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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on July 10, 2024 by Board President, Mr. Joseph Pepe, at the Eugene A. Tighe Media Center.

Certification of Notice:

Melina Skwarek, Board Secretary, announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided and read the following Certification Notice:

On May 21, 2024, a notice of this meeting was posted on the district website, the bulletin board in the Board of Education Administration Office, the Eugene A. Tighe School, the William H. Ross III School and emailed to the City Clerk and advertised in *The Press*.

<u>Roll Call</u> - Members Present:	Mr. Joseph Pepe; Mr. Jack Sorensen; Mrs. Amy Brog; Mrs. Shannon Wray-Norris;
Others Present:	Mrs. Danielle Gomes-Chapman; Mr. Nicholas Palmisano Mr. Ryan Gaskill, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Melina Skwarek, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; Mrs. Samantha Dulude, Principal; Mrs. Bonnie Marino, Principal; Mr. Eric Goldstein, Solicitor

Tracy Santoro Scholarships:

Mr. Ryan Gaskill delivered remarks on the history of the Tracy Santoro Memorial Scholarships and the importance of community service and community outreach as defining criteria for the award recipients. The winners of the Tracy Santoro Scholarship awards, and recipients of a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice, are Brian Garrabrant and Konstantinos Kounis. Congratulations and best of luck in the future! Mr. Pepe commented on the impressive work and dedication of these students and wished them the best of luck in college.

Public Comment:

No members of the community commented.

Fire Drill and Security Drill Report:

Mr. Gaskill distributed the Fire and Security Drill Reports for Eugene A. Tighe School & William H. Ross School for the month of June 2024 attached as Exhibit # 1, pages 29,506-29,507.

Superintendent's Report & Principals' Updates:

Mr. Ryan Gaskill took a moment to thank the Board for the opportunity to serve as District Superintendent. He stated it was an honor to be a part of and lead the District's Administrative Team. His goals moving into this role include keeping students safe and working to ensure all students see success. Mr. Ryan Gaskill commented on the many upcoming events. He shared that the District will be moving forward in supporting the local community. The upcoming PAC Comedy Night and Food Truck

Festival scheduled for August 3, 2024, is a community effort to kick off the fundraising efforts necessary for critical infrastructure upgrades in the Dr. Dominick A. Potena Performing Arts Center. He also shared that members of the Administrative Team met with representatives from the SPELL JIF to discuss Cyber Security Liability coverages. The District maintains a Tier 2 status and we are making strides in our network to obtain Tier 1 status in the near future. We have also reviewed the District's security drill procedures and are working on ways to improve what is already in place. The Facilities Team has numerous projects underway to ensure the buildings will be ready for the school year reopening in the Fall.

On tonight's agenda we are asking the Board to approve the School Climate Murals, the Comprehensive Equity Plan, and the amended Lucky Kids Tuition rates.

Mr. Gaskill welcomed Mrs. Dulude to the District. Mr. Gaskill concluded by sharing his enthusiasm for the summer programs and that he is looking forward to an even better school year.

Mrs. Marino shared information on current activities at the Ross School.

Mrs. Dulude shared information on current activities at the Tighe School.

General Board Discussion:

Mr. Pepe wanted to remind the community of the upcoming PAC Comedy Night. He also gave a heartfelt thank you to the Board PAC Committee members: Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, and Mr. Palmisano. He shared how impressed he was with their work and efforts to bring this initiative from a simple idea to the Capital Campaign it has become. Their experience and expertise have driven this initiative and we know it will see great success.

Personnel Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve the following personnel matters:

1. Approve Bernadette Southard to work the Extended School Year for the Margate School District as an educational assistant for the 2024 summer program up to 5 hours per day. Costs: MEA contractual rate.
2. Approve the resignation of Kelsey Schall as a part time speech teacher effective June 30, 2024. Mrs. Schall will continue working per diem during the summer Extended School Year program, as needed with the Child Study Team through August 30, 2024.
3. Approve Popi Kounis to be the substitute secretary for the office from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Costs: MEA contractual rate.
4. Approve the following staff to drive district vehicles: Lirone Turner, Matt Burton, Bonnie Marino, Ryan Gaskill, Samantha Dulude, Michael Atkinson, Tremayne McQueen, Angel Molina, Ron Nellom, William Pendleton, Jozef Pityski, Frank Reale, William Tarby, Christopher Baatz, and Grant Wiesenthal.

