 3060 TBD	CST Members for Evaluations	Evaluations	As Needed	\$400/Eval
Posting 3061 TBD	Related Service Providers	Evaluations	As Needed	\$400/Eval
Posting 3062 TBD	Teachers, CST Members, Related Service Providers, School Counselors	To attend IEP and 504 Meetings	As Needed	\$41.46/hr
Posting 3063 TBD	School Nurses	School Nurses for Summer Programs	Up to 83 hours each	\$51.83/hr
Posting 3064 TBD	Substitute School Nurses	Substitute School Nurses for Summer Programs	As Needed	\$51.83/hr
Posting 3065 TBD	School Nurse	School Nurse for Preschool Screenings	Up to 30 hours	\$41.46/hr
Posting 3066 TBD	Four Middle-School Credit Recovery Teachers	Monitor Students’ online learning and progress	Up to 25 hours each	\$41.46/hr
Posting 3069 TBD	School Bus/Van Drivers	School Bus/Van Drivers for Summer Programs	As Needed	Employee’s Hourly Rate
Posting 3070 TBD	Transportation Assistants	Transportation Assistants for Summer Programs	As Needed	Employee’s Hourly Rate

4. Summer 2026 Summer Theater Workshop - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Position	Activity/Description	Stipend	Loc
Posting 3071				
Wells, Gerard	Director/Coordinator	Summer 2026	\$6,820.17	MAMS
Ludwig, Kayla	Director	Summer Theater Workshop	\$6,136.08	
Mosley, Remoh	Musical Director	The Little Mermaid	\$3,461.91	
Wells, Michael W.	Production Design/Construction	June 29 - July 26, 2026	\$4,166.73	
Hynes, Gina	Production Assistant		\$1,544.39	
San Martin, Stephanie	Choreographer		\$3,078.41	
Amorino, Jessica	Technical Director		\$2,674.17	
Saul, Sonia	School Nurse		\$51.83/hr	

5. Staff Array Changes - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Carnovsky, Robert	HS: 1.00	Social Studies Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Social Studies Teacher World Cultures ICR	4/27/26-6/30/26 Unterberger Maternity
Moller, Robert	HS: 1.00	Social Studies Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Social Studies Teacher World Cultures ICR	4/27/26-6/30/26 Unterberger Maternity
O'Neill, Michelle	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Freshman Seminar Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L .20 O/L	Freshman Seminar Teacher World Cultures ICR	4/27/26-6/30/26 Unterberger Maternity
Walsh, Heather	HS: 1.00	Social Studies Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Social Studies Teacher World Cultures	4/27/26-6/30/26 Unterberger Maternity
Wegrzyn, Louise	HS: 1.00	Social Studies Teacher	HS: 1.00 .20 O/L	Social Studies Teacher World Cultures ICR	4/27/26-6/30/26 Unterberger Maternity

