

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
August 24, 2026 - Regular Action Meeting, 6:30 PM
Lloyd Road Elementary School, 401 Lloyd Road, Aberdeen, NJ
AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION I (if necessary)

- Privacy Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Legal Services

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

VI. MINUTES

- Revised COW/RAM Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2026
- Board Retreat Minutes, July 20, 2026
- Regular Action Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2026
- Executive Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2026

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Eagle Scout, T. Bond Presentation - Dr. Perez
- SSDS/HIB Reporting Period 2 - January 1 2026 - June 30, 2026 - Mr. Liebmann

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

X. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

XI. STUDENT SERVICES

XII. PERSONNEL

XIII. POLICY

XIV. FINANCE

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

XVI. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II (if necessary)

- Privacy Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Legal Services

XX. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER**II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Be advised that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (Sunshine Law) and pursuant to LFN 2026-01 adequate notice of the date, time and agenda has been posted on the district website under the link named "Legal Notices", sent to the Asbury Park Press and has been posted and filed with the Municipal Clerks of the Borough of Matawan and the Township of Aberdeen, and the Matawan-Aberdeen Public Library. The notice was also placed on the district's web site. Copies have also been sent to each district school in accordance with the law.

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: Dr. 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
_____, Board Attorney

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION I (if necessary)

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

VI. MINUTES

MOTION: _____ **SECONDED:** _____

Revised COW/RAM Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2026
Board Retreat Minutes, July 20, 2026
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VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

MOTION: _____ **SECONDED:** _____

Email received Jul 24, 2026, lamfitz@icloud.com, regarding "Athletics"
Email received Jul 27, 2026, danabmccarthy@gmail.com, regarding "Other"
Email received Aug 5, 2026, Kelly.gregoire@yahoo.com, regarding "Transportation"
Email received Aug 11, 2026, pamelacm24@gmail.com, regarding "Other"
Email received Aug 17, 2026, lbjs1007@gmail.com, regarding "Other"

Email received Aug 19, 2026, sanbobjohns@gmail.com, “Other”
Letter received Aug 17, 2026, MAEF, regarding “Grant Recommendations”
Email received Aug 19, 2026, knbertino@aol.com, regarding “Other”

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT****X. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION****MOTION:** _____**SECONDED:** _____

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

1. 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

2. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District/K.E.Y.S. Academy Recovery High School and CPC Integrated Health for the 2026-2027 school year to provide support services to the school’s students with mental health, physical health and/or substance use issues and providing training programs for the school’s faculty and staff.

3. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Brookdale Community College and the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District for the K.E.Y.S. Academy Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. Approve the Qualified Service Organization Agreement between New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care (IBHC) and the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District/K.E.Y.S. Academy Recovery High School for the 2026-2027 school year for the referral of clients in need of non-hospital detoxification, intermediate care, outpatient, and aftercare services.

5. Approve the use of Heartstrings, Inc. to provide group music lessons to students of K.E.Y.S. Academy as part of the curriculum instruction for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rationale: Heartstrings, Inc. recognizes that music has the power to inspire, heal, and connect people across all walks of life. By offering a structured program that blends music education with artist development, Heartstrings provides economically disadvantaged and at-risk individuals the opportunity to build confidence, develop creative skills, and foster meaningful community connections. This initiative not only nurtures artistic talent, but also promotes personal growth, resilience, and a sense of belonging—creating lasting positive impacts on participants’ lives.

Cost: \$2,500 (NTE)

Account #: 20-006-100-320-09-0000-0

6. Approve the use of Give a Kid a Dream NJ to provide group boxing training sessions to students of K.E.Y.S. Academy as part of the curriculum instruction for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rationale: New Jersey Give a Kid a Dream's Champions of Life program uses the discipline, structure, and dedication of amateur Olympic-style boxing as a powerful tool to engage at-risk youth. Beyond the sport, the program integrates fitness, health education, mentoring, social etiquette, and academic support—equipping participants with the skills and habits needed for long-term success. By reinforcing values such as perseverance, respect, and self-control, Champions of Life empowers young people to see themselves not only as champions in the boxing ring, but as resilient, goal-driven individuals capable of achieving excellence in all areas of life.

Cost: \$3,200 (NTE)

Account #: 20-006-100-320-09-0000-0

7. The submission of the district's School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rationale: In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1 School Safety and Security Plans, each school district is required to have comprehensive plans, procedures and mechanisms that provide for safety and security in the school district's public schools. The School Safety and Security Plan (SSSP) must meet the minimum state requirements and clearly define plans, policies and procedures for prevention of, response to and recovery from emergencies and crises. The SSSP is developed and reviewed with key stakeholders such as law enforcement agencies, public health agencies, social services providers, emergency management planners, district, school and other community resources.

8. The following additions/revisions/updates for the 2026-2027 school year.

- [C&I Curriculum Guides](#)

9. The following observation and evaluation instruments for the 2026-2027 school year.

- a. Danielson Framework for Teaching (FfT) 2013 Edition
- b. NJ Pre-K Danielson Evaluation Rubric 2011 Edition (developed by Early Childhood Consortium with NJDOE)
- c. NJ Athletic Trainers Evaluation Rubric
- d. NJSCA's New Jersey School Counselor Evaluation Rubric, 2013
- e. Other Certified Staff Rubric
- f. Nurse Evaluation Rubric
- g. NJ Library Media Specialist Evaluation Rubric
- h. Marshall Administration Evaluation Instrument

Rationale: The TEACHNJ Act requires the implementation of educator evaluation systems. Districts must comply with all elements of TEACHNJ as well as all other statutory requirements. The observation/evaluation rubrics noted above were discussed and approved by the District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC). Given that roles such as educational services staff, counselors, and other specialists have varied job descriptions in districts across the state, the creation of common evaluation practice instruments is difficult. As a result, the New Jersey Department of Education will continue to provide school districts with great latitude in evaluating staff members in these roles. Districts can choose to continue existing practice, adopt or adapt instruments from instrument providers, or create their own.

10. The submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the District Professional Development Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rationale: School district leaders must annually affirm through a Statement of Assurance (SOA) that the district-level professional development plan (PDP) has been developed in accordance with all regulations as specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:9C-4.2. These requirements apply to all public school districts, charter schools, and approved private schools for students with disabilities (APSSD), and those nonpublic schools that choose to follow state requirements and whose staff members hold positions that require the possession of instruction, education services and administrator certificates.

11. Approve the utilization of the highly effective teacher practice protocol as a flexibility option for highly effective tenured teachers during the 2026-2027 school year, as per Achieve NJ regulations.

12. Approve and adopt all existing district curricula and textbooks for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rationale: Pursuant to the state and federal administrative rules and regulations curricula (NJSLS) and textbooks must be approved each year by the local District Board of Education.

13. Approve the Matawan Regional High School NCAA Academic Eligibility Presentation at Back to School Night in the Fall of 2026.

