

I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:33 pm**II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Be advised that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PIL. 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 Notice”, send 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. Mondella
 Ms. Pell Ms. Skop
 Ms. Spruell

Absent: Mr. McGovern, Mr. Montone

Also Dr. Perez, Superintendent of Schools
 Present: Ms. Case, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Mr. Liebmann, Assistant Superintendent for School Administration PreK-12
 Mr. Rubin, Board Attorney

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 40 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action will take place.

It was moved by Ms. Skop, seconded by Mr. Mondella that the Board convene in Executive Session and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:34 pm.

It was moved by Mr. Mondella, seconded by Ms. Ascoli that the Board return to Open Session at 7:18 pm.

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

On a roll call vote, seven (7) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and two (2) members were absent

VI. MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Skop to approve the following:

- Regular Action Meeting Minutes, August 24, 2026
- Executive Meeting Minutes, August 24, 2026

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

It was moved by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Pell to accept the following:

Email received Sep 21, 2026, kelly.gregoire@yahoo.com, regarding “Request for Formal Safety Assessment and Interim Transportation”

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Ms. Perez - None**IX. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Ms. Werneke**

In a vote by the state commission overseeing New Jersey’s School Employees’ Health Benefits, a whopping 34% average premium increase was approved for active school employees. The good news is, because of thoughtful planning and foresight of our Business Administrator, our district is not part of that state health plan. Instead, the District transitioned to the Schools Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), which provides medical coverage through Aetna, which was approved as part of the 2026-2027 budget. You may recall that the Board took time and due diligence to review the SHIF medical plan. And as an aside, the district is contractually required to provide benefits that are equal to or better when changing plans.

The Board is always seeking ways to advocate for fair funding for our District. Last week I received an email from the Red Bank Board of Education, who is asking our Board along with others to participate in a statewide effort to review and improve New Jersey’s School Funding Reform Act (SFRA). There is growing consensus that the current system is being strained by rising costs, demographic shifts, and structural pressures such as special education, transportation, health care, and pension obligations that often outpace both state aid and local revenue capacity.

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT - Christina Tesi - None**XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- Ms. Ascoli - Item #4 - questions and concerns with online learning.
- Mr. Liebmann - no substitute for in class learning. This is an alternative. It’s asynchronous learning. Reviewed how classroom will run.
- Ms. Spruell - piggy back and don’t want to use this for all.
- Ms. Skop - seems like a lot of money and is this normal price?
- Mr. Liebmann - lowest out of 3 grades
- Ms. Skop - we need another person with this certification
- Mr. Liebmann - expressed we will have this hurdle again
- Ms. Pell - asked if this would be used in other contents
- Mr. Liebmann - review and the process
- Ms. Feiles - overload or sub?
- Mr. Liebmann - decent solution for the situation at hand provided personal example and if something else could be taught
- Ms. Pell - is it proven to be effective?
- Mr. Liebmann - used for effectiveness in summer school. Teacher will be able to provide feedback when returned.
- Dr. Perez - will prepare them for this as a college option/exposure

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

It was motioned by Ms. Feiles, seconded by Ms. Ascoli to approve the following:

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. Go Teach Consultants, LLC to provide consultation services to the Matawan-Aberdeen School District for curriculum development for literacy grades K-6, primarily the Learning Equity and Academic Recovery (LEAR) initiative during the 2026-2027 school year.

Cost: \$7,200.00

Account #: 20-270-100-300-04-0000-0 (Title II)

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

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose	Funding
Joe Palaia Park, Oakhurst, NJ	10/10/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Chorus Students & Advisors	Singing opening act for Brian Kirk and the Jerks 250th Celebration of America Event	School Budget
Samaha's Farm, Aberdeen, NJ (REVISED)	10/27/26 (new date)	RD Pre-K Students & Staff	Students will participate in activities they can do as a family. Activity is aligned with the TOM family theme.	PEA Funds
Samaha's Farm, Aberdeen, NJ (REVISED)	10/27/26 (new date)	ST Pre-K Students & Staff	Students will participate in activities they can do as a family. Activity is aligned with the TOM family theme.	PEA Funds
Snapology of Monmouth County, In-School Field (REVISED)	05/25/27 (new date)	LR Grade 3 Students & Staff	Trip Hands-on STEM activities	Student/Parent Funded
Cambridge Park Elementary School, Aberdeen, NJ (NEW)	12/11/26	HS Gr. 9-12 Principles of Biomedical Science Students & Staff	Students will be teaching young students about the importance of health and fitness using the skills they have learned in class.	School Budget
Ramsey Hotel & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN (NEW)	04/22/27 - 4/25/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Marching Band Students & Advisors	Students will be taking a trip to Gatlinburg, TN to participate in a performance & enjoy	Student/Family and Fundraising

			an area rich in musical and cultural history. They will participate in a festival competition with a clinic before.	
Manasquan River, Allenwood, NJ (NEW)	04/28/27	HS Gr. 9-12 Environmental Science/Zoology Students & Staff	Trout Release	School Budget
Samaha Farm, Aberdeen, NJ (NEW)	10/13/26	CL Pre-K Students & Staff	Family fun fall activity that aligns with the TOM Community lesson	PEA Funds
PetSmart, Holmdel, NJ (NEW)	Week of 03/22/27 (date to be determined)	CL Pre-K Students & Staff	Students will visit pets store to see animals, pet clinic and groom, which aligns with TOM Curriculum Theme 5 - Pet/Vet	PEA Funds
Holmdel Park, Holmdel, NJ (NEW)	05/17/27 (date may change)	CL Pre-K Students & Staff	Students will participate in camping to align with TOM Curriculum Theme 8 - Camping Trip	PEA Funds
Cliffwood Firehouse, Cliffwood, NJ	10/07/26	CL Kindergarten Students & Staff (correction of school from prior agenda)	Students will learn about fire safety and prevention	N/A

4. The use of Educere LLC for the American Sign Language (ASL) Courses at Matawan Regional High School for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rationale: Due to a current maternity leave and the unavailability of ESS or district staff to provide instruction for the ASL I, II, and III course at the high school, the District is utilizing Educere as an alternative means of providing the courses online. Educere will provide access to a qualified, certificated teacher to provide online instruction, allowing the students to continue receiving the required coursework and maintain continuity of instruction.

Cost: \$22,163.00

Account #: 11-190-100-320-11-0000-5

XII. STUDENT SERVICES

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

It was motioned by Ms. Skop, seconded by Ms. Feiles to approve the following:

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

1. Out of district placement Tuition Contracts for the 2026-2027 school year

Student ID	School	Cost	Effective Dates
160566	Keyport Board of Education	\$22,117	9/3/26-6/30/27

Rationale: Per student IEP

XIII. PERSONNEL

Mr. Liebmann presented the Personnel Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening:

It was motioned by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Pell to approve the following:

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
Coccio, Isabelle	HS	Instructional Assistant	Retirement	10/17/2006	6/30/2027
Friscia, Mary Jane	HS	Teacher	Retirement	9/1/2002	6/30/2027
Furman, Jessica	MS	Teacher	Retirement	9/1/2007	7/31/2026
Hadaway, Charlotte	HS	Spanish Teacher	Retirement	9/1/2004	12/31/2026
Nunziante, Marybeth	HS	Italian Teacher	Retirement	9/1/2001	6/30/2027
Weaver, April	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Resignation	9/1/2014	10/1/2026

2. Leave of Absence - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/ Without Pay	Effective Dates
Castelli, Courtney	HS	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	9/8/26-11/2/26
Cohen, Jennifer	ST	Teacher	Maternity	With Pay	10/15/26-12/11/26
				Without Pay	12/14/26-12/23/26
			FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	1/4/27-3/24/27
			Personal	Without Pay	4/5/27-6/30/27
DeCarlo, Salvatore	LR	Teacher	Paternity	With Pay	10/5/26-11/4/26
				Without Pay	11/9/26-2/8/27
			Personal	Without Pay	2/9/27-2/26/27
Fishbein, Juliana	ST	School Social Worker	Personal	Without Pay	9/24/26-9/25/26
Gumina, Linda	ST	Speech Language Specialist	Medical	With Pay	9/28/26-1/1/27
Hall, Sharen	HS	Teacher	Personal	With Pay	9/1/26-9/23/26
			FMLA	Without Pay	9/24/26-11/23/26
Kruzik, Jacqueline	LR	Instructional Assistant	Personal	Without Pay	11/4/26
Schueller, Melanie	RD	Instructional Assistant	Personal	Without Pay	9/28/26
Walker, Julianna	HS	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	8/31/26-9/25/26
Weaver, April	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical	Without Pay	9/1/26-10/1/26

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/ Without Pay	Effective Dates
Yemi-Forli, Maria	LR	Instructional Assistant	Maternity	With Pay	9/8/26-10/9/26
			FMLA/NJFLA	Without Pay	10/13/26-10/16/26
				Without Pay	10/19/26-1/15/27 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 8/24/26

3. Appointments - 2026/2027 School Year

3.1 New Hires

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/ Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Torres, Elsie	CO	Benefit Coordinator Part Time	N/A	\$20/Hr Up to 20 Hours per Week	Montaperto Transfer	10/1/26-6/30/27
Flint, Tyler	ST	Teacher Music	C12	\$80,625.00	Ebersole Resignation	10/5/26 Amended start date Previously approved 8/24/26

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

3.2 Salary Adjustments - 2026/2027 School Year (Full Year Adjustments September - June)

Name	Location/Position	From Step/Salary	To Step/Salary
Fowler, Michelle	Cambridge Park - Preschool Teacher	E-14, \$99,275.00	F-14, \$101,625.00
Kaiser, Lauren	MAMS - Special Ed Teacher	E-7, \$72,825.00	F-7, \$75,175.00
Levine, Sam	Lloyd Road - Music Teacher	D-7, \$70,675.00	E-7, \$72,825.00
Marchesano, Samantha	Ravine Drive - Elementary Teacher	C-7, \$65,775.00	D-7, \$70,675.00
Preiser, Sheryl	Cliffwood - Elementary Teacher	D-14, \$97,125.00	F-14, \$101,625.00
Shalhoub, Mary Kate	MRHS - Teacher	C-9, \$70,275.00	E-9, \$77,325.00

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

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
Goetz, Matthew	HS	Equipment Manager	Manager	Step 3 \$7,017.11	2026/2027 School Year
O'Hara, Colin	HS	Football	Co-Assistant Coach	Step 1 \$3,691.80 Amended - Previously Approved on 06/15/2026	2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Carnovsky, Robert	HS	Baseball	Head Coach	Step 3 \$8,768.79	2026/2027 School Year
Vasilenko, Nicholas	MS	Baseball	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$6,426.30	2026/2027 School Year
Coppola, Joseph	HS	Softball	Head Coach	Step 3 \$8,768.79	2026/2027 School Year
Leonard, Keelyn	HS	Softball	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2026/2027 School Year
Wietecha, Robert	HS	Softball	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2026/2027 School Year
Williams, Devonn	MS	Softball	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$6,426.30	2026/2027 School Year
Lasko, Andrew	HS	Tennis	Head Coach	Step 3 \$6,312.29	2026/2027 School Year
Turner, Samuel	HS	Boys' Spring Track	Head Coach	Step 3 \$8,768.79	2026/2027 School Year
Kalieta, Thomas	HS	Boys' Spring Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2026/2027 School Year
Walsh, Matthew	HS	Boys' Spring Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2026/2027 School Year
Grigoli, Jeremy	MS	Boys' Spring Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$6,426.30	2026/2027 School Year
Mergner, Suzanne	HS	Girls' Spring Track	Head Coach	Step 3 \$8,768.79	2026/2027 School Year
Bowman, Jennifer	HS	Girls' Spring Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2026/2027 School Year
Colabelli, Cara	HS	Girls' Spring Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$7,176.30	2026/2027 School Year
Acosta, Alicia	MS	Girls' Spring Track	Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$6,426.30	2026/2027 School Year
Dean, Brian	HS	Strength & Conditioning Weight Training	Coach Spring Season	\$6,886.08	2026/2027 School Year
Non-Athletic Activities					
McCammon, Ashley	HS	Art Club	Advisor	\$1,368.18	2026/2027 School Year
Shalhoub, Mary Kate	HS	Safe Space Club	Co-Advisor	\$435.33	2026/2027 School Year
Walker, Julianna	HS	Safe Space Club	Co-Advisor	\$870.66	2026/2027 School Year Amended - Previously Approved on 08/24/2026
Arey, Candice	RD	Art Club	Advisor	\$1,171.25	2026/2027 School Year
Burlew, Brianna	RD	Games Club	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2026/2027 School Year
Murray, Paula	RD	Games Club	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2026/2027 School Year
Arey, Candice	RD	Garden Club	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2026/2027 School Year
Viola, Danielle	RD	Garden Club	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2026/2027 School Year
Meany, Karen	RD	Safety Patrol	Advisor	\$1,057.23	2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Myers-Miller, Breigh	CL	Art Club	Advisor	\$1,171.25	2026/2027 School Year
Eisenberg, Randi	CL	Games Club	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2026/2027 School Year
Coakley, Maureen	CL	Games Club	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2026/2027 School Year
Dhume, Val	CL	Garden Club	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2026/2027 School Year
Schultz, Lisa	CL	Garden Club	Co-Advisor	\$585.62	2026/2027 School Year
Saviano, Nicole	CL	Safety Club	Advisor	\$1,057.23	2026/2027 School Year
Hourly Activities					
Marino, Michael	DIST	Videographer	Videographer	\$25.91/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Itzol, Brenda	HS	After-School Detention	Monitor	\$25.91/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Mackey, Latieffa	HS	After-School Detention	Monitor	\$25.91/Hr	2026/2027 School Year
Williams, Devonn	MS	Extra-Curricular Activities	1:1 Aide	Employee's Hourly Rate	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.

3.4 Summer Workshops (Professional Development) - 2026-2027 School Year

Name	Position	Activity	Cost/Hr	Loc
Homowitz, Crystal	Kindergarten Teacher	Kindergarten Tools of the Mind	\$31.10/hr - Up to 6 hours each day	Virtual
Small, Alexandra	Kindergarten Teacher	Kindergarten Tools of the Mind	\$31.10/hr - Up to 6 hours each day	Virtual
Stack, Taryn	Kindergarten Teacher	Kindergarten Tools of the Mind	\$31.10/hr - Up to 6 hours each day	Virtual

Tools of the Mind Professional Development: Kindergarten August 26 & 27, 2026
Teachers' Account # 20-218-100-101-11-0000-1

3.5 Transportation Assistant Hours - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Hours Per Day*	Route/Tier
Chevalier, Davina	4.0	Pending student enrollment
Larys, Trevor	4.5	Pending student enrollment
Narine, Gladis	4.5	Pending student enrollment

Revisions to approvals made on 08/24/2026, *Subject to change

3.6 Mentor Teachers - 2026/2027 School Year

Mentor Teachers - Location/Name
Cambridge Park: Marijohn Babino, Cassidy Joseph
Lloyd Road: Francesca Yaccarine, Vanessa Dawson
High School: Brian Dean

3.7 Substitute School Nurse - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Position	Location	Salary	Account #	Effective Dates
Park, Morgan	Substitute School Nurse	District	\$225/Day	11-000-213-104-1 1-0000-9	2026/2027 School Year

Note: The law on background checks requires ultimate clearance prior to any employment becoming final, in addition to pre-employment paperwork. \$225 Full-Day Rate; \$112.50 Half-Day Rate; \$34.62 Hourly Rate.

3.8 District Translators - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Location	Language
Feingold, Dorothy	Cambridge Park	Spanish
Potter, Magda	Cambridge Park	Spanish
Hollinger, Jessica	High School	Spanish
Rosenblum, Erika	High School	Spanish
Walker, Juliana	High School	American Sign Language
Caruso, Lidia	Lloyd Road	Italian

As needed for CST and IEP Meetings, Back-to-School Nights, Parent Conferences, etc.

