

**MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**Workshop Meeting
February 22, 2024
5:30 PM**

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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. ROLL CALL
- V. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT
- VI. DISCUSSION – Responsibility on Budget
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS & ADDITIONAL MATTERS
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - Privacy Matters
 - Personnel Matters
 - Legal Services
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

MARSD MISSION:

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Members of the Board

Dianna M. Pell, President
Katie Feiles
John Montone
Laurie Skop
Sheetal Werneke

Annette Ascoli, Vice President
Tara Martinez
Christopher McGovern
Danielle Spruell

Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District

Welcome

Welcome to a meeting of the Matawan-Aberdeen Board of Education. We are always pleased when members of the community attend our meeting. The Board welcomes the participation of interested organizations and individuals, and schedules time for public comment, discussion and input. Persons who have questions about specific school practices, incidents or events are encouraged to directly contact the school administration.

The Board regularly holds two meetings per month. The 2nd Monday of each month is the Committee of the Whole and the 4th Monday of each month is the Regular Action Meeting, unless otherwise scheduled or announced.

Board of Education Meetings

These meetings are reserved for Board deliberation and for review of items contained within the agenda. The Board reserves the right to vote on Action items. Public comment shall be permitted early for thoughts and reactions on items of concern regarding the agenda. Each participant is asked to give his or her name and address prior to making a statement or asking a question. In addition, time will be allotted at the end of the meeting for public comment on any item. Speakers shall limit their comments to three minutes.

Statement of Adequate Notice

“The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or agreed upon. In accordance with the provision of this act, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education advertised this meeting on February 20, 2024 in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger. These notices were sent to the Municipal Clerks of the Borough of Matawan and the Township of Aberdeen, and the Matawan-Aberdeen Public Library. These notices were also placed on the district’s web site.”

Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on matters of interest to the school community. Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and municipality of residence. Comments are limited to three minutes’ duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. All statements should be directed to the Board President and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others whose legal rights may be affected. Please note: While it is not the Board’s intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

Executive Session

Be It Resolved, that a closed session be convened for the purpose of discussing Privacy, Personnel and Legal Matters. 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.

Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Mission Statement

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2023-2024 Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education Goals

- Goal 1:** Ensure the district's strategic planning goals and action plans are implemented in consideration of community growth, enrollment increases, and fiscal responsibility.
- Goal 2:** Ensure effective communication with the community for the purpose of improving understanding of district matters, while continuing MARSD's partnership with the Garden State Coalition of Schools to advocate for state funding and other state actions impacting school districts.
- Goal 3:** Achieve Certified Board status through NJSBA's Board Member Academy by June 2025.
- Goal 4:** Maintain, update and enhance our facilities to promote safety, security, and a positive learning environment in our school buildings.

2023-2024 Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Strategic Plan Goals

- Goal 1:** Increase student achievement by utilizing up-to-date technology and other instructional resources.
- Goal 2:** Improve and upgrade district facilities, transportation policies and procedures.
- Goal 3:** Increase and enhance community involvement and information sharing.
- Goal 4:** Promote a positive and safe school environment that embraces kindness, diversity, individuality and respect for all with a focus on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL).
- Goal 5:** Promote safety and security for all students, staff, and our school community.

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Discussion – Responsibility on Budget