Cost: None

14. Approve the Matawan Regional High School Financial Aid Presentation by HESAA on September 15, 2026.

Cost: None

15. Approve the receipt of the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation grant. The award is \$5,000 for the Cliffwood Elementary School Garden. The grant will allow the school garden to serve as a living classroom, providing students with hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that extend and reinforce concepts taught indoors. By actively participating in planting, tending, and harvesting, students develop real-world connections to subjects such as science (plant biology, ecosystems, and life cycles), math (measuring, estimating, and tracking growth), and nutrition and health. The garden also fosters social-emotional learning, as students work collaboratively, build responsibility through caring for living things, and develop patience and perseverance over time. Teachers will be able to integrate garden activities into lesson plans across grade levels, making the outdoor space a dynamic extension of the classroom that brings curriculum to life through direct experience with the natural world.

Cost: \$5,000 (NTE)

Account #: 20-061-200-600-60-0000-0

16. Approve the 2026-2027 MARSD School Improvement Panel (ScIP) Committee Members. Staff members highlighted in bold will also serve on the District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC) for the 2026-2027 school year.

MRHS	MAMS	LRS	CPES	CLES	RDES	STES
Michael C. Wells Sheryl Kish Pam Kacen Julianna Walker Meghan Harrington Dylan Warren Heather Walsh	Mark Van Horn Dora Palandrano Cristina Olsen Scott Taylor Raquel Colao Lisa Santos Tara Wilson Beth Chodkiewicz Laura Cahill Stephanie	John Bombardier Melissa Cullen Olivia DePeppo Emily Mills Amy Tomkins	Krysten Paone-Hurd Sue Ripple Kimberly Santora Brianna Walker	Christine Cherence JoAnn Royston Danielle Somahano Christina Oczkowski	Lorena Carbajal Brianna Burlew Kristina Teixeira Janet Renda Laura Buchanan Catherine Brussel	Lauren Kelly Jennifer Barsi Taylor Connelly Christina Kushwara Corrine Wietecha

	San Martin Allison Maglione Brianna Scatorchia Lauren Massa					
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17. Approve the receipt of grants from the Matawan-Aberdeen Educational Foundation for the 2026-2027 school year.

Project Title	School	Grades	Proposed Cost
Cambridge Park's Developmental Sensory Track & Pathway	Cambridge Park Elementary School	Pre-K	\$1,500.00
Hydroponic Tower Garden Learning Lab	Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	8	\$720.00
25 years REMEMBERING 911	Matawan Regional High School	11	\$773.00
Play Is The Work of the Child	Cambridge Park Elementary School	Pre-K	\$1,055.98
Thinking on Our Feet: Vertical Surfaces for Collaborative Problem Solving	Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School & Matawan Regional High School	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	\$1,886.00

18. Approve the use of drone videography by Husky Touchdown Club at Matawan Regional High School football games in accordance with district policy #7481 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS also known as drones).

Cost: \$0

Account #: N/A

19. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Therapy Dogs International (TDI) and MARSD as part of the Cliffwood Elementary School and Lloyd Road Elementary School Therapy Dog Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

20. Approve the MRHS Civic Leadership Academy students to participate in an overnight team building retreat at the
on October 19 - 20, 2026.

Rationale: The purpose of this retreat will be to allow the Civic Leadership students to have the opportunity to develop skills that strengthen their leadership, team-building, conflict resolution, communication and decision making skills. The character traits that the students will learn while on this trip will navigate them in the right direction starting a new school year.

Cost: \$3,000.00 (NTE)

Account #: 11-190-100-890-03-0000-0

21. The following field trips for the 2026-2027 school year.

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose	Funding
Samaha Farms, Aberdeen, NJ	10/20/26 and 10/21/26	CP PreK Students & Staff	Family fun fall activity that aligns with the TOM Community lesson	PEA and PTO Funding
PetSmart, Holmdel, NJ	03/16/27 and 03/17/27	CP PreK Students & Staff	Students will visit pet store to see animals, pet clinic and groom, which aligns with TOM Curriculum Theme 5 - Pet/Vet	School Budget & PEA Funding
Holmdel Park, Holmdel, NJ	05/13/27 and 05/14/27	CP PreK Students & Staff	Students will participate in camping to align with TOM Curriculum Theme 8 - Camping Trip	School Budget & PEA Funding
Cliffwood Firehouse, Cliffwood, NJ	10/07/26	CP Kindergarten Students & Staff	Students will learn about fire safety and prevention	N/A
Samaha Farms, Aberdeen, NJ	10/20/26	CL Kindergarten Students & Staff	Students will have a hands on learning experience about the life-cycle	PTO Funds
Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ	04/09/27 (date may change)	CL Grade 5 Students & Staff	This trip will reinforce the science curriculum through hands-on exhibits on energy, motion, and the human body. Will build teamwork and introduce students to STEAM.	School Budget
Rutgers Geology Museum, New Brunswick, NJ	05/13/27 - 5/14/27	CL Grade 2 Students & Staff	Students will tour the museum and participate in fossil activities	School Budget
Jenkinson's	05/14/27	CL Grade 1	Students will visit	School Budget

Aquarium, Point Pleasant, NJ		Students & Staff	the aquarium as part of the animal science unit	
Huber Woods, Locust, NJ	05/21/27 (date may change)	CL Grade 4 Students & Staff	Students will learn how the Lenape depended on each other to construct their villages by working cooperatively to build a life-sized replica longhouse.	School Budget
Seven President's Activity Center, Long Branch, NJ	06/03/27 - 06/04/27	CL Kindergarten Students & Staff	Students will study seashells and sealife	PTO Funds
Freehold YMCA, Freehold, NJ	06/04/27	CL Grade 5 Students & Staff	This is a special culminating end-of-the year activity for 5th graders	PTO Funds
Spray Park, Keyport, NJ	06/11/27 (raindate 6/14/27)	CL Grade 3 Students & Staff	Annual 3rd grade trip	PTO Funds
Samaha's Farm, Aberdeen, NJ	10/14/26	RD PK Students & Staff	Students will participate in activities they can do as a family	PEA Funds
Petsmart, Holmdel, NJ	03/22/27	RD PK Students & Staff	Students will visit the pet store and experience activities aligned with TOM curriculum's pet theme	PEA Funds
Huber Woods Park, Locust, NJ	04/28/27	RD Grade 4 Students & Staff	Students will visit park as part of their Social Studies unit on Native Americans - aligns with Soft Rain Reading Unit	School Budget for Transportation and Student/Family Funded
Francisco Family Farm, Matawan, NJ	05/12/27	RD Kindergarten Students & Staff	Students will visit the farm to observe the environment of	School Budget for Transportation and Student/Family

			plants and animals	Funded
Allaire Community Farm, Wall, NJ	05/13/27	RD Grade 1 Students & Staff	Student will visit the farm to deepen and understanding of agriculture and the impact it has on our lives (Science: Structure & Function; Growth and Development of Organisms)	School Budget for Transportation and Student/Family Funded
Veterans Memorial Park, Keyport, NJ	05/14/27	RD Grade 3 Students & Staff	Provides students with an opportunity to visit a local community park with their peers	PTO Funded
Holmdel Park, Holmdel, NJ	05/17/27	RD PK Students & Staff	Planned activities are in alignment with TOM curriculum's Camping Theme	PEA Funds
Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth, NJ	05/19/27 & 05/20/27	RD Grade 2 Students & Staff	Students can observe and participate in fishing, bird watching, and other activities that allow them to see different kinds of living things in their habitats	School Budget for Transportation and Student/Family Funded
Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth, NJ	05/20/27	RD Grade 5 Students & Staff	A trip modeling and demonstrating the skills and topics taught throughout the science curriculum	School Budget for Transportation and Student/Family Funded
Freehold YMCA, Freehold, NJ	06/04/27	RD Grade 5 Students & Staff	This trip is a special culminating end-of-year activity for 5th graders across the 4 elementary schools	PTO Funded
Samaha Farms,	10/13/26	ST PK Students &	Students will	PEA Funds

Aberdeen, NJ	(date may change)	Staff	participate in a family activity	
PetSmart, Holmdel, NJ	03/22/27 (date may change)	ST PK Students & Staff	Students will visit a pet store to see animals, vet clinic, and grooming. Aligns with TOM Pet/Vet Theme	PEA Funds
Huber Woods, Locust, NJ	04/20/27 (date may change)	ST Grade 4 Students & Staff	Students will learn how the Lenape depended on each other. They will work cooperatively to build a life-sized replica longhouse.	Student/Parent Funded
Longstreet Farm, Holmdel, NJ	05/06/27 (date may change)	ST Grade K Students & Staff	Students will learn how a real-life farm operates and will learn about the animals	Student/Parent Funded
Manasquan Reservoir, Farmingdale, NJ	05/11/27 (date may change)	ST Grade 2 Students & Staff	Students will discover animals that live in the Manasquan Reservoir. Aligns with the Science Curriculum on biodiversity in different habitats.	Student/Parent Funded
Holmdel Park, Holmdel, NJ	05/17/27 (date may change)	ST PK Students & Staff	Students will participate in camping with their classmates and take nature walks.	PEA Funds
Allair Community Farm, Wall Township, NJ	05/19/27 (date may change)	ST Grade 1 Students & Staff	Students will learn about animals, their habitats, needs and life cycles	Student/Parent Funded
Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth, NJ	06/02/27 (date may change)	ST Grade 5 Students & Staff	The World is Blue exhibit. Students will examine the saltwater ecosystem.	Student/Parent Funded

Snapology of Monmouth County, In-School Field Trip	10/13/26	LR Grade 3 Students & Staff	Hands-on STEM activities	Student/Parent Funded
Huber Woods, Locust, NJ	04/26/27 and 04/27/27 (dates may change)	LR Grade 4 Students & Staff	Students will learn how the Lenape depended on each other to construct their villages by working cooperatively to build a life-sized replica longhouse.	Student/Parent Funded
Longstreet Farm, Holmdel, NJ	04/30/27 (date may change)	LR Kindergarten Students & Staff	To provide students with meaningful opportunities to connect classroom learning to real-world experiences.	Student/Parent Funded
Manasquan Reservoir, Howell Twp., NJ	05/14/27 and 05/17/27 (dates may change)	LR Grade 1 Students & Staff	This activity will promote curiosity, collaboration, and engagement as students explore the Manasquan Reservoir ecosystem through hands-on observation of wetlands, learn about animals that call the reservoir home, and participate in live animal presentations, nature walks and fun games about wildlife.	Student/Parent Funded
Bayshore Water Park, Port Monmouth, NJ	05/19/27 (date may change)	LR Grade 2 Students & Staff	This activity will allow students to investigate the coastal ecosystem of Sandy Hook Bay through hands-on seining and	Student/Parent Funded

			observation of marine life.	
Bayshore Waterfront, Port Monmouth, NJ	05/21/27 (date may change)	LR Grade 5 Students & Staff	The World is Blue Science based study of saltwater ecosystem	Student/Parent Funded
YMCA of the Jersey Shore (Pool Club), Freehold, NJ	06/04/27 (date may change)	LR Grade 5 Students & Staff	The purpose of this trip is a special culminating end-of-year activity for 5th graders.	PTO Funded
Veteran's Memorial Park, Aberdeen, NJ	06/11/27 (date may change)	LR Grade 3 Students & Staff	A culminating end-of-year special event for 3rd graders.	PTO Funded
Freehold Mall, Freehold, NJ	12/17/26	LR & ST Students w/IEP's and CBI Goals & Staff	Students will learn about various businesses and have an opportunity to holiday shop and order lunch. Work on social skills and interacting with others.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)
Jenkinson's Aquarium, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ	03/16/27	LR & ST Students w/IEP's and CBI Goals & Staff	Students will learn about sea animals and engage in interactive exhibits. Work on social skills and interacting with others.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)
StopRite/Stop & Shop, Aberdeen, NJ	09/26 - 06/27	MS Students w/IEP's & CBI Goals & Staff	Students will attend weekly food shopping trips for their class cookie business, as well as personal food shopping. They will plan and make a list ahead of time. Attending different locations helps students generalize the skills taught.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)

ShopRite, Aberdeen, NJ	10/08/26	LR Students with IEP's and CBI Goals & Staff	Students will shop for the program's breakfast cart that is offered to staff and meet IEP goals for life skills.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)
Holmdel Park, Holmdel, NJ	10/20/26	MS Students w/IEP's & CBI Goals & Staff	Students will work together to decide the plan for the park visit ahead of time.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)
Dorbrook Park, Colts Neck, NJ	10/22/26	LR & ST Students w/IEP's and CBI Goals & Staff	Students will learn about autumn and search for different types/colors of leaves. They will also enjoy leisure time in the park.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)
Freehold Mall, Freehold, NJ	12/04/26	HS Students w/IEP's & CBI Goals & Staff	Students will learn about various businesses and have an opportunity to holiday shop and order lunch. Work on social skills and interacting with others.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)
Freehold Mall, Freehold, NJ	12/15/26	MS Students w/IEP's & CBI Goals & Staff	Students will learn about various businesses and have an opportunity to holiday shop and order lunch. Work on social skills and interacting with others.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)
ShopRite, Aberdeen, NJ	09/26 - 06/27	HS Students w/IEP'S & CBI Goals	Students will attend weekly food shopping trips for basic meals they are learning to make in daily living skills class.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)
Longstreet Farm, Holmdel, NJ	10/09/26	HS Students w/IEP'S & CBI	Students will learn about farm life and	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)

		Goals	animals, grind corn and feed chickens	
PRISMS, Princeton, NJ	01/01/27 (exact date will be updated)	MS Grades 7-8 Students Selected for Science Bowl & Staff	Science Bowl Competition	Club Funds
PRISMS, Princeton, NJ	02/01/27 (exact date will be updated)	MS Grades 7-8 Students Selected for Science Bowl & Staff	Regional Science Bowl Competition	Club Funds
Main Street Donuts, Matawan, NJ	02/22/27	MS Grades 6-8 Students w/IEP's and CBI Goals	Students will have a tour of the donut shop and learn how it operates. They will also have a chance to decorate their own donuts to eat.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)
Medieval Times, Lynhurst, NJ	05/14/27	MS Grade 7 Students & Staff	Provides an interactive historical experience that enhances understanding of social organization, governance, military traditions, & cultural practices.	Club Funds
Sea Grant Consortium, Ft. Hancock, NJ	05/25/27	MS Grade 6 Students & Staff	Explore Sandy Hook and ocean life, marsh and ocean environment	Club Funds
Oak Tree Lodge, Wall, NJ	06/08/27	MS Grade 8 Students & Staff	8th Grade Picnic	Student/Parent Funded and Fundraising
Mayers Catering Reception Center, Matawan, NJ	06/09/27	MS Grade 8 Students & Staff	8th Grade Dance	Club Funds
Dorbrook Park, Colts Neck, NJ	06/10/27	MS Gr. 6-8 Students w/IEP's & CBI Goals	This is an end of the year outing for the students.	Student Services Budget (CBI Only)

Holland Ridge Farms, Cream Ridge, NJ	10/02/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Mindful Awareness Class Students & Staff	This trip offers a grounding experience, combining nature with mindful awareness practices.	Student Funded
Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ	10/14/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Chorus Students & Staff	Annual Tenor/Bass Festival	School Budget
Drew University, Madison, NJ	11/11/26	HS Gr. 9-12 AP Literature Students & Staff	Students will see a performance of Hamlet, which will help them as they read/study it in class	Club Funds
AMC Freehold, Freehold, NJ	11/17/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Latin Club Students & Staff	View and discuss the Hollywood version of Odyssey and how it compares and contrasts with Homeric, Ovidian, and Virgilian versions from class.	Club Funds
Raritan Valley Community College, Brachburg, NJ	11/20/26	HS Gr. 9-12 AMSU Club Students & Staff	This opportunity allows students to attend a college fair for Historically Black Colleges & Universities	Club Funds
Culinary Education Center, Neptune City, NJ	12/03/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Culinary Class Students & Staff	Tour of culinary school, real world application of concepts practiced in class, luncheon prepared & served by students & bowling	Paid for by Students
Biotechnology HS, Freehold, NJ	12/04/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Academic Challenge Team Club Students & Staff	Round one of competition	School Budget
St. Andrew's United	12/05/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Chorus	Collaborative	School Budget

Methodist Church, Spring Lake, NJ		Students & Staff	Concert with St. Andrew's UMC Chorus	
Broadway, New York, NY	12/09/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Theatre Club Students & Staff	Broadway Theatre Workshop	Club Funds
Schroth School, Ocean Township, NJ	12/09/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Chorus Students & Staff	LADACIN Schroth Holiday Performance - for Students with Special Needs	School Budget
Junior Achievement of NJ, Edison, NJ	01/14/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Culinary Arts Students & Staff	Commencement activity for Junior Achievement Finance Curriculum	School Budget
Ridge High School, Basking Ridge, NJ	01/23/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Speech & Debate Club Students & Staff	To compete in NJSDL tournaments	School Budget
Location not available at this time	01/23/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Physics Club Students & Staff	Physics Olympics	School Budget
Freehold Courthouse, Freehold, NJ	02/16/27 (date may change)	HS Gr. 9-12 AASU Club Students & Staff	To provide students the opportunity to speak with a judge as well as observe a courthouse case in session and tour the court house.	School Budget
Montville Twp. HS, Montville, NJ	02/20/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Speech & Debate Club Students & Staff	NJSDL Tournament Competition	School Budget
Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ	03/18/27 and 03/19/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Dance, Theatre, Band & Chorus Club Students & Staff	VPA students perform and show their work for professional adjudicators and participate in workshops.	School Budget
Colonia HS, Colonia, NJ	03/20/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Academic Challenge Team Club Students &	Academic challenge competition	School Budget

		Staff		
AMC Freehold, Freehold, NJ	04/16/27 (date may change)	HS Gr. 9-12 AASU Club Students & Staff	To watch a film about the life of a famous African American Artist	Club Funds
Locations in Boston and Rhode Island	04/29/27 - 05/02/27 (overnight trip)	HS Gr. 9-12 History & Government Students & Staff	Historical enrichment trip	Club Funds
Afro-American Historical Society Museum, Jersey City, NJ	05/07/27 (date may change)	HS Gr. 9-12 AASU Club Students & Staff	Students will learn about the historic and cultural heritage of African Americans	Club Funds
Mi Lupita's Kitchen, Neptune City, NJ	05/13/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Culinary Arts Students & Staff	World Cuisine enrichment activity & bowling	Club Funds
Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ	05/22/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Academic Challenge Team Club Students & Staff	Champion Schools Showcase. The brain injury alliance champion showcase & awards	School Budget
Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ	05/24/27 and 05/25/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Theatre Club Students & Staff	Basie Awards Rehearsals/Dress Rehearsals	School Budget
Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ	05/26/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Theatre Club Students & Staff	Basie Awards Show	School Budget
TCNJ, Ewing Township, NJ	05/27/27	HS Gr. 9-12 ASL Class Students & Staff	Students will get a full ASL immersion experience, reinforcing their language skills and cultural understanding in an authentic setting.	School Budget
Broadway, New York, NY	06/02/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Theatre Club Students & Staff	Broadway theatre workshop in rehearsal studio and Broadway show.	Club Funds
Middlesex County College,	06/08/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Theatre Club	State Teen Arts Competition	School Budget

Edison, NJ		Students & Staff		
Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ	06/09/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Theatre Club Students & Staff	NJ State Teen Arts Festival	School Budget
RWJBH Field of Dreams, Toms River, NJ	09/23/26	REACH Students (MRHS; MAMS; LRES; STES) & Staff	CBI inclusive playground and sports complex for students with special needs.	Student Services Funds (CBI Only)
AMF Strathmore Lanes, Aberdeen, NJ	01/15/27	REACH Students (MRHS; MAMS; LRES; STES) & Staff	Students learn taking turns, following rules, and being respectful to others. This also promotes physical activity and socialization	Student Services Funds (CBI Only)
Yestercades, Red Bank, NJ	03/12/27	REACH Students (MRHS)	Students will interact with other groups attending and work on waiting for games to become available	Student Services Funds (CBI Only)
Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ	04/29/27	REACH Students (MRHS; MAMS; LRES; STES) & Staff	CBI life skills/social skills being at a performing arts event	Student Services Funds (CBI Only)
Jenkinson's Aquarium, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ	10/21/26	K.E.Y.S. Students & Staff	To support our science curriculum by providing students with hands-on learning opportunities to explore marine ecosystems, biodiversity, environmental sustainability, and biological concepts. Promotes wellness, mindfulness, stress reduction, social connection, and engagement in a	School Budget

			positive, recovery-supportive learning environment.	
Gleason's Gym, Long Branch, NJ	11/12/26	K.E.Y.S. Students & Staff	The boxing and fitness wellness session provides students with structured physical activity that supports stress management, emotional regulation, self-discipline, and healthy coping skills essential to their recovery journey.	School Budget
The Gravity Vault, Middletown, NJ	01/13/27	K.E.Y.S. Students & Staff	Rock climbing provides students with an opportunity to build trust, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while encouraging them to support and encourage one another.	School Budget
The Count Basie Center, Red Bank, NJ	02/23/27	K.E.Y.S. Students & Staff	Students will attend the Count Basie Theater to view "Live Your Legacy" a customizable presentation series that celebrates the world's most inspiring changemakers through hip-hop, storytelling, and multimedia performance.	School Budget

XI. STUDENT SERVICES**MOTION:** _____ **SECONDED:** _____

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

1. Nursing services for the following students:

Student	Program	Cost	Effective Dates
158134/160316	Bayada	\$243,600.00	07/01/2026-06/30/2027
171914	Care Options for Kids	1:1 LPN services rendered \$72 per hour 1:1 RN services \$82 per hour	09/08/2026-06/30/2027

Account# 11-000-217-320-09-0000-0**2. New Providers for Nursing and Counseling Services:**

Provider	Cost	Effective Dates
Three Tides Mind & Wellness LLC	Up to 20 Hours per week: \$125 per counseling session \$100 per hour for professional consultation \$250 per Threat Assessment	08/31/2026-06/30/2026

3. Out of district placement for the 2026-2027 School Year for the following students:

Student	School	Cost	Effective Dates
164624	Cornerstone Day School	\$92,988.00	09/03/2026-06/30/2027
171914	Lakeview School	\$129,399.90	09/08/2026-06/30/2027
160071	Coastal Learning Center	\$11,346.30	07/01/2026-08/14/2026
164197	Keansburg Board of Education	\$29,760.00	09/01/2026-06/30/2027
16167	Keansburg Board of Education	\$29,760.00	09/01/2026-06/30/2027
170060	Keansburg Board of Education	\$29,760.00	09/01/2026-06/30/2027

Cost:\$233,734.20**Cost:\$89,280.00****Account #11-000-100-566-09-0000-0****Account# 11-000-100-562-09-0000-0**

XII. PERSONNEL**MOTION:** _____**SECONDED:** _____

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

1. Resignations/Retirements -2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Ferrara, Michael	LR	Instructional Assistant	Resignation	09/01/2024	06/30/2026
Natale, Gloria	MS	Teacher Special Education	Resignation	09/01/2014	08/10/2026
Schwarzmann, Stephanie	RD	Teacher Preschool	Resignation	09/01/2022	10/02/2026 Or sooner
Toomey, Joanne	RD	Teacher Elementary	Resignation	09/01/2005	08/19/2026

2. Leave of Absence - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/ Without Pay	Effective Dates
Califano, Shannon	HS	Teacher	Maternity	With Pay	09/28/2026 - 10/29/2026
				Without Pay	10/30/2026 - 12/04/2026
				FMLA/NJFLA Without Pay	12/07/2026 - 03/09/2027
Cohen, Lauren	HS	Teacher	Personal	Without Pay	10/07/2026 - 10/08/2026
Deignan-Czachor,Kaitlyn	CL/ RD	School Social Worker	Maternity	With Pay	10/01/2026 - 10/27/2026
				Without Pay	10/28/2026 - 11/25/2026
				FMLA/NJFLA Without Pay	11/26/2026 - 02/05/2027
Olsen, Cristina	MS	Assistant Principal	Medical	With Pay	08/24/2026 - 11/13/2026
Vitone, Amanda	ST	Teacher	Maternity	With Pay	10/26/2026 -

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/ Without Pay	Effective Dates
			FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	12/10/2026 12/11/2026 - 03/19/2027
Yemi-Forli, Maria	LR	Instructional Assistant	Maternity	With Pay	09/14/2026 - 10/05/2026
				Without Pay	10/06/2026 - 10/19/2026
			FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	10/20/2026 - 01/12/2027

3. Appointments - 2026/2027 School Year

3.1 New Hires

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/ Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Brady, Brianne	CP	Teacher Preschool PEA	C 1-2	\$61,000.00	Small Transfer	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Flint, Tyler	ST	Teacher Music	C 12	\$80,625.00	Ebersole Resignation	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Friedhoff, Julia	MS	Teacher Special Ed LLD Math 6-8 Replacement Position	E 1-2	\$68,050.00	DiLonardo LOA	08/31/2026 - 02/09/2027
Laird, Emily	LR	Teacher Elementary Grade 2	C 1-2	\$61,000.00	Maniscalchi Retirement	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Miller, Tayler	CO	School Bus/Van Driver - Full Time	1	\$35.20/Hr	Damico Resignation	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Mohler, Alexis	RD	Teacher Elementary Grade 5 Replacement Position	C 1-2	\$61,000.00	Bartelotti LOA	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Morris, Nikki	CO	School Bus/Van Driver - Part Time	1	\$35.20/Hr	Flanagan Transfer	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Thievon, Amanda	HS	Teacher Freshman Seminar	E 1-2	\$68,050.00	Colabelli Transfer	10/05/2026 - 06/30/2027 Or sooner

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

3.2 Extra-Curricular Activities - 2026/2027 School Year (Subject to Student Participation)

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
Murphy, Kevin	MS	Girls' Field Hockey	Assistant Coach	\$6,426.30	2026/2027 School Year
	DIST	Special Olympics	Coach	\$1,083.14 x 3 Seasons	2026/2027 School Year
Non-Athletic Activities					
Moore, Susan	DIST	Head Nurse	Head Nurse	\$5,130.68	2026/2027 School Year
Gurney, Tara	LR	Art Club	Advisor	\$1,171.25	2026/2027 School Year
Tomkins, Amy	LR	Games Club	Advisor	\$1,171.25	2026/2027 School Year
Dougherty, Gerard	LR	Garden Club	Advisor	\$1,171.25	2026/2027 School Year
Dawson, Vanessa	LR	Safety Patrol	Advisor	\$1,057.23	2026/2027 School Year
Munice, Amanda	ST	Art Club	Advisor	\$1,171.25	2026/2027 School Year
O'Brien, Denise	ST	Games Club	Advisor	\$1,171.25	2026/2027 School Year
Wietecha, Corinne	ST	Garden Club	Advisor	\$1,171.25	2026/2027 School Year
Latin, Donna	ST	Safety Patrol	Advisor	\$1,057.23	2026/2027 School Year
Lordi, Daniel	HS	DECA	Advisor	\$1,368.18	2026/2027 School Year
Becourtney, Chelsea	HS	Guard	Assistant Instructor	\$3,468.13	2026/2027 School Year
Betro, Alexander	HS	Percussion	Instructor	\$3,468.13	2026/2027 School Year
Walker, Julianna	HS	Safe Space	Advisor	\$1,305.99	2026/2027 School Year
Naimo, Madison	HS	Scholarship Coordinator	Coordinator	\$1,368.18	2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Itzol, Brenda	HS	Student Council	Advisor	\$1,451.10	2026/2027 School Year
Becourtney, Chelsea	HS	Winter Color Guard	Assistant	\$1,658.40	2026/2027 School Year
Hynes, Gina	MS	Environmental Club	Advisor Replacing Nilsen	\$1,368.18	2026/2027 School Year
Lacovara, Cecelia	MS	School Newspaper	Advisor	\$2,093.73	2026/2027 School Year
Hourly Activities					
Reistrom, Meghan	MS	Before/After School Detention	Monitor	\$25.91/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Santos, Lisa	MS	Before/After School Detention	Monitor	\$25.91/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Taylor, Scott	MS	Before/After School Detention	Monitor	\$25.91/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Cahill, Laura	MS	Tutorial Program	Instructor	\$36.28/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Chodkiewicz, Beth	MS	Tutorial Program	Instructor	\$36.28/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Davila, Jessica	MS	Tutorial Program	Instructor	\$36.28/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Monro, Christine	MS	Tutorial Program	Instructor	\$36.28/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Wilson, Tara	MS	Tutorial Program	Instructor	\$36.28/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Grillo, Kendra	MS	Extra-Curricular Activities	1:1 Aide	Employee's Hourly Rate	2026/2027 School Year
Saul, Sonia	MS	Sports Packet Review	School Nurse	\$41.46/Hr Up to 25 Hours	2026/2027 School Year
Mallozzi, Catherina	HS/MS	Sports Packet Review	Substitute School Nurse	\$41.46/Hr Up to 25 Hours	2026/2027 School Year
Moore, Susan	HS/MS	Sports Packet Review	Substitute School Nurse	\$41.46/Hr Up to 25 Hours	2026/2027 School Year
Regler, Margaret	HS/MS	Sports Packet Review	Substitute School Nurse	\$41.46/Hr Up to 25 Hours	2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Mejia, Edward	HS	Crowd Control/ Ticket Sellers	Crowd Control/ Ticket Sellers	\$64.78/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Thievon, Amanda	HS	Crowd Control/ Ticket Sellers	Crowd Control/ Ticket Sellers	\$64.78/Hr	2026/2027 School Year