\$31.10/Hr for Translators - Account # 11-421-100-178-11-0000-1

\$51.83/Hr for Sign-Language Interpreter - Account # 11-240-100-101-90-0000-1

3.9 Staff Array Changes - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Weaver, Mary	CO: .54	Transportation Assistant	MS: .27 CL: .27	Transportation Assistant	9/17/26-10/26/26
Griffith, Elizabeth	CL: 1.00	Instructional Assistant GE PreK	RD: 1.00	Instructional Assistant GE PreK	9/1/26-6/30/27
Friscia, Mary Jane	HS: 1.20 .60 .40 .20	Teacher Sped/LAL English 3 ICR English 1 ICR English 2 ICR	HS: 1.00 .60 .40	Teacher Sped/LAL English 3 ICR English 1 ICR	8/31/26-6/30/27
Mergner, Suzanne	HS: 1.00	Teacher Health/PE	HS: 1.20 1.00 .20 O/L	Teacher Health/PE Grade 12 PE/Health Unified PE	8/31/26-6/30/27 Health/PE Coverage Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 8/24/26
Miller, David	HS: 1.20 .60 .40 .20	Teacher Soc Studies	HS: 1.00 .60 .40	Teacher Soc Studies US History 1 ICR US History 1	8/31/26-6/30/27
Fitzgerald, Connor	HS: 1.00 .40 .40 .20	Teacher Biology POR Env Sci POR AP Envi Sci	HS: 1.28 .40 .20 .20 .40 O/L .08 O/L	Teacher Biology POR Env Sci POR AP Envi Sci AP Bio AP Bio Lab	8/31/26-12/21/26 Amended Dates Previously Approved 8/24/26
Kacen, Pamela	HS: 1.00 .20 .20 .20 .20 .20	Teacher LLD Alg I A LLD Alg I B&II LLD US Hist2 LLD Geometry LLD World Cultures	HS: 1.20 .20 .20 .20 .20 .20 .20 O/L	Teacher LLD Alg I A LLD Alg I B&II LLD US Hist 2 LLD Geometry LLD World Cultures Envi Sci POR	8/31/26-12/21/26 6 Amended Dates Previously Approved 8/24/26
Kinneman, Katelyn	HS: 1.00 .60 .40	Teacher Geometry ICR Geometry POR	HS 1.20 .60 .40 .20 O/L	Teacher Geometry ICR Geometry POR English II ICR	8/31/26-11/20/26 6 Sica Maternity
Harrington, Meghan	HS: 1.00 .60 .40	Teacher World Cultures Hrs World Cultures	HS: 1.20 .60 .40	Teacher World Cultures Hrs World Cultures	8/31/26-11/16/26 6 Unterberger Maternity

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
			.20 O/L	World Cultures	
Smith, Siobhan	HS: 1.00 1.00	Teacher AUT Program	HS: 1.20 1.00 .20 O/L	Teacher AUT Program Chem LLD	8/31/26-12/2/26 Hall LOA
Christathakis, Nicholas	HS 1.00 .60 .20 .20	Teacher Eng 3 ICR Eng 3 Eng I Hrs	HS 1.20 .60 .20 .20 .20 O/L	Teacher Eng 3 ICR Eng 3 Eng I Hrs Eng II Hrs	8/31/26-6/30/27 Castelli LOA
Ciaravino, Maria	HS: 1.00 .20 .20 .20 .20 .20	Teacher AP Seminar AP Research Global Humanities Eng II Hrs Global Humanities	HS: 1.20 .20 .20 .20 .20 .40 O/L	Teacher AP Seminar AP Research Global Humanities Eng II Hrs Dual Enrollment ELA	8/31/26-6/30/27 Castelli LOA
Moller, Jennifer	HS: 1.00 .60 .20 .20	Teacher Eng II ICR Eng II Eng I	HS: 1.20 .60 .20 .20 .20 O/L	Teacher Eng II ICR Eng II Eng I Eng II Hrs	8/31/26-6/30/27 Castelli LOA
Naimo, Madison	HS: 1.00 .60 .20 .20	Teacher AP Eng Lang/Comp Eng 3 Hrs Civic Leadership I	HS: 1.20 .60 .20 .20 .20 O/L	Teacher AP EngLang/Comp Eng 3 Hrs Civic Leadership I Eng II	8/31/26-6/30/27 Castelli LOA
Skibniewski, Kiri	HS: 1.00 .60 .20 .10 .10	Teacher Chemistry ICR Physics ICR Meteorology Astronomy	HS: 1.44 .60 .20 .10 .10 .20 O/L .24 O/L	Teacher Chemistry ICR Physics ICR Meteorology Astronomy Chemistry Hrs AP Chem Lab	9/28/26-3/9/27 Califano Maternity
Massimini, Geoffrey	HS: 1.00 .60 .40	Teacher US History I POR Envi Sci ICR	HS: 1.00 .60 .40 .20 O/L	Teacher US History I POR Envi Sci ICR Chemistry Hrs	9/28/26-3/9/27 Califano Maternity
Brubaker, Mark	HS: 1.00 .60 .40	Teacher World Cultures ICR World Cultures POR	HS: 1.00 .60 .40 .40 O/L	Teacher World Cultures ICR World Cultures POR US II	8/31/26-12/31/26 Barrett transfer Amended Dates Previously Approved 8/24/26
Frisina, Salvatore	HS: 1.00 1.00	Teacher MD Program	HS: 1.00 1.00 .20 O/L	Teacher MD Program Envi Sci ICR	8/31/26-12/31/26 Barrett transfer Amended Dates

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
					Previously Approved 8/24/26
Walsh, Matthew	HS: 1.00 .60 .20 .10 .10	Teacher US History I ICR World Cultures POR Econ I ECON II	HS: 1.00 .60 .20 .10 .10 .20 O/L	Teacher US History I ICR World Cultures POR Econ I ECON II Envi Sci ICR	8/31/26-12/31/26 Barrett transfer Amended Dates Previously Approved 8/24/26
McCammon, Ashley	HS: 1.00 .80 .20	Teacher Ceramics Advanced Ceramics	HS: 1.20 .80 .20 .20 O/L	Teacher Ceramics Advanced Ceramics Unified Art	8/31/26-6/30/27
Calvosa, Helena	LR: 1.00	Speech Language Specialist	LR: .78	Speech Language Specialist	8/31/26-9/28/26 Amended FTE - Previously Approved on 8/24/26
Calvosa, Helena	LR: 1.00	Speech Language Specialist	ST:1.00	Speech Language Specialist	9/29/226-1/1/27
Gumina, Linda	ST: 1.00	Speech Language Specialist	LR: 1.00	Speech Language Specialist	9/29/26-6/30/27
Hughes, Susanne	LR: 1.00	Teacher Music	ST: 1.00	Teacher Music	8/31/26-10/23/26 or sooner (Flint - New Hire)
Apple, Michael	RD: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed	RD: 1.00 .20 O/L	Teacher Special Ed ICR Grade 5	8/31/26-6/30/27 IEP
Burlew, Brianna	RD: 1.00	Teacher Special Ed	RD: 1.00 .20 O/L	Teacher Special Ed ICR Grade 5	8/31/26-6/30/27 IEP
Schwarzmann, Stephanie	RD: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	CP: 1.00	Teacher Preschool	8/31/26-9/18/26 (Holon - New Hire)

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

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Bilella, Lisa	Susan Moore, District Head Nurse - Preceptor	Ravine Drive Elementary School Walden University Nursing Practicum 2026-2027 School Year

3.11 Volunteers - 2026/2027 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

4. Other**4.1 HIB - 2026/2027 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 August 24, 2026:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
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4.2 Job Description - 2026/2027 School Year

- School Bus Driver (Revised)

4.3 Professional Development Presenter - 2026/2027 School Year

- Kathryn Leslie - Up to 3 hours at \$31.10/hr
To prepare and present for New Certificated Staff Meeting on 11/23/26

4.4 ESEA Grant Funded Positions - 2026/2027 School Year

- Corey Souza (CL), Account # 20-231-100-106-11-00000-1, \$15,103.20
- Lisa Hoffman (CL), Account # 20-231-100-106-11-0000-1, \$16,642.40
- Kathleen Tay (LR), Account # 20-231-200-100-04-0070-0, \$79,675.00
- Gabrielle Giacchi (CL), Account # 20-231-200-100-04-0060-0, \$75,025.00
Amended - Previously approved on 8/24/26

4.5 Salary Adjustments - 2026/2027 School Year

- Jeffrey Griffith, Black Seal Stipend - \$785.67
- Nicholas Plevier, Black Seal Stipend - \$785.67

4.6 Teachers and IAs for MAMS Early Bus Arrival Supervision - 2026/2027 School Year

- Michelle Bocchieri (IA), Laura Cahill (Substitute), Kendra Grillo (IA), Leslie Lauter (IA), Colin O'Hara, Meghan Reistrom, Dylann Tarrazi, Daniel Wilensky, Tara Wilson
Teachers 7:55-8:10 AM, \$10.37/day - IAs 8:00-8:10 AM, \$6.91/day
Supervision for MAMS Early Bus Arrival - Revised-Previously Approved 8/24/26

4.7 Staff Array Change - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Rawls-Dill, Elford	CO: 1.00	Director of Personnel	MS: 1.00	Director/Acting Assistant Principal	8/31/26-11/13/26 Olsen LOA

4.8 Abolishment of Position and Job Description - 2026/2027 School Year

- Secretary - Centralized Registration

4.9 Teachers and Personal Aides For Elementary Bus Arrival/Departure - 2026/2027 School Year

- Cliffwood: Tara McCormick and Lirije-Lily Ulaj
Up to 15 minutes each per day (departure) at \$10.37
- Cambridge Park: Rosewynne De Guzman, Jennifer Reyes
Up to 10 minutes each per day (arrival) at \$6.91 per day
- Lloyd Road: Colin Donovan, Sharon Carnovsky
Up to 10 minutes each per day (arrival) at \$6.91 per day
- Ravine Drive: Brianna Burlew, Paula Murray, Danielle Viola (two staff members per day)
Up to 10 minutes each per day (arrival) at \$6.91 per day
- Strathmore: Maddie Scianna, John Sengotta
Up to 10 minutes each per day (arrival) at \$6.91 per day

4.10 Additional ESY Staff - 2026/2027 School Year

- Kristina Leach, School Counselor (KEYS), Up to 6 hours at \$41.46/Hr

4.11 High School Safety Team Overload - 2026/2027 School Year

- Dante Green, Karl Phillips, Michael W. Wells
Up to 8 hours each per day, 08/31/2026 and 09/01/2026, Employee's Hourly Rate

4.12 Part-Time School Bus/Van Drivers - 2026/2027 School Year

- Nikki Morris, Steven Tatarka - 4.5 Hours per day

4.13 Additional Hours - 2026/2027 School Year

- Helena Calvosa, SLP, Lloyd Road
Up to 6 hours per week at Employee's Hourly Rate from 09/15/2026 - 06/30/2027

XIV. POLICY

Mr. Liebmann presented the Policy Agenda on which the Board will take action this evening:

It was motioned by Mr. Mondella, seconded by Ms. Feiles to approve the following:

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

1. First Reading & Second Reading

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	First Reading & Second Reading
5000	Students	5516.02	Smartphones/Mobile Devices	9/28/26
5000	Students	5511	Dress and Grooming	9/28/26

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.

XV. FINANCE

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

It was motioned by Ms. Ascoli, seconded by Ms. Pell to approve the following:

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - August 2026

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of August 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 August 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 August 14, 2026 in the amount of \$446,104.22, the August 28, 2026 in the amount of \$341,921.01 payroll.

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

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

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

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

3. Approve Appropriation Transfers

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the transfers for August 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 \$6,504,669.06 for September 2026.

5. REVISED - 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 (previously approved Aug 24, 2026)

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	14	\$99,400
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		122	\$695,784

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

NTE: \$497,756
NTE: \$198,028

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
Magaret Lathrop	Spanish Teacher, RD	\$250

Name	Position	Total
Timothy Knuth	Physical Ed/Health Teacher, RD	\$250
Ryan Gallacher	Physical Ed/Health Teacher, KEYS	\$300

7. Acceptance of Donation from Atlas Healthcare

Accept a donation from Atlas Healthcare in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of gifts/donations for assistance to students with back to school supplies distributed to all schools.

8. Additional Classrooms at Lightbridge Academy

Approval to extend our Lightbridge Academy partnership to open three (3) additional classrooms at Lightbridge Academy's Old Bridge location to serve up to 45 placed students starting October 13, 2026. This supports our 2026-2027 PEA operational plan.

9. Award of Joint Transportation Routes for the 2026-2027 School Year

Approve the following Joint Transportation Route for the 2026-2027 school year:

Rte #	Destination	Host	Joiner	# of Days	Joiner Per Diem	Effective Dates	Estimated Cost
R001	Reach	MARSD	Keansburg	180	\$66.48	9/1/26-6/30/27	\$11,966.19
C001	Collier	MARSD	Shrewsbury	180	\$153.99	9/1/26-6/30/27	\$27,718.20
HSC001	Hawkswood/Shore Center	MARSD	Shrewsbury	210	\$297.27	7/1/26-6/30/27	\$62,426.70

10. School Lead Filters Program

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approves the submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Education School Lead Filters Program, pursuant to P.L. 2025, c. 76, for reimbursement of eligible filtered bottle-filling stations and/or filtered faucets in an amount not to exceed \$5,761.45, and authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit all required documentation.

11. Fire and Evacuation Drills

The following Fire and Evacuation Drill occurred during August 2026

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Shelter in Place	8/20/26 @ 11:31 am
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	8/24/26 @ 8:10 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	8/4/26 @ 10:00 am
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Shelter in Place	8/5/26 @ 11:00 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Fire Drill	8/5/26 @ 9:40 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Lockdown	8/6/26 @ 9:23 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Shelter in Place	8/3/26 @ 10:13 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	8/5/26 @ 9:31 am

XVI. 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.

Started 7:59 pm

- Mr. Melone - question on P8600, if you are on a 45 mph vs 30 mph
- Mr. DayBack - Pre-k and relocate McArthur Drive. Read a statement and state NJ regulations. Explained unsafe events. Review this stop and propose moving, during arrival/dismissal. Explain other options. Submitted to the Mtawan Police Dept Unique due to Dunkin and double lane.
- Dr. Perez - Matawan PD has responded to our Transportation Coordinator will be there tomorrow to access.
- Mr. DayBack- can share google drive of unsafe events

Ended 8:10 pm

XVII. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS

	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, seven (7) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and two (2) members were absent

XVIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Ascoli - survey closes soon
- Dr. Perez - almost 1,000 responses
- Ms. Ascoli - survey responses results?
- Dr. Perez - Mid October
- Ms. Ascoli - reviewed audits in district 2015-2026 through 2022-2023; NJ SEMI Audit; insurance trends for forecasting, facilities repairs through-out district; 196 work orders completed by O&M; new HS media furniture, LR front loop and thank you to Aberdeen Township; LR rubber flooring and fencing; explained unfunded mandates; new walk in freezer at HS and will provide energy savings; landscaping in house, started reviewing 2027-2028 budget; trainings and scheduling have begun. Appreciate approach to meeting weekly.

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Werneke - S4117 legislation, received an email from Red Bank to participate. Reviewed areas of interest with other suburban districts. Every year it gets worse and this year feels not different
- Ms. Pell - Keep an eye on, relaxation from 2% and we don't want to tax our way out of this. Effort needs to be made for funds to follow the student

XX. ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Ms. Skop, seconded by Ms. Pell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.

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

On a roll call vote, seven (7) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and two (2) members were absent