

MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AGENDA

February 26, 2025

6:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of Notice
4. Roll Call
5. **Public Comment:** The Board of Education welcomes public comment and views this as an important aspect of community relations. The Board will set aside a portion of every board meeting for public comment on school district issues. Usually, there will be a public comment period devoted exclusively to comment on agenda items and a public comment period dedicated to general school district issues, however, this format may be altered in light of the business of the Board, provided that at least one period is set aside at each meeting for public comment. The maximum length of each public comment period is thirty (30) minutes unless stated otherwise on the meeting agenda.
The public comment period is a time for members of the public to express their comments and/or concerns. It is not a question and answer session. Notwithstanding, members of the administration and/or board members may choose to answer questions raised during public comment periods. They may do so during the public comment period or after it has closed. The public should understand that there are reasons why questions will not be answered, including reasons related to litigation, privacy, confidentiality, employment rights, student rights and the absence of information from which answers can be formulated.

Each speaker making a public comment shall state his name and address before speaking. As stated above, the total amount of time allocated to each comment period is limited. The following additional time limitations also apply. The total amount of time allotted to each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. A speaker may not extend his or her time by seeking to utilize the unused time of a person who has spoken or who has yet to speak. The total length of time allotted to all speakers making public comments on a particular agenda item or on a particular subject will be limited to ten (10) minutes. The Board President, or the person presiding in the Board President's absence, has flexibility to alter these time limitations. Absent his/her expressly doing so, the time limitations stated here apply.

6. Report of Superintendent of Schools:

A. Enrollment:

Enrollment as of 1/08/2025

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	3
Kindergarten	39
Grade 1	31
Grade 2	38
Grade 3	35
Grade 4	<u>40</u>
Sub-total	186

Tighe School

Grade 5	36
Grade 6	29
Grade 7	46
Grade 8	26
Sub-total	<u>137</u>
*Total Enrollment	323

Enrollment as of 2/05/2025

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Kindergarten	38
Grade 1	31
Grade 2	39
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***Above enrollment includes Longport and Tuition enrollment below**

Longport Enrollment:

William H. Ross	14
Eugene A. Tighe	<u>13</u>
Total	27

Tuition Students:

William H. Ross	9
Eugene A. Tighe	<u>1</u>
Total	10

ACHS (Margate)	31
OCHS (Choice)	71
MRHS (Choice)	11

B. Instructional Support

1. Update on Principal/Director activities
2. Review activity calendars.
3. Review fire drill and security drill report.
4. Share and report on the Student Safety Data System report from September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
5. Share and review New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) report.

C. Communications

D. District Committee Reports

7. MEF Update

8. MEA Report

9. General Board Discussion

10. General Approvals

It may appear to members of the public that the City of Margate Board of Education takes formal action with limited comment or member discussion. This is not so. Prior to the time any formal action is taken, the district administration and school board members thoroughly review all supporting documentation. After each matter has been thoroughly discussed and after the superintendent is satisfied that each matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred to the appropriate Board Committee for discussion and analysis by members of the Board. The members of the School Board Committees work with the Superintendent to assure that all members are fully briefed on all pertinent details and understand the motions. When the Committees are satisfied with the motions, the motions are then placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting.

A. Personnel

1. Approve a medical leave for Joanne Adams from February 18, 2025 through an anticipated return date of April 21, 2025.
2. Approve the home instruction of a Ross student from February 24, 2025 to April 18, 2025. Staff: Chrissy Campbell. Costs: MEA contractual hourly rate up to 10 hours per week. $\$55.00 \times 10 = \550.00 per week.
3. Approve the posting for a part time educational assistant position for the 2024-2025 school year for 4.5 hours per day at a rate of \$19.28 per hour x 4.5 hours a day = \$86.76 per day.
4. Approve a medical leave for Mindi Ermelin from approximately March 27, 2025 to an anticipated return date of September 29, 2025.

B. Instructional Support/Activities

1. Approve the Winter Dance for the students at Tighe Middle School on February 28, 2025. Staff: Natasa Coughlin and volunteers.
2. Approve the streaming of Wicked for Friday, March 28, 2025 from 3:15 pm to 6:45 pm. Staff: Debbie Roland, Chelsi Crompton and Chauncey Iannone. Costs: \$10.00 donation per person. Price includes the movie and food donated by Nacho Taco.
3. Approve Rizzo's Reptiles Wildlife Program to visit 1st Grade on Friday, May 9, 2025. Staff: Theresa Brennan and Joann Adams. Costs: \$875.00 Travelling Program, \$100.00 Pizza and snacks, \$26.25 Ice cream. Total Cost: \$1,001.25.
4. Approve the Ross School Fundraiser at Jace's Place in Margate. Jace's Place will donate a portion of sales to fund supplies for the Ross School playground..