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

3.3 Transportation Assistant Hours - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Hours Per Day*	Route/Tier
Chevalier, Davina	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Degennaro, Sara	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Field, Diane	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Fineran, Kayla	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Gallo, Kayla	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Hulse, Kathleen	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Larys, Trevor	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Narine, Gladis	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Nielson, Jenny	3.5	Pending student enrollment
O'Steen, Alexandra	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Popowych, Kelly	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Weaver, Mary	3.5	Pending student enrollment
Weber, Melissa	3.5	Pending student enrollment

*Subject to change

3.4 Mentor Teachers - 2026/2027 School Year

Mentor Teachers 2026/2027 School Year - Location/Name
High School: Michelle O'Neill
Middle School: Lisa Santos
Ravine Drive: Melanie Walsh

3.5 Staff Array Changes - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Halper, Kerin	DIST: 1.00	Master Teacher	<i>RD: .25 ST: .25 CL: .25 LB: .25</i>	<i>PIRS/PIC PIRS/PIC PIRS/PIC PIRS/PIC</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 PEA
Calvosa, Helena	CP: 1.00	Speech Language Specialist	<i>LR: 1.00</i>	<i>Speech Language Specialist</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Sidley Transfer
Homowitz, Crystal	CP: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	<i>LR: 1.00</i>	<i>Teacher Kindergarten</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Wood Transfer
Small, Alexandra	CP: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	<i>ST: 1.00</i>	<i>Teacher Kindergarten</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Burden Retirement
Griffith, Elizabeth	CL: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PreK	<i>CP: 1.00</i>	<i>Instructional Assistant PreK</i>	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Signorile, Rachel	CL: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PreK	<i>CP: 1.00</i>	<i>Instructional Assistant PreK</i>	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Barrett, Edward	HS: 1.00	Teacher Sped	<i>MS: 1.00</i>	<i>Teacher Sped Autism</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Natale Resignation
Cacciatore, Julia	HS: 1.00	Teacher Math	<i>HS: 1.20 .60 .20 .20 .20 O/L</i>	<i>Teacher Math Algebra 1 ICR Algebra 1 POR Algebra 2 KEYS Academy</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Casserly, Kathleen	HS: 1.00	Teacher Sped/English	<i>HS: 1.20 .20 O/L</i>	<i>Teacher Sped/Eng. ESL Beginner Writing</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Ciaravino, Maria	HS: 1.00	Teacher English	<i>HS: 1.00 .20 .20 .20 .20 .20</i>	<i>Teacher English AP Seminar AP Research Global Hum 2 LA English 2 Honors Global Hum 2 SS</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Colabelli, Cara	HS: 1.00	Teacher Freshman Seminar	<i>HS: 1.00 .40 .40 .20</i>	<i>Teacher English English 1 ICR English 1 English 1 Honors</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Hanson Resignation
Cohen, Lauren	HS: 1.00	Teacher Sped/LAL	<i>HS: 1.00 .40 .20 .20 .20</i>	<i>Teacher Sped/LAL English 1 ICR English 4 POR Journalism Wilson Reading LLD</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Cristathakis, Nicholas	HS: 1.00	Teacher English	<i>HS: 1.00 .60 .20 .20</i>	<i>Teacher English English 3 ICR English 3 English 1 Honors</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Duffy, Brian	HS: 1.00	Teacher Social Studies	<i>HS: 1.00 .60 .40</i>	<i>Teacher of Social Studies/Sped US History 1 POR US History 2 POR</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Barrett Transfer
Greco, Joseph	HS: 1.00	Teacher Math	<i>HS: 1.00 .60 .20 .20</i>	<i>Teacher Math Algebra 2 AP Cybersecurity Foundations of AI</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Hughes, Matthew	HS: 1.00	Teacher Math	<i>HS: 1.00 .40 .20 .20 .20</i>	<i>Teacher Math Algebra 1 POR Geometry POR Geometry Honors Geometry</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 ERI Collapse
McMillan, Marloudiza	HS: 1.00	Teacher Sped/Sci.	<i>HS: 1.00 .20 .20 .20 .20 .20</i>	<i>Teacher Sped/Sci. Principles of Biomedical Science LLD Envir. Science LLD Biology Biology POR Biology ICR</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 ERI Collapse
Mergner, Suzanne	HS: 1.00	Teacher Health & PE	<i>HS: 1.16 .16 O/L</i>	<i>Teacher Health/PE Extra Duty</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Ross, Joana	HS: 1.00	Teacher Math	<i>HS: 1.20 .20 O/L</i>	<i>Teacher Math College & Career Readiness Math</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Stevens, Vanessa	HS: 1.00	Teacher Sped/ERI	<i>HS: 1.00</i>	<i>Teacher Sped/Eng.</i>	08/31/2026 -

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
			<i>.60 .40</i>	<i>English 1 POR English 4 POR</i>	06/30/2027 Mancuso Transfer
LaRocca, Theresa	LR: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed Autism Grades K-2	<i>ST: 1.00</i>	<i>Teacher Special Ed Autism Grades 4-5</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027
Sidley, Kate	LR: 1.00	Speech Language Specialist	<i>CP: 1.00</i>	<i>Speech Language Specialist</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Student IEP
Wood, Audra	LR: 1.00	Teacher Kindergarten	<i>CP: 1.00</i>	<i>Teacher Preschool</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Homowitz Transfer
Ciambrushini, Dina	MS: 1.00	Teacher Sped/LAL Grade 8 POR	<i>MS: 1.00</i>	<i>Teacher Sped/LAL Grade 7 ICR</i>	08/31/2026 - 12/23/2026 Mancuso Transfer
Mancuso, Kathleen	MS: 1.00	Teacher Sped LAL Grade 7 ICR	<i>MS: 1.00</i>	<i>Teacher Sped/LAL Grade 8 POR</i>	08/31/2026 - 12/23/2026 Ciambruschini Transfer
Buro, Stephanie	MS: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed	<i>MS: 1.00 .33 O/L</i>	<i>Teacher Special Ed English ICR Gr 7</i>	08/31/2026 - 12/23/2026 Ciambruschini Sabbatical
Monro, David	MS: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed	<i>MS: 1.00 .33 O/L</i>	<i>Teacher Special Ed English ICR Gr 7</i>	08/31/2026 - 12/23/2026 Ciambruschini Sabbatical
Taylor, Scott	MS: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed	<i>MS: 1.00 .33 O/L</i>	<i>Teacher Special Ed English ICR Gr 7</i>	08/31/2026 - 12/23/2026 Ciambruschini Sabbatical
Bartelotti, Samanta	RD: 1.00	Elementary Teacher Grade 3	<i>RD: 1.00</i>	<i>Elementary Teacher Grade 5</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Gallo Transfer
Elmendorf, Jennifer	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PreK	<i>LR: 1.00</i>	<i>Instructional Assistant AUT K-1</i>	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
McAndrews, Catherine	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PreK	<i>CP: 1.00</i>	<i>Instructional Assistant PreK</i>	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Ajoy, Betty	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PreK	<i>CP: 1.00</i>	<i>Instructional Assistant PreK</i>	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Deignan-Czachor, Kaitlin	ST: .50 RD: .50	School Social Worker	<i>ST: .75</i> <i>RD: .25</i>	<i>School Social Worker</i>	08/31/2026 - 06/30/2027 Amended - Previously Approved on 07/20/2026
Greco, Dawn	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant PSD	<i>CP: 1.00</i>	<i>Instructional Assistant PSD</i>	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Kruzik, Jacqueline	ST: 1.00	Instructional Assistant	<i>LR: 1.00</i>	<i>Instructional Assistant POR 1:1</i>	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

3.6 College Student Observers/Teachers/Interns - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Emma, Gianna	Christina Kushwara, Cooperating Teacher, Gen Ed Jessica Trischitta, Cooperating Teacher, Special Ed	Strathmore Elementary School Student Observer Brookdale Community College Fall 2026
Nelson, Matthew	Corinne Wietecha, Cooperating Teacher	Strathmore Elementary School Student Teaching Grand Canyon University Fall 2026 Amended Previously Approved 06/15/2026
Silva, Jacey	Tara Barry, Cooperating Teacher	Lloyd Road Elementary School Student Observer Grand Canyon University Fall 2026
Surgent, Sheila	Cassidy Johnson, Cooperating Teacher Preschool Samantha Marchesano, Cooperating Teacher Grade 3	Ravine Drive Elementary School Student Observer Brookdale Community College Fall 2026

3.7 Volunteers - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Location	Activity	Effective Date
Ramcheran, Shawn**	High School Athletics	Football	2026/2027 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

4. Other**4.1 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 July 20, 2026:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
1	1

4.2 HIB Reporting Period 2 - 2025/2026 School Year

- Presented by Michael J. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent
Reporting Period 2 - January through June, 2026

4.3 Substitute Administrator for KEYS - 2026/2027 School Year

- Michele Ruscavage, Up to 60 days, \$300/per diem
Account # 20-470-200-100-11-0000-1

4.4 Sidebar Agreement between the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District and the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Education Association

- WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education and the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Education Association wish to memorialize their sidebar agreement in relation to the following employees receiving the newly negotiated Principal Secretary K-5 stipend of \$2,487.60 for the 2026/2027 School Year (Revised; Previously approved on 07/20/2026)
 - Cliffwood Elementary School, Millie Grimaldi
 - Ravine Drive Elementary School, Norreen Shaw

4.5 Salary Amendments - 2026/2027 School Year

- Employee # 6542
To remain “off guide” until current salary meets the contracted step/salary for current position

4.6 Crisis Team Voucher Payments - 2026/2027 School Year

- Rachel Alvarez, Adrian Bennett, Daphne Binns, Essence Davis, Florence DeCosta, Kaitlin Deignan-Czachor, Kathleen Feen, Juliana Fishbein, Christine Frye, Jessica Furlong, Gabrielle Giacchi, Gerard Haney, Dominique Jimenez, Kristina Leach, Amanda Longo, Justine LoStocco, Amanda Lyttle, Gianna Marretta, Daryl McKurth, Taylor Monaco, Jennifer Nangano, Christine Palumbo, Kristina Saccomondo, Kathleen Tay, Jamie Zibbell, Emily Zupkus
Must adhere to the process set by Student Services. This is for any work beyond the school day, and capped at the number of hours to conclude a full crisis assessment.
\$51.83/Hr, Account # 11-000-219-104-11-0000-9

4.7 Additional ESY Staff - 2026/2027 School Year

- Lidia Caruso
Substitute Instructional Assistant, Posting 3055, Employee's Hourly Rate as needed
- Beth Osipowitz
CST Members for Case Management, Posting # 3059, Up to 80 hours at \$51.83/hr
- Melissa Falciglia, Nicole Sandner
Attend IEP/504 Meetings, Posting #3062, \$41.46/hr as needed
- Kim Hulsart
Substitute School Nurse, Posting 3064, \$51.83/hr as needed

4.8 Job Description - 2026/2027 School Year

- Coordinator of SPS (New)

4.9 ESEA Grant Funded Positions - 2026/2027 School Year

- Corey Souza, Account # 20-231-100-106-11-00000-1, \$15,651.30
- Lisa Hoffman, Account # 20-231-100-106-11-0000-1, \$17,190.50
- Kathleen Tay (LR), Account # 20-231-200-100-04-0070-0, \$84,000.00
- Gabrielle Giacchi (CL), Account # 20-231-200-100-04-0060-0, \$79,100.00

4.10 - MOESC Nurse - 2026/2027 School Year

- Zaine Khan, RN to cover Godowski Vacancy (Retirement)
Because the nursing position could not be filled through traditional recruitment efforts, the district must utilize a third-party (MOESC) provider under a one-year contract to ensure appropriate nursing coverage.

XIII. POLICY

MOTION: _____ **SECONDED:** _____

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

1. First Reading and Second Reading

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	First Reading & Second Reading
5000	Students	5516.02 P & R	Smartphones/Mobile Devices	08/24/2026

The Superintendent recommends to suspend the rules of Bylaw 0131 requiring two separate readings, and to approve both the first and second reading for immediate adoption of the above Policy.

2. Second Reading

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	Second Reading
8000	Operations	8600.1 P	School Bicycling and Walking	08/24/2026

XIV. FINANCE**MOTION:** _____ **SECONDED:** _____**Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - July 2026**

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of July 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 July 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 July 15, 2026 in the amount of \$406,163.34, the July 30, 2026 in the amount of \$495,368.68 payroll.

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

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

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

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

3. Approve Appropriation Transfers

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the transfers for July 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 \$5,700,344.24 for August 2026.

5. Award of Parental Contract for Student Transportation

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 2026-2027 at a total cost of \$1,347.86 pending county approval.

6. Routine Travel Reimbursement for 2026-2027

Policy: #6471 School District Travel

Pursuant to Travel policy # 6471, approve the following staff for travel related to routine business for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Position	Total
Heather Dorney	Confidential Secretary, CP	\$100
Julie Fishbein	School Social Worker, ST	\$250

7. Use of Lloyd Road Elementary School as an Emergency Shelter

Approve Home Away from Home Academy to use Lloyd Road Elementary School as their emergency shelter for the 2026-2027 school year, per State School Safety requirements.

8. REVISED - E-rate Consultant for the 2026-2027 School Year

WHEREAS, there exists a need for E-rate (e2e Exchange), services for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, such (e2e Exchange) services can be provided only by an e2e Exchange firm, and the firm of e2e Exchange is so recognized; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount not to exceed \$5,945 are or will be available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, this action is the award of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education in the county of Monmouth, as follows:

The Board authorizes the firm e2e Exchange of 6627 Turnstone Lane, Bradenton, FL 34202 to E-Rate Services. (previously approved on May 26, 2026 \$5,500)

9. Sidebar Agreement between the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District and the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Education Association

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education and the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Education Association wish to memorialize their sidebar agreement allowing alteration of the minutes for the PreK workday.

10. Sidebar Agreement between the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District and the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Education Association

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education and the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Education Association wish to memorialize their sidebar agreement regarding the use of DUO multi-factor authentication and District-issued authentication keys; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education hereby approves the Sidebar Agreement regarding DUO authentication and authentication keys.

11. Tuition Contract Agreement with Monmouth County Vocational School District

Approve the Tuition Contract Agreement with Monmouth County Vocational School District. The term of this agreement will be from September 8, 2026 - June 22, 2027

Program	Annual Cost	Number of Students	Total
Academy of Allied Health & Science	\$7,100	3	\$21,300
Academy of Law & Public Safety	\$7,100	4	\$28,400
Biotechnology High School	\$7,100	7	\$49,700
Communications High School	\$7,100	13	\$92,300
High Technology High School	\$7,100	6	\$42,600
Marine Academy of Sci. & Tech.	\$7,100	15	\$106,500
Career Center	\$6,388	31	\$198,028
Shared-Time Regular Education	\$3,568	42	\$149,856
Total		107	\$688,684

Account #: 11-000-100-563-11-0000-0
11-000-100-564-11-0000-0

NTE: \$490,656
NTE: \$198,028

12. Approval of Board Goal for the 2026-2027 School Year

Adopt the following Board Goal for the 2026-2027 school year

1. The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education aims to provide effective governance and fiscal oversight to support the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District. In fulfilling its statutory responsibilities, the Board will ensure sound policy review, transparent decision-making, and responsible stewardship of public resources, while maintaining a continued focus on student achievement, well-rounded educational opportunities, and a secure school environment in accordance with New Jersey Department of Education expectations.

13. Approval of District Goals for the 2026-2027 School Year

Adopt the following District Goal statements for the 2026-2027 school year.

We believe students and staff succeed when:

1. Increase student achievement by supporting regular student attendance
2. Align curriculum, instruction, and assessment to meet the needs of students
3. Provide students access to a variety of opportunities to help build well-rounded community members
4. Continue to promote safety and security for all students, staff, and our school community

14. Approval of Dual Use/Waiver of Educational Space for the 2026-2027 School Year

Approve the submission of the applications to the Executive County Superintendent for Monmouth County, to elect for the 2026-2027 school year the Dual Use/Waivers as listed below to be used simultaneously for various purposes. As required by code, instruction will be separated by placement of a divider in the room.

School	Purpose of Waiver
Cliffwood	Dual Use, Room 13
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Dual Use, Room 100
Strathmore	Toilet Waiver Rooms 28, 30
Ravine	Toilet Waiver Rooms 1, 4, 5
Cliffwood	Toilet Waiver Rooms 37
Lloyd Road	Toilet Waiver Room 115

15. Approval of Change of Use Space for the 2026-2027 School Year

Approve the submission of the application to the Executive County Superintendent for Monmouth County, to elect for the 2026-2027 school year the Change of Use of Educational Space as listed below.

School	Purpose of Waiver
Cliffwood	Change of Use, Storage to Meeting Room

16. Sale or Disposal of Assets

WHEREAS, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education deems the property listed below to be surplus property which is no longer useful for school purposes, and

WHEREAS, the value of said property is estimated to be as enumerated below,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator to offer the property for sale to other public entities without advertisement for bids in accordance with 18A:18A-45c-f.

Make	Model	Quantity	Estimated Value Per Unit
Dell	Optiplex 7010	25	\$10
Dell	Optiplex 7050	13	\$20
Dell	Chromebook 3380	2	\$5
Dell	Chromebook 3400	5	\$5
Dell	Chromebook 3100	200	\$5
Dell	Chromebook 14	26	\$5
Apple	iPads	6	\$10
Dell	Monitor	11	\$0
Dell	Chromebook Adapters	100	\$5
Savin	Printer	1	\$10
Bogen	Audio Amp	1	\$0
N/A	Misc wires	50	\$0
Epson	Projectors	4	\$0
APC	UPS Battery Modules	15	\$0

17. Fire and Evacuation Drills

The following Fire and Evacuation Drill occurred during July 2026

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	7/15/26 @ 9:30 am
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Lockdown (Active Shooter)	7/20/26 @ 9:59 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	7/20/26 @ 10:00 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Lockdown	7/21/26 @ 10:00 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	7/9/26 @ 9:31 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Shelter in Place	7/13/26 @ 9:30 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	7/9/26 @ 10:17 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Lockdown	7/21/26 @ 10:01 am

18. Approval of In-District Routes/OOD/Vocational Schools for the 2026-2027 School Year

Approve the following In-District Routes for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rt #	Destination	# of Days	Eff Dates
65	Spare	180	9/3/26-6/23/27
66	Spare	180	9/3/25-6/23/26
68	Collier HS (AM, PM and Elementary)	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
71	HS, MAMS, CL	180	9/3/26-6/23/27
72	HS, MAMS and ST	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
73	HAWKSWOOD, W/C -Shrewsbury Jointure	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
74	Spare	180	9/3/25-6/23/26
75	HS, MAMS, CP, ST	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
76	HS, MAMS, LR	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
78	HS, MAMS, CL	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
79	HS, MS, ST	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
80	Keyport Voc (AM, Midday and PM)	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
81	MAMS, LR, CL HS (late run x2 Midday)	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
82	LR, CL	180	9/3/25-6/23/27
83	HS, MAMS, LR	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
85	HS, MAMS, Preschool	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
86	St. John Vianny/St Ben's with a Midday	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
87	Communications/Allied/CL	180	9/3/25-6/23/27
88	HS, MAMS, RD	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
89	MS,CP, CL and Midday	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
90	CBA, Hi-Tech, KEYS	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
91	HS, MS, CP, Lightbridge	180	9/3/26-6/23/27
92	SJV/St.Ben's/LR	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
93	MAMS, LR, CL, HS (late run)	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
94	REACH (AM, PM and Midday)	180	9/3/25-6/23/27
95	HAWKSWOOD	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
96	SPARE w/c van	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
97	MAMS, RD, CP (PM)	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
98	HS, MS, CL Midday x2	180	9/4/25-6/23/26
99	HS, MS,LR,CL and Midday	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
84	Homeless route including sports	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
100	Career Center, Biotech and Freehold Vocational	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
101	REACH	180	9/3/26-6/24/27
102	HS, MAMS and RD	180	9/3/26-6/24/27

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

The Board of Education welcomes public comment on matters affecting the school community. Speakers must state their name and address and are limited to three minutes, with an opportunity to speak again after all others have been heard. Comments should be directed to the Board President and not individual members. Please keep comments civil and be aware that statements that violate laws related to

defamation or privacy may result in personal liability. Individuals with questions about the legal implications of their remarks are encouraged to consult their own legal counsel in advance.

XVI. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II (if necessary)

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

XX. ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn the meeting at _____ pm.

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

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