6. Staff Array Changes - 2026/2027 School Year - Teacher Building Changes

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Fins, Traci	CP: 1:00	Teacher Preschool General Ed	CL: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed ICR/POR	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Gerding, Chrystal	CP: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed PreK PSD	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed K-2 Autism	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Acosta, Kristina	CL: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	ST: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	8/31/26-6/30/27 Curry Transfer
DaSilva, Nicole	CL: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	CP: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Gomez, Ashley	CL: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	CP: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	8/31/26-6/30/27 Employee # 6758
Pappas, Alyssa	CL: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 3	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 3	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Walker, Brianna	CL: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	CP: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	8/31/26-6/30/27 Fins Transfer
Aviles, Jennifer	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grade 4 POR	ST: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grade K-2 Autism	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Brussel, Catherine	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 4	RD: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 4	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
DeSouza, Nicole	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 5	RD: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 5	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Eisenberg, Randi	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 4	CL: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 4	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Fischer, Nicole	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grade 5 ICR	CL: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades 1-2 LLD	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Haughey, Michael	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 5	CL: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 5	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Herman, Carolyn	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 4	CL: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 4	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Heuer, Rebecca	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades 4-5 LLD	CL: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades 3-5 LLD	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Leslie, Kathryn	LR: 1.00	Teacher ESL	MS: 1.00	Teacher ESL	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Natale, Gloria	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Autism	MS: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Autism	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Pangborn, Sandra	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 4	ST: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 4	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Sengotta, John	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 5	ST: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 5	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Vitone, Amanda	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grade 4 ICR	ST: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 4	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Barry, Tara	RD: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades K-2 ERI	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades K-2 ERI	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Blake, Samantha	RD: 1.00	Teacher Preschool General Ed	CP: 1.00	Teacher Preschool General Ed	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Colonna, Julianna	RD: 1.00	Teacher Kindergarten	LR: 1.00	Teacher Kindergarten	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
O’Neal, Ryan	RD: 1.00	Teacher Preschool General Ed	CP: 1.00	Teacher Preschool General Ed	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Restrepo, Alexandra	RD: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades 2-3 ERI	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades 2-3 ERI	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Silano, Susan	RD: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 1	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 1	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Budner, Bethany	ST: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grade 2 ICR	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Kindergarten ICR/POR	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Cordi, Nicole	ST: 1.00	Teacher Kindergarten	LR: 1.00	Teacher Kindergarten	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Cullen, Melissa	ST: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 1	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 1	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Curry, Nicole	ST: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	CP: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	8/31/26-6/30/27 Employee # 6990
Fisco, Kristen	ST: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades K-1 MD	RD: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades K-1 MD	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Smith, Meredith	ST: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 2	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 2	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Tomkins, Amy	ST: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 1	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 1	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Apple, Michael	MS: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed LAL Grade 7 ICR	RD: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades 3-4 ICR/POR	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Cahill, Laura	MS: 1.00	Teacher Math Grade 8	LR: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 5	8/31/26-6/30/27 Employee # 6616
Cosentino, Karina	MS: 1.00	Teacher Italian Grades 6-8	CL: 1.00	Teacher Elementary Grade 3	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Davila, Jessica	MS: 1.00	Teacher ESL	HS: 1.00	Teacher ESL	8/31/26-6/30/27 Certification
Gray, Barbara	MS: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Math, Science, Social	ST: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Grades 3-4 ICR/POR	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
		Studies, Teacher of the Deaf			
Goldstone, Chana	MS: 1.00	Teacher Math	HS: 1.00	Teacher Math	8/31/26-6/30/27 Goldberg Retirement
Kicha, Samantha	MS: 1.00	Teacher LAL Grade 7	RD: 1.00	Elementary Grade 5	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Wietecha, Corinne	MS: 1.00	Teacher Math Grade 8	ST: 1.00	Elementary Grade 5	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Blodgett, Madeline	HS: 1.00	Teacher ESL, World Language	LR: 1.00	Teacher ESL	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Burfeindt, Craig	HS: 1.00	Teacher Digital Media	RD: 1.00	Teacher Grade 3	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting

IA Building Changes

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Amir, Sadaf	CP: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PSD	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PSD	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Cannella, Mary	CP: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism (1:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Greco, Dawn	CP: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PSD	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PSD (1:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Patel, Payal	CL: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism K-1	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism K-1 (1:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Scheuller, Melanie	CL: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism (1:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Vidal, Mary	CL: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism (1:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Yemi Forli, Maria	CL: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism	LR: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grades K-2 Autism (2:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Ferrara, Michael	LR: 1.00	Instructional Assistant ICR	MS: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grade 6 ICR (1:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Folchetti, Maryann	LR: 1.00	Instructional Assistant LLD	CL: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grades 1-2 LLD (2:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Grillo, Kendra	LR: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Autism	MS: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grades 6-8 Autism	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Radoncic, Ermina	LR: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grade 5 POR	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grade 5 POR (3:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Caruso, Lidia	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant ERI	LR: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grade 4 ERI (3:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Catania, Francesca	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant ERI	LR: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grades K-2 ERI (3:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Elmendorf, Jennifer	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Preschool General Ed	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PSD	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Calandra, Debra	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grades 3-5 LLD	CL: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grades 3-5 LLD (2:1)	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting
Donahue, Lori	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant MD	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant Grades 1-2 MD	8/31/26-6/30/27 Redistricting

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

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment

8. Volunteers - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date

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 March 23, 2025:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
2	0

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

- Nancy Pickering
Up to three hours at \$25.91/hr
June 2026 Graduation Date or Raindate

3. Additional Hours - 2025/2026 School Year

- Linda Gumina, Speech Language Specialist
Up to 15 hours at Employee’s Hourly Rate from 02/20/2026 - 06/30/2026 - Per student IEP

XIV. POLICY

Dr. Rawls-Dill presented the Policy Agenda requesting the Board approve the first reading of the policies listed on the Policy Agenda.

XV. FINANCE

Ms. Perez reviewed the Finance Agenda which will be presented for action at the Regular Action Meeting on April 27, 2026.

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - March 2026

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of March 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 March 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 March 13, 2026 in the amount of \$2,309,702.50 and the March 27, 2026 in the amount of \$2,313,930.20 payroll.

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

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

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of March 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 March 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 - March 2026

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

3. Approve Appropriation Transfers

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the transfers for March 2026.

4. Approve Bills

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the bills paid and checks issued at the Board meeting in the amount of \$XXXXX.

5. Public Hearing Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 23, 2026, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on TBD, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was posted on the districts website on TBD, and

WHEREAS, the final budget was presented to the public during a hearing held at Cliffwood Elementary School, 422 Cliffwood Ave., Cliffwood, NJ, on April 27, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education hereby adopts the following final budget for SY 2026-2027:

	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

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 roofs. 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.

6. Receipt for Proposal and Award of Contract for Custodial and Management Services (RFP 2007-001)

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education (“Board”) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the provision of Custodial and Management Services for the term of five (5) years and subject to annual appropriations of sufficient funds to meet the extended obligation, (“Services”) pursuant to authorization to use the competitive contracting process from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board received three (3) proposals at the public proposal opening; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the competitive contracting requirements, the proposals were evaluated based upon criteria set forth in the RFP to determine the contractor providing the Proposal that was most advantageous to the Board based on an analysis of price and other factors; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the evaluation criteria TBD. was determined to be the contractor providing the proposal that was most advantageous to the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby incorporates the findings above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards a contract for Custodial and Management Services to TBD in the amount of \$TBD for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031 subject to annual appropriations the annual amounts are as follows:

- The Contract Price for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 shall be \$TBD.
- The Contract Price for the period of July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028 shall be \$TBD.
- The Contract Price for the period of July 1, 2028 through June 30, 2029 shall be \$TBD.
- The Contract Price for the period of July 1, 2029 through June 30, 2030 shall be \$TBD.
- The Contract Price for the period of July 1, 2030 through June 30, 2031 shall be \$TBD. and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board’s counsel is authorized to prepare the Agreement for the Services, transmit same to TBD and to obtain all documents required thereby; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of a fully executed Agreement, the Agreement as well as all required supporting documentation shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller.

7. Allocation of Nonpublic Technology, Textbook Services

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the following allocation of Nonpublic Technology, Textbook Services for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Nonpublic Technology	\$TBD
Nonpublic Textbook Aid	\$TBD

8. April 2026 District Enrollment Report

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

9. Acceptance of Donation from Residents of Matawan Borough and Aberdeen Township

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education accept the donations totaling \$1,000 from residents (S. Reynolds, \$100; Ross, \$500; M. Bishop, \$250; G. & A. Esposito, \$100; D. Beckelman, \$50) of Matawan Borough and Aberdeen Township. The purpose of the donation is to cover maintenance/repairs required on the district’s band box truck which is used by the band and color guard programs for the transportation of equipment.

10. 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 School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#3770837182) beginning on April 13, 2026 at a cost of \$15,979.50, prorated for the 2025-2026 school year.

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 Red Bank Regional School District to attend the Matawan-Aberdeen KEYS Program (#4258004252) beginning on April 6, 2026 at a cost of \$7,638.95, prorated for the 2025-2026 school year.

12. Fire and Evacuation Drills

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

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/20/26 @ 2:09 pm
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Active Shooter/Lock Down	3/27/26 @ 9:19 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/19/26 @ 1:40 pm
Cliffwood Elementary School	Medical Emergency	3/24/26 @ 3:10 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/11/26 @ 1:54 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Evacuation Drill	3/25/26 @ 2:20 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	3/9/26 @ 7:43 am
Matawan Regional High School	Shelter in Place/Medical Emergency	3/26/26 @ 10:50 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	3/13/26 @ 1:50 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Shelter in Place/Bomb Threat	3/18/26 @ 10:05 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/9/26 @ 9:30 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Non Fire Evacuation	3/25/26 @ 10:20 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	3/11/26 @ 9:47 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Active Shooter (Lock Down)	3/23/26 @ 2:34 pm

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Started at 7:49 pm

- C. Barilka (MAREA President) - Any discussion to use closed schools (Middletown) for OOD placements. Any discussion about using those schools?