C. Field Trips

1. Approve students to attend the Think Day Competition at Mainland Regional High School on Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Staff: Sherry Scott & Tracy Magel. Costs: \$150.00 Team Registration. Transportation: District School Bus, Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00/hr.
2. Approve transportation for the 8th Grade Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure on June 9, 2025 from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm. Costs: \$1,990.00.
3. Approve members of the Tighe School Singasations to go to Dorney Park Festival on May 27, 2025 from 7:00 am to 8:30 pm. Staff: Debbie Roland, Chelsi Crompton, Pete Davis. Costs: Transportation: 2 buses \$1,900.00 each = \$3,800.00, Student and Parent Park Tickets with Meal \$70.00 x 90 = \$6,300.00, 2 Substitutes \$250.00. Total Cost: \$10,350.00.

4. Approve the environmental beach clean-up project on April 12, 2025 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Staff: Chelsi Crompton.
5. Approve the Tighe School Academic Team to compete in WHIZ QUIZ on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Holy Spirit High School from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Staff: Tracy Magel and Sherry Scott. Costs: \$120.00 Registration, 2 Substitutes \$250.00. Total Cost: \$370.00. Transportation: District School Bus.
6. Approve the Ross special education students trip to the Funny Farm in March 2025. Staff: Anita Grimley, Lora Blanco, Mindi Ermelin, Lillian Gaskill, Kaity Roselli, Mark Winterbottom, Eileen Duffey and other staff TBD. Transportation: District School Bus. Costs: Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00 per hour.
7. Approve the 4th Grade trip to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia on May 27, 2025. Staff: Erin McGuigan, Lora Blanco, Stephanie Curry, Amy Collins, and other staff TBD. Transportation: District School Bus. Costs: \$903.00 Admission and live show, Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00 per hour.
8. Approve the 6th Grade trip to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia on June 4, 2025 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Staff: Chelsi Crompton, Veronica Valencia, Todd Anderson, Sherry Stolarski and 1 other chaperone. Transportation: District School Bus. Costs: \$645.00 Admission and live show, Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00 per hour.

D. Workshops

1. Approve Melina Skwarek, Leigh Turner, Colleen Culmone and Matt Burton to attend the “2025 ESCNJ Vendor Expo” in Edison, NJ on May 21, 2025, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Costs: Workshops funded by Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.
2. Approve Lisa Carey to attend an interactive workshop on March 14, 2025 for K-12 health and physical education teachers. Costs: \$40.00 Registration, 1 Substitute \$125.00. Total Cost: \$165.00.
3. Approve Samantha Dulude to attend Gang Training at the SRI+ETTC at Stockton on March 12, 2025 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
4. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the NJASBO Annual Convention from June 4-6, 2025 in Atlantic City. Cost: \$500.00 Registration fee.

11. Facilities/PAC

1. Approve Tara Mangold and Toning Up with T, LLC to use the Ross playground for a Fitness Bootcamp from 6:30 am to 10:30 am on July 4, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9, August 16, August 23, and August 30, 2025. Cost: \$25.00 per hour. Total: 40 hours x \$25.00 = \$1,000.00
12. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: January 15, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
13. Report of the Board Secretary:
 - a. Financial Reports – December 2024
 - b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of December 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:23-16.10(c)3-4 so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

c. Bills and Payrolls - \$1,647,286.29

d. Transfer of Funds within the General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2024-2025

TO:	12-000-261-100-00-01	Maintenance Salaries	\$1,250.00
	11-000-261-100-00-03	Maintenance Salaries	\$250.00
	11-000-261-100-00-04	Maintenance Salaries	\$1,000.00
	11-110-100-101-00-00-025	Kindergarten Salaries	\$535.00
	11-130-100-101-00-00-010	Salaries MS	\$6,905.00
	11-213-100-106-00-00-025	Resource Room Salaries	\$100.00
	11-230-100-101-00-00-025	Basic Skills Salaries	\$170.00
	11-000-230-339-00-00	Policy Manual	\$1,000.00
	20-280-100-600-00-00-010	Safety/Security	\$250.00
		TOTAL	\$10,040.00
FROM:	11-000-261-420-00-01	Maintenance Salaries	\$1,250.00
	11-000-261-420-00-03	Maintenance Salaries	\$250.00
	11-00-261-420-00-04	Maintenance Salaries	\$1,000.00
	11-120-100-101-00-00-025	Kindergarten Salaries	\$535.00
	11-120-100-101-00-00-025	Salaries MS	\$6,905.00
	11-213-100-101-00-00-010	Resource Room Salaries	\$100.00
	11-213-100-106-00-00-010	Basic Skills Salaries	\$170.00
	11-000-230-340-00-00	Policy Manual	\$1,000.00
	20-280-100-600-00-00-025	Safety/Security	\$250.00
		TOTAL	\$10,040.00

14. Report of Receipts and Disbursements – December 2024

15. Cash Report - December 2024

16. New Business

- A. Approve to purchase and implement core instructional materials and supplemental resources for Spanish to facilitate the delivery of instruction addressing the 2020 NJ Student Learning Standards for World Languages.
- Grades 5 & 6: Purchase online instructional program “Exploring Spanish 3e Passport” by Carnegie Learning, Cost: \$1,725.20 for a 5-year proposal.
 - Grades 5 & 6: Purchase student workbooks “Exploring Spanish 3e” by Carnegie Learning, Cost: \$3,912.30 for a 6-year proposal.
 - Grades 6-8: Purchase new print textbook program “Autentico 2018” by Saavas Learning Company, Cost: \$11,427.76 for student print materials, teacher edition, and digital licenses as a 6-year proposal.

- B. Approve to purchase and implement core instructional materials and supplemental resources for Art to facilitate the delivery of instruction addressing the 2020 NJ Student Learning Standards for Visual Arts.
- Grades K-8: Purchase online curriculum programs “Flex” and “Pro” by The Art of Education University, Cost: \$6,076.80 for customizable platform and 6-year digital licenses.

- C. WHEREAS, New Jersey school districts are required by New Jersey statutes, administrative codes, and New Jersey Department of Education mandates to develop and adopt policies and regulations regarding school district operations; and

WHEREAS, the Margate City Board of Education and administrative staff, working with Strauss Esmay Associates, L.L.P, have developed a complete Policy and Regulation Manual that updated all policies and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the process is completed and the Margate City Board of Education Policy and Regulation Manuals are finalized and prepared for Board approval: and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Margate City Board of Education adopts the policies and regulations included in the new Policy and Regulation Manual on first reading at this Board Meeting on February 26, 2025;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the policies and regulations included in the new Policy and Regulation Manuals shall be effective upon Board adoption on second reading at the March 5, 2025 Board Meeting.

- D. Approve the proposal for non-certified staffing services through Delta-T Group, effective February 12, 2025 through June 30, 2025, as needed, (Educational Services Commission of New Jersey - ESCNJ #20/21-30) at the following rates:

Custodian	\$30.00/hour
Black Seal Custodian	\$34.00/hour
Educational Assistant	\$30.00/hour

- E. Approve a resolution to waive participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) program for the 2025-2026 school year.

- F. Approve the revised Use of School Facilities/Fees, Application and Agreement.

G. WHEREAS, the Margate City School District Business Office received proposals from five (5) contractors for the Third Floor HVAC Replacements at the William H. Ross School located at 8103 Winchester Avenue, Margate City, NJ as follows:

CONTRACTOR NAME:	BASE & TOTAL BID SINGLE OVERALL
Falasca Mechanical, Inc.	\$1,232,600.00
Gaudelli Bros., Inc.	\$1,281,000.00
EACM Corp.	\$1,325,000.00
McCloskey Mechanical Contractors	\$1,380,000.00
LGB Mechanical, Inc.	\$1,426,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, the Margate City Board of Education does hereby approve the recommendation of Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. to award the Third Floor HVAC Replacements at the William H. Ross School to Falasca, Mechanical, Inc. located at 3329 North Mill Road, Vineland, NJ 08630, as per bid submission dated February 5, 2025 in the amount of \$1,232,600.00; reviewed and approved by Matthew Burton, Director of Facilities and Melina Skwarek, School Business Administrator.

H. WHEREAS, the Margate City School District Business Office received proposals from five (5) contractors for the Chiller - CT Replacements at the William H. Ross School located at 8103 Winchester Avenue, Margate City, NJ as follows:

CONTRACTOR NAME:	BASE & TOTAL BID SINGLE OVERALL
Falasca Mechanical, Inc.	\$1,162,790.00
LGB Mechanical, Inc.	\$1,363,000.00
Gaudelli Bros., Inc.	\$1,379,000.00
Kaser Mechanical, LLC.	\$1,399,000.00
McCloskey Mechanical Contractors	\$1,470,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, the Margate City Board of Education does hereby approve the recommendation of Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. to award the Chiller - CT Replacements at the William H. Ross School to Falasca, Mechanical, Inc. located at 3329 North Mill Road, Vineland, NJ 08630, as per bid submission dated February 5, 2025 in the amount of \$1,162,790.00; reviewed and approved by Matthew Burton, Director of Facilities and Melina Skwarek, School Business Administrator.

- I. Approve the Third Floor HVAC controls proposal associated with the Third Floor HVAC Replacements at the William H. Ross School through CM3 Building Solutions in the amount of \$103,300.00 (NJ State Contract).
- J. Approve the Chiller - CT HVAC controls proposal associated with the Chiller - CT Replacements at the William H. Ross School through CM3 Building Solutions in the amount of \$189,230.00 (NJ State Contract).

17. Public Comment

18. Executive Session:

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 matters involving:

Personnel, student matters, advice of counsel, contracts or other matters for which an executive session is permitted.

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.

19. Open Session

20. Adjournment