Personnel Matters (Continued):

5. Approve Katie DeSalle and Janice Saul for morning school yard supervision at Ross School for 20-minutes per day starting at 7:45 a.m. Jamie Collins and Erin Gorman will serve as substitutes on an as needed basis. Costs: MEA contractual hourly rate.
6. Approve a one-time payment for unused sick days and vacation days for the following retirees as per their contracts:

Antoinette Curll

200 sick days x \$125.00 = \$25,000.00 total

Tracy Jones

55 sick days & 3 family illness days

58 days x \$125.00 = \$7,250.00 total

Teresa McGonigle

115 sick days & 1.5 family illness days

116.5 days x \$125.00 = \$14,562.50

Cyndie Eastman

165 sick days x \$50.00 = \$8,250.00

24 vacation days x \$219.12821 = \$5,259.08

Total: \$13,509.08

Audrey Becker

216.5 sick days : as per current salary \$15,000.00 max payout

15 vacation days x \$577.84377 = \$8,667.66

Total: \$23,667.66

7. Request to approve payment for the Ross school nurse, Julie Bergman, to complete student health registration paperwork and 504 Plan review for all new Ross students this summer at the contractual rate of \$56 per hour. Staff: Julie Bergman
Costs: Not to exceed 5 hours @ \$56 per hour = \$280.00

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Contracts:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve the following Contract requests:

1. Approve the contract agreement for Student Internships between Rowan University and the Margate City School District effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
2. Approve a professional services contract with Practically Perfect Physical Therapy Consulting LLC to provide special education related services for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Instructional Support Activities:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following Instructional Support Activities requests:

1. Approve Kaitlin Roselli, Jacque Jones, Anita Grimley, and Barbara Farrell to work up to 40 hours on Ross/Tighe School Conflict Resolution Murals in Ross School. Costs: 40 hours x \$55/hour = \$2,200, plus supplies: \$492.83.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Workshops:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following workshop matters:

1. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek and Leigh Turner at the Fundamentals and Advanced Concepts in New Jersey Workers' Compensation workshop to be held on September 11, 2024, from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, at Caesars Atlantic City. Costs: \$598.00 Registration fee.
2. Approve Bonnie Marino, Ryan Gaskill, and Samantha Dulude to attend the School Law Boot Camp on July 31 & August 1, 2024 at ETTC. Costs: 12 ETTC hours registration fee per participant and travel reimbursement.
3. Approve Ryan Gaskill to attend the Atlantic County Superintendents roundtable 2024-2025 regular meetings. Costs: Travel

Workshops (Continued):

4. Approve Samantha Dulude and Bonnie Marino to attend the Atlantic County Coordinators of School Improvement 2024-2025 regular meetings. Costs: Travel.
5. Approve Ryan Gaskill to attend the Atlantic County Special Education Directors roundtable 2024-2025 regular meetings. Costs: Travel.
6. Approve Bonnie Marino to attend the Electronic Web-Enabled Grants (EWEG) Training in Trenton on August 19 & 20, 2024. Costs: Travel.
7. Approve the professional development workshop with Christopher Tienken for the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into their teaching practices. Staff: All Ross & Tighe Staff Costs: \$1500.00.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Students:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following Student matters:

1. Approve a tuition contract with Vineland Public Schools for student #2019340, for twenty-three (23) days at a daily rate of \$128.12. Total contract cost for the 2023-2024 school year: \$2,946.76.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, the board unanimously agreed to accept the June 12, 2024 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to accept the Secretary's Financial Reports for the month of May 2024 as attached to these minutes and certifying that no budgetary account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(a). See Exhibit # 2, pages 29,508 - 29,531. The Secretary's Report agrees with the Report of Receipts and Disbursements.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe
Nays: None

Board of Education Certification:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, the Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of May 31, 2024 after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Reports (Revenue and Appropriation Sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge there have been no changes in anticipated revenue sources and/or amounts and no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)2-3 so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe
Nays: None