- Ms. Perez - Recent meeting - Senator, there is a push to regionalize space. Asked us to do our own before it is mandated. Every year we actively work to get students back. If we didn't have ESS we would be spending \$3M+.
- Ms. Pell - Brother attended Burlington SS district. Although not in public school. Was still in the county. Encourages push to regionalize SPED.
- D. Gabriel - Willing to pay increase for their kids - there is a lack of trust. They understand health care. District is top heavy with administrators and assistant directors. Is the district doing their part? There is some resentment to deal with cuts when there are big administrative costs.
- Ms. Perez - Their admin reductions in the past. We are the leanest in admin support.
- Ms. Werneke - State requires a lot of reporting, training, data, etc. Assistants have many duties with just what the state requires. Everyone is doing a lot. We have less admin and have not filled vacancies created through attrition.
- K. Asken - I was a board member in the past. The public does not get to vote to approve the budget. Lived in town for 34 years. Be cognizant of seniors. Make sure of unnecessary programs first before asking for an increase. Primary mission, educate children. Not expecting zero increase. Just vote with conscience.
- Ms. Werneke - I also do not have kids in district and trying my best. Board asks many questions. We understand what raising taxes does to the community.
- Ms. Pell - This is the best way to see what board is doing.

XVII. ACTION ITEMS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Motion by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Feiles 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 a New Jersey Learning Standards-English Language Arts grant application for the 2026-2027 school year. All NJ school districts must use universal screeners to gauge students' achievement of key literacy skills in alignment with New Jersey Student Learning Standards-English Language Arts (NJSLs-ELA). The Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) grant application aims to support school districts to re-adopt and implement high-quality universal literacy screeners in order to meet the screening requirements in kindergarten through grade 3 (K-3) according to State law.

Grant Amount: \$8,608

	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 abstained and zero (0) members were absent

STUDENT SERVICES

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

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

2. The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve bedside instruction for the following student(s):

Student	Program	Cost	Effective Dates
171414	LearnWell	\$809.95	3/13/26-3/19/26

Cost: \$809.95

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, zero (0) members abstained and zero (0) members were absent

PERSONNEL

1. Resignations/Retirements - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Conceicao, Brandon	HS	Special Education Teacher	Resignation	10/7/2014	6/30/2026
Holynskij, Larissa	ST	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	9/1/2001	9/30/2026
Lasher, Eric	HS	Health & Physical Education Teacher	Resignation	4/29/2024	6/30/2026
Lasko, Dawn	LR	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	9/1/1998	6/30/2026
Maniscalchi, Kristine	LR	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	9/1/2000	9/30/2026
Tapinis, Eladia	CO	Transportation Assistant	Resignation	9/1/2023	4/06/2026
Vidal, Rodolfo	MS	World Language Teacher	Retirement	9/1/2004	6/30/2026
Zwirko, Tracy	LR	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	9/1/2000	12/31/2026

2. Leave of Absence - 2025/2026 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
Damico, Victor	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical/FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	4/17/26-4/21/26 4/22/26-6/1/26
Hampton, Stacey	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical	Without Pay	4/8/26
Weaver, April	CO	School Bus/Van	Medical/FMLA	Without Pay	2/25/26-6/24/26

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/Without Pay	Effective Dates
		Driver			Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 3/23/26

3. Other

a) Teachers for MAMS Early Breakfast Duty - 2025/2026 School Year

- Jessica Davila, Charles Marsh, Matthew O’Brien, Lisa Santos, Scott Taylor
Required for adequate supervision of students due to state audit of Maschio's.
7:55 to 8:10 AM, Up to \$10.37/day - Amended Pay Rate - Previously Approved 12/15/2025

b) Administrative Leave with Pay - 2025/2026 School Year

- Employee # 6727 - Administrative Leave with Pay 04/08/2026 - 05/07/2026

c) Termination - 2025/2026 School Year

- Employee # 6727 - 05/07/2026

	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 abstained and zero (0) members were absent

POLICY

Motion by Ms. Skop, seconded by Mr. McGovern to approve the first reading of the following:

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

1. First Reading

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	First Reading
7000	Property	7510 P & R	Use of School Facilities	4/13/26
8000	Operations	8550 P	Unpaid Meal Charges/ Outstanding Food Service Charges (M)	4/13/26

(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 abstained and zero (0) members were absent

XVIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- None

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Werneke and a unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.