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The Special Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on August 28, 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 August 24, 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*.

Roll Call - Members Present: Mr. Joseph Pepe; Mr. Jack Sorensen; Mrs. Shannon Wray-Norris; Mrs. Danielle Gomes-Chapman; Mr. Nicholas Palmisano  
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. Steve Swift, BOE Member Appointee

Presentation: Lori Carlin & Caroline Jackson - Direct Install Program and ESIP for Capital Projects:

Mrs. Melina Skwarek introduced Lori Carlin, with Facility Solutions Group, and Caroline Jackson, with Honeywell, and invited them to present to the Board Members an overview of Energy Improvement Programs available to the District to potentially assist with capital project expenses and improve energy efficiency in the Margate City School District. The specific programs included the Direct Install Program and Prescriptive rebates through Atlantic City Electric and the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) facilitated by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

Public Comment:

No members of the community commented.

General Board Discussion:

Mr. Gaskill commented that there would not be a Superintendent's Report or a Principals' Report since this was the second meeting held in August. He shared that the District staff would be back in the buildings on August 29, 2024. He shared that the students first day would be September 3, 2024. He thanked the twelve-month staff and the facilities team for their hard work this summer. He also thanked the Board Members for being present for this meeting, since it was originally scheduled as a work session, yet there were crucial items requiring attention prior to the start of the school year, and a special meeting was necessary.

Personnel Matters:

Motion by Mr. Palmisano, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the following personnel matter:

1. Approve staff members to work on an as-needed basis in the Lucky Kids aftercare program at the Ross School. Staff: Lisa Carey, Holly Ferry, Chrissy Campbell, Lindsey Evans.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Instructional Support Activities:

Motion by Mr. Palmisano, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the following Instructional Support Activities requests:

1. Approve the ELS Curriculum Overview update for grades K-8. McGraw-Hill Wonders grades K-4, Amplify ELA-grade 5, Amplify CKLA- grades 6-8.
2. Approve Margate School District joining the University of Pennsylvania Coalition for Educational Equity for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Approve Margate School District Professional Development Plan for 2024-2025 school year.
4. Approve MEF Clay Building Workshop in the Tighe Art Room on Thursday October 8 from 6pm-8pm. Staff: Barbara Farrell and staff volunteers. Cost: clay and glaze readily available in the art room only.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Workshops:

Motion by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following workshop matter:

1. Approve Ryan Gaskill to attend the New Superintendent Academy Virtual Workshops on 9/25/24, 10/16/24, 11/18/24, 1/16/25, 2/26/25, and 3/31/25. Costs: Included in the NJ School Administrator Residency Program Fee.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Students:

Motion by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following student matters:

1. Approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic County Special Services School District for student #3925391885, in the Autism program for the 2024-2025 school year. Total contract cost for the 2024-2025 school year: \$40,500 plus transportation services.
2. Approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic County Special Services School District for student #3682393664, in the Multiple Disabilities program for the 2024-2025 school year. Total contract cost for the 2024-2025 school year: \$38,500 plus transportation services.
3. Approve a tuition contract, for one student, attending Y.A.L.E. School West II for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$66,783.60 plus extraordinary services in the amount of \$52,200.00 for a total cost of \$118,983.60.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Facilities/PAC:

Motion by Mr. Palmisano, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following Facilities/PAC matters:

1. Approve Tara Mangold and Toning Up with T, LLC to use the Ross playground and basketball courts for a Fitness Bootcamp from 7:00 am to 11:00 am on August 31, 2024. Cost: \$25.00 per hour. Total: 4 hours x \$25.00 = \$100.00
2. Approve Margate School District acceptance of financial supporters for the Dr. Dominic A. Potena Performing Arts Center to support facility upgrades.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Palmisano, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following new business:

- A. Approve the list of lunch prices for the 2024-2025 school year, attached as Exhibit #1, page 29,649.
- B. Approve the Legacy Benefits Group as a vendor for voluntary benefits, with Daniel Giusti as the Co-Founder of Legacy Benefits Group and Registered Representative with NYLIFE, to implement New York Life's voluntary Guaranteed Issue Whole Life Insurance program effective September 2024. Benefits will be offered through payroll deductions to all staff, at no cost to the Margate City School District.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Other Matters:

Motion by Mr. Palmisano, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following other matters:

- A. Approve the appointment of Dr. Jeffrey Gong, DO as school physician for the contract period beginning September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at a rate of \$7,500 annually, plus in office visits at a rate of \$40.00 per visit as needed.
- B. Approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic County Special Services School District for student #6920986267, in the Multiple Disabilities program for the 2024-2025 school year. Total contract cost for the 2024-2025 school year: \$38,500.
- C. Approve the Addendum to the Interlocal Agreements with Several Cumberland County School Districts for Joint Bus Transportation, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, for transportation services through the Cumberland County Regional Transportation Cooperative.
- D. Approve a transportation route through the Cumberland County Regional Transportation Cooperative for one student attending Atlantic County Special Services School District, at a daily rate not to exceed \$471.05 per diem plus 6% administrative fees, for the 2024-2025 school year. Total contract cost not to exceed \$84,789 plus 6% administrative fees.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Public Comment:

No Members of the community commented.

Open Session:

Mr. Pepe welcomed Steve Swift as the newest Board of Education member appointed by Mayor Collins. Mr. Pepe expressed excitement in being able to work with Mr. Swift on the Board. He wished the Margate School District students, parents, faculty and staff a great school year!

Mr. Sorensen commented on the status of the school buildings indicating that they looked really organized and clean. He added that this is important for students and families to see coming into a new school year.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melina Skwarek  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator