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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on September 11, 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; Mrs. Danielle Gomes-Chapman; Mr. Nicholas Palmisano; Mr. Steve Swift
Others Present:	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; Mr. Tony Thalassinis, Longport

Swearing in of New Board Member:

Mr. Steve Swift read and signed the required oaths for School Board Members pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3.

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 August 2024 attached as Exhibit # 1, pages 29,658-29,659.

Superintendent's Report & Principals' Updates:

Mr. Ryan Gaskill congratulated and welcomed Mr. Steven Swift to the Margate City Board of Education. He recognized the retirement of Mrs. Reeves. She had been employed by the Margate School District for thirty-two years. Thank you for your years of service. Mr. Gaskill shared correspondence from the Heart of Surfing who thanked the District for their donation. The Ross PRIDE group held a fundraiser last year which was donated to the Heart of Surfing.

Tonight's agenda contains approval for the SSDS submission, which includes data regarding school

climate and the No Place for Hate initiatives. Also on the agenda are the approvals for the Title I Targeted Assistance Program, HIB Policy, Ross School Code of Conduct, the 2024-2025 Budget Timetable, and the first reading of the updated Tighe School Code of Conduct. The Board Members received updated committee assignments to reflect the addition of Mr. Swift.

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

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

MEA Report:

Mrs. Crawford welcomed Mrs. Dulude to the Tighe School. She added that she is meshing in well with the Tighe School staff. Mrs. Crawford also thanked the Board Members for their support. She also welcomed Mr. Swift to the Board and congratulated Mrs. Reeves on her retirement.

General Board Discussion:

Mr. Pepe thanked Mrs. Reeves and he wished her the best of luck in her retirement.

Personnel Matters:

Mr. Pepe asked the Board to withdraw Personnel item A.3. Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Personnel matters:

1. Approve the Substitute School Bus Driver and Athletic School Bus Driver pay rates at \$25.00 per hour, with a minimum of four hours per day, for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Approve Brian Hiltner as the boys basketball coach. Cost: \$2,400.00.
4. Approve Dominic Cuce to drive District vehicles.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Contracts:

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

1. Approve the service contract with the New Jersey Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired for the 2024-2025 school year effective 9/1/2024 through 6/30/2025 to provide level one educational services to the Margate City School District. Cost: \$2,420.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, 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 the Tighe School play staff and performance dates January 16th & 17th, 2025 with rehearsals from October 2024 through January 2025.
 - Debbie Roland Director/Musical Director \$3,100.00
 - Chelsi Crompton Asst. Director/Sound Tech. \$2,000.00
 - Veronica Valencia Choreographer \$1,100.00
 - TBD Assistant Tech. \$500.00
 - Robert Roland Asst. Tech./Music \$900.00
 - Mark Winterbottom Sets \$600.00
 - TBD Assistant \$500.00
 - Bethann Hall Lighting \$500.00
 - Parent volunteers and school alumni will be used to help with various jobs.
 - Costs: Staff: \$9,200.00, supplies, copyright \$1,200.00 = \$10,400. Funded by play fundraising, ticket sales and local funds.
2. Approve fundraisers for the Tighe Musical on various nights between October 2024 and February 2025. Fundraisers will be held at Bocca in Margate, NJ and Chido Burrito in Northfield, NJ.
3. Approve Singsations to travel to and perform at Bloom's Pavilion on December 11, 2024 for the Pavilion Holiday Party.
4. Approve members of Singsations to attend the Longport City Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2024 from 10:30 am -12:00 pm. Staff: Debbie Roland Costs: Substitute as needed.
5. Approve members of the Tighe School Singsations to go to Dorney Park Festival on May 28, 2025 from 7:00 am to 9:30 pm. Staff: Debbie Roland, Chelsi Crompton & Other Staff as needed. Costs: Transportation - 2 buses \$1,900.00 x 2 = \$3,800, Student and Parent Park tickets w/meal: \$65.00 x 90 (70 students & 20 parents) = \$5,850.00. Substitutes as needed @ \$125.00 per day. Total: \$9,650.00.
6. Approve the Tighe School 8th Grade class to attend the Margate City 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Margate Fire Department on Ventnor Avenue on September 11, 2024. Staff: 8th Grade Teachers.
7. Approve Lindsey Evans to work up to 5 hours on Grandfriends' Day at Ross. Costs: 5 hours x \$55.00 = \$275.00.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Workshops:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Workshop matters:

1. Approve Melina Skwarek and Lirone Turner to attend the Strauss Esmay NJLA & NJFML Workshop on October 9, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:30 am, at the OCC Conference Center, Toms River, NJ 08753. Costs: \$290.00 Registration Fee and Travel
2. Approve Debbie Roland to attend the NJMEA Conference at the Sheraton in Atlantic City from February 20, 2024 through February 22, 2024. Costs: \$200.00, substitute teacher, and Membership Fee \$135.00.
3. Approve Samantha Dulude to attend the Strauss Esmay Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Training Program on October 2, 2024 at the OCC Conference Center, Toms River, NJ. Costs: \$145.00.
4. Approve Melina Skwarek to attend the NJASBO OPRA/Negotiations/Arbitration workshop on September 24, 2024, at the Westin, Mt. Laurel, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Costs: \$145.00 Registration Fee and Travel
5. Approve Melina Skwarek to attend the NJASBO DOL & DOT Update workshop on October 10, 2024, at the Westin, Mt. Laurel, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Costs: \$145.00 Registration Fee and Travel
6. Approve Melina Skwarek to attend the NJASBO Academy Program workshops at the NJASBO Office, Robbinsville, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, on 10/28/24, 12/3/24, 1/7/25, 2/11/25, and 4/1/25. Costs: \$250.00 Registration Fee and Travel

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Students:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Student matters:

1. Approve Tara Mangold and Toning Up with T, LLC to use the Ross playground for a Fitness Bootcamp from 6:00 am to 10:00 am on July 27, 2024 and August 24, 2024 from 6:00 am to 10:00 am. Cost: \$25.00 per hour. Total: 8 hours x \$25.00 = \$200.00

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, 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 Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, the board unanimously agreed to accept the August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and the August 28, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, 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 Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls, as listed on Exhibit # 2, pages 29,660 - 29,670.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, 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 Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the following New Business:

- A. Approve the 2024-2025 Budget Timetable, as listed on Exhibit #3, page 29,671.
- B. Approve the first reading of the following revised board regulation:
 - 5131 (R) Tighe Code of Infractions & Consequences
- C. Approve Title I Targeted Assistance Program Guidelines and Parental Rights for 2024-2025.
- D. Approve continued use of Policy 5131.1 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying for 2024-2025.
- E. Approve the Ross School Code of Conduct for 2024-2025.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, 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.

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, the board unanimously approved the following resolution at 6:21 P.M.:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 requires adoption of a resolution of the Board to go into Executive Session;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, New Jersey Title 18A and the Margate City Board of Education Bylaw No. 9322 hereby enters Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

- Potential Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of this Executive Session shall be made public following formal action by the Board and/or at the conclusion of any investigation(s), due process proceeding, or litigation, so long as not prohibited by law and so long as the need for maintaining confidentiality no longer exists. No formal action shall be taken.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, the board unanimously agreed to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melina Skwarek
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator