MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 9, 2026 - Committee of the Whole Meeting, 6:30 PM
Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ
AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION I
- Privacy Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Legal Services

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

VI. MINUTES (None)

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Christine Tesi) (None)

XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

XII. STUDENT SERVICES

XIII. PERSONNEL

XIV. POLICY

XV. FINANCE

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS

XVII. VOTE/ROLL CALL ON AGENDA ITEMS

XVIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II (if necessary)
- Privacy Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Legal Services

XXI. 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
_____, Board Attorney

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION I

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

VI. MINUTES (None)

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Email received Oct 23, 2026, mkobs8@gmail.com, regarding "Athletics"
Email received Nov 4, 2026, daniele_rosangela@yahoo.com, no subject

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (None)

XI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

MOTION: _____ **SECONDED**: _____

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

1. Travel - ACTION ITEM

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

End of Action Items

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2. Approve the Annual Memorandum of Agreement between the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District and the Aberdeen Township Police Department.

3. Approve the Annual Memorandum of Agreement between the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District and the Matawan Borough Police Department.

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

Location	Date(s)	School/Grade	Purpose	Funding
Freehold Mall, Freehold, NJ	02/05/27 and 04/09/27 **(Additional Dates Added)**	HS Gr. 9-12 Students w/IEP's and CBI Goals & Staff	Students will learn about various businesses (retail/food), holiday shop, and order lunch. Social skills/interacting with employees.	SS (CBI Only)

XII. STUDENT SERVICES - NONE

XIII. PERSONNEL - ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: _____ **SECONDED**: _____

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

A. Appointments - 2026/2027 School Year
A.1 New Hires

Name	Loc	Position	Step	Salary/ Stipend	Replace/ Reason	Effective Dates
Jacobson, Amanda	ST	Elementary Teacher Replacement Position	D 1-2	$65,900.00 Prorated	Cohen LOA	11/16/2026 - 06/30/2027

A.2 Safety Award Pay - 2023/2024 & 2024/2025 and 2024/2025 & 2025/2026 School Years

Name	Years	Amount
Fineran, Melissa	2024/2025 & 2025/2026	$250.00
Flanagan, Colleen	2024/2025 & 2025/2026	$250.00
Popowych, Myron	2023/2024 & 2024/2025	$250.00

Incentive pay per the MAREA Bus Drivers Contract, Article XV, Miscellaneous Provisions, G, $250 per employee for every two (2) consecutive years.

A.3 Staff Array Changes - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason
Buchanan, Laura	RD: 1.00	Teacher Grade 3	***RD: 1.00 .17 O/L***	***Teacher Grade 3 Supplemental Support***	11/03/2026 - 06/30/2027 Student IEP
Pierontoni, Allison	RD: 1.00	Teacher Sped ICR/POR Gr 1-2	***LR: 1.00***	Teacher Sped ICR/POR Gr 5	11/03/2026 - 06/30/2027 DeCarlo LOA
Torres, Melissa	RD: 1.00	Teacher Grade 2	***RD: 1.00***	Teacher Sped ICR/POR Gr 1-2	11/03/2026 - 06/30/2027 Pierontoni Transfer

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

End of Action Items

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1. Resignations/Retirements -2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Reason	Hire Date	Effective Date
Hoffman, Lisa	CL	Instructional Assistant - PT Kindergarten	Resignation	10/29/2025	11/06/2026

2. Leave of Absence - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/ Without Pay	Effective Dates
Aviles, Jennifer	ST	Teacher	Medical	With Pay	11/23/2026 - 12/22/2026 ½ Day AM

Name	Loc	Position	Type of Leave	With/ Without Pay	Effective Dates
					12/22/2026 ½ Day PM - 12/23/2026 Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 10/26/2026
Larys, Trevor	CO	Transportation Assistant	Medical	With Pay Without Pay	12/09/2026 - 12/23/2026 01/04/2027 - 03/03/2027
O'Steen, Alexandra	CO	Transportation Assistant	Maternity FMLA/NJFLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	11/30/2026 - 01/07/2027 01/08/2027 - 02/05/2027 02/08/2027 - 05/07/2027
Pugliese, Joseph	CO	School Bus/Van Driver	Medical	With Pay	11/09/2026 - 11/20/2026

3. Appointments - 2026/2027 School Year

3.1 New Hires

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

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

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

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Athletic Activities					
TBD	HS	Basketball	Assistant Coach (Bowman Transfer)	TBD	2026/2027 School Year
Non-Athletic Activities					

Name	Loc	Activity	Position	Step/Stipend	Effective Date
Hourly Activities					

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 District Translators - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Location	Language

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

3.4 Instructional Assistants as Substitute Teachers - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Position	Loc	Salary	Account #	Effective Dates

*IA as Substitute Teacher - $124.00 Full-Day Rate; $62.00 Half-Day Rate; $17.71 Hourly Rate

3.5 Staff Array Changes - 2026/2027 School Year

Name	Loc/Fte	Current Assignment	Loc/Fte/O/L	New Assignment	Effective Dates/Reason

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

Name	Cooperating Staff Member	Assignment
Fontana, Elyssa	Amy Tomkins, Cooperating Teacher	Lloyd Road Elementary School Student Observer Grand Canyon University 2026/2027 School Year Amended Dates - Previously Approved on 10/26/2026
Malgeri, Dominique	Kathy Feen, School Counselor	Lloyd Road Elementary School School Counseling Intern Monmouth University Spring 2027

3.7 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 October 26, 2026:

Incidents Reported	Confirmed Incidents
5	1

4.2 Sidebar Agreement - 2026/2027 School Year

- 12-Month Employee Vacation Day Transfer

4.3 Moving Compensation - 2026/2027 School Year

- Maureen Coakley, Teacher at Cliffwood - Up to 1.5 hours at $25/Hour for moving classroom

XIV. POLICY

MOTION: _____ **SECONDED**: _____

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

1. First Reading

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	First Reading
0000	Bylaws	0143 P	Board Member Election and Appointment	November 9, 2026
0000	Bylaws	0162.01	Legal Notices (M)	November 9, 2026
2000	Program	2200 P	Curriculum (M)	November 9, 2026
2000	Program	2412 P	Home Instruction Due to Health Condition (M)	November 9, 2026
5000	Students	5460 P	High School Graduation (M)	November 9, 2026
5000	Students	5461 P	High School Diplomas (M)	November 9, 2026
7000	Property	7510 P	Use of School Facilities	November 9, 2026

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	First Reading
8000	Operations	8500 P	Food Services (M)	November 9, 2026

2. Abolish

Series	Category	Policy/ Regulation	Title	Abolish
2000	Program	2200 R	Curriculum Content (M)	November 9, 2026

XV. FINANCE

MOTION: _____ **SECONDED**: _____

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

1. Approve 2027-2028 Preschool Projected Enrollment Form - ACTION ITEM

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the 2027-2028 Preschool Project Enrollment Form.

2. Approve 2027-2028 Annual Preschool Operational Plan - ACTION ITEM

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the 2027-2028 Annual Preschool Operational Plan.

End of Action Items

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - October 2026

PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A:20-2-2.13(D), we certify that as of October 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 October 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 October 15, 2026 in the amount of $2,352,573.14, the October 30, 2026 in the amount of $2,320,409.74 payroll.

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

3. Receipt and Acceptance of the October 2026 Board Secretary's Report

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of October 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 October 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.

4. Treasurer's Report - October 2026

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

5. Approve Appropriation Transfers

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

6. Approve Bills

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the bills paid and checks issued at the Board meeting in the amount of $XXXXX for November 2026.

7. Accept DMHS Grant Funding

Accept DMHS grant funding, $100,000, for KEYS. This funding will provide the opportunity to expand and enhance recovery supports beyond the traditional school day and year. Funding can help support students with tuition costs, related to challenges other districts may be facing.

8. Fire and Evacuation Drills

The following Fire and Evacuation Drill occurred during October 2026

School Name	Security Drill Type	Date & Time
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Lockdown	10/5/26 @ 10:17 am
Cambridge Park Elementary School	Fire Drill	10/8/26 @ 10:21 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Fire Drill	10/6/26 @ 9:45 am
Cliffwood Elementary School	Lockdown	10/16/26 @ 2:55 pm
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Fire Drill	10/8/26 @ 10:59 am
Lloyd Road Elementary School	Evacuation Drill	10/15/26 @ 2:06 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Fire Drill	10/7/26 @ 1:27 pm
Matawan Regional High School	Lockdown/Active Shooter	10/22/26 @ 1:22 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Fire Drill	10/6/26 @ 1:30 pm
Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School	Lockdown	10/19/26 @ 12:24 pm
Ravine DriveElementary School	Fire Drill	10/9/26 @ 11:06 am
Ravine Drive Elementary School	Lockdown	10/26/26 @ 10:20 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Fire Drill	10/2/26 @ 10:03 am
Strathmore Elementary School	Evacuation	10/9/26 @ 10:14 am

9. Bus Evacuation Drills:

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following bus evacuation drills for the 2026-2027 school year per schedule below

School	Date	Location	Supervised by
Lloyd Road Elementary School	10/29/26	Bus Driveway for all routes	Dr. Bombardier

10. Award of Transportation Out of District Routes for the 2026-2027 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education approve the following Out of District Routes for the 2026-2027 school year.

Route	Destination	# of Days	Total Cost	Effective Dates
ESQ2739	Cornerstone Day School	180	$48,060.00	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE1457	ESCNJ/Future Foundations Academy	180	$69,467.40	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE1464	MOESC/Regional Achievement Academy	180	$20,430.00	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE1611	Neptune Twp BOE/Neptune HS	180	$30,850.20	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE1780	CCMCO	180	$72,799.20	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE1801	Lakeview School	180	$84,769.20	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE1807	Coastal Learning/Howell	180	$5,102.80	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE1983	Newmark K-8 School	180	$15,930.00	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE203	CPC Adolescent	180	$21,639.60	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE2413	Harbor School	180	$51,087.60	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE2592	Deron School	180	$62,640.00	6/4/26-6/30/27
SE2623	UMDNJ/Rutgers Day School	180	$34,020.00	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE2644	CCMCO	180	$102,241.80	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE2754	Red Bank Charter	180	$22,860.00	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE816	Newgrange School	180	$84,351.60	9/4/26-6/30/27
SE856	New Road School at Parlin	180	$71,373.60	9/4/26-6/30/27
V370PM	MCVSD/Middletown Voc AM	180	$31,795.20	9/4/26-6/30/27
V729	MCVSD/Marine Academy of Science & Tech	180	$62,823.60	9/4/26-6/30/27
V730	MCVSD/Academy Law & Pblc Safty-ALPS	180	$16,012.80	9/4/26-6/30/27
V731	MCVSD/Asbury Park Voc CEC AM	180	$33,183.00	9/4/26-6/30/27
V830PM	MCVSD/Middletown Vov PM	180	$44,641.80	9/4/26-6/30/27
V842PM	MCVSD/Tinton Falls	180	$23,220.00	9/4/26-6/30/27
VQ789AM	MCVSD/Tinton Falls	180	$14,940.00	9/4/26-6/30/27

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.

XVII. 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, zero (0) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent

XVIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II (if necessary)

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XXI. 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, zero (0) members voted yes, zero (0) members voted no, and zero (0) members were absent