Bills and Payrolls:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls, as listed on Exhibit # 3, pages 29,532 - 29,556.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe
Nays: None

Transfer of Funds:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Transfer of Funds:

Transfer of Funds within the General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2023-2024

TO:	11-000-216-320-00-00-010	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,200.00
	11-000-213-600-00-00-010	HEALTH SUPPLIES	\$225.00
	11-000-217-320-00-00-010	CST SERVICES	\$5,000.00
	11-000-219-592-00-00-010	CST TRAVEL	\$150.00
	11-000-270-161-00-00	TRANSPORTATION SALARY	\$300.00
	11-000-291-220-00-00	TITLE I SS BENEFITS	\$20,000.00
	20-231-200-200-00-00-025	TITLE I BENEFITS	\$3,452.09
	20-488-200-200-00-00-010	ACCELERATED LEARNING	\$66.42
	20-491-200-100-00-00-025	MENTAL HEALTH SALARIES	\$3,499.98
	20-491-200-200-00-00-025	MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS	\$267.68
	20-491-200-200-00-00-025	MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS	\$1,010.75
		TOTAL	\$36,171.92
FROM:	11-000-216-320-00-00-025	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,200.00
	11-000-213-600-00-00-025	HEALTH SUPPLIES	\$225.00
	11-000-217-320-00-00-025	CST SERVICES	\$5,000.00
	11-000-219-592-00-00-025	CST TRAVEL	\$150.00
	11-000-270-162-00-00	TRANSPORTATION SALARY	\$300.00
	11-230-100-101-00-00-025	TITLE I SS BENEFITS	\$20,000.00
	20-231-100-600-00-00-010	TITLE I BENEFITS	\$1,624.67
	20-231-100-600-00-00-025	TITLE I BENEFITS	\$220.53
	20-231-200-101-00-00-010	TITLE I BENEFITS	\$1,513.06
	20-231-200-101-00-00-025	TITLE I BENEFITS	\$93.83
	20-488-200-200-00-00-025	ACCELERATED LEARNING	\$66.42
	20-491-200-100-00-00-010	MENTAL HEALTH SALARIES	\$3,499.98
	20-491-200-200-00-00-010	MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS	\$267.68
	20-491-200-100-00-00-010	MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS	\$0.04
	20-491-200-300-00-00-010	MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS	\$11.67
	20-491-200-600-00-00-010	MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS	\$744.76
	20-491-200-600-00-00-025	MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS	\$254.28
		TOTAL	\$36,171.92

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Report of Receipts and Disbursements:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to accept the Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of May 2024, attached as Exhibit # 4, pages 29,557 – 29,567.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Cash Report:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to accept the Cash Report for the month of May 2024, attached as Exhibit # 5, page 29,568.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

New Business:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following new business:

- A. Approve opening a checking account with Ocean First Bank for the purposes of the Dominick A. Potena Performing Arts Center. The bank account will be titled, "Performing Arts Center," and require three signatures. The approved signers include the Board President or Board Vice President, Board Secretary, and Superintendent of Schools. The aforementioned approved signers are also approved to include the use of facsimile signatures. The threshold for facsimile signatures is \$50,000.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Other Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve the following other matters:

- A. Approve the resolution to extend the 2019-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan for the 2024-2025 School Year.
- B. Approve Ryan Gaskill to attend Serving Students Furthest from Opportunity (Homeless and Foster Care Students) Webinar on July 15, 2024.
- C. Approve the amended Lucky Kids rates for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:
 - a. Monthly rate = \$264 (2nd child - \$176; 3rd child \$88; 4th child free)
 - b. First child daily rate = \$15.00, 2nd child = \$10, 3rd child = \$5, 4th child = Free
 - c. First child half day rate = \$25, 2nd child = \$15, 3rd child = \$10, 4th child = Free
 - d. Emergency daily one time rate = \$25 Additional siblings emergency rate = \$15
 - e. Registration one time fee for each child = \$50
 - f. Registration fee waived for all returning children and all new students who register prior to August 9, 2024.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Public Comment:

No Members of the community commented.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mr. Palmisano, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melina Skwarek
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator