

MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AGENDA
March 5, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of Notice
4. Roll Call
5. Special Recognition - Tighe Members of No Place for Hate Committee
6. **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.

7. Report of Superintendent of Schools:

A. Enrollment:

Enrollment as of 2/05/2025

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	3
Kindergarten	38
Grade 1	31
Grade 2	39
Grade 3	34
Grade 4	<u>40</u>
Sub-total	185

Tighe School

Grade 5	36
Grade 6	29
Grade 7	46
Grade 8	26
Sub-total	<u>137</u>
*Total Enrollment	322

Enrollment as of 2/26/2025

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	3
Kindergarten	38
Grade 1	31
Grade 2	40
Grade 3	34
Grade 4	<u>40</u>
Sub-total	186

Tighe School

Grade 5	35
Grade 6	30
Grade 7	46
Grade 8	26
Sub-total	<u>137</u>
*Total Enrollment	323

***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. Budget presentation for 2025-2026.

C. Communications

D. District Committee Reports

8. MEF Update

9. MEA Report

10. General Board Discussion

11. 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 the updated 2024-2025 District Calendar
2. Approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar

B. Instructional Support/Activities

1. Approve fundraising project “Hoops for Heart” for all students at Ross to encourage heart health and community service. The program will culminate with special activities tentatively planned for March 21, 2025.
2. Approve a morning assembly at Ross to promote recycling on March 27, 2025.
3. Approve Tighe Student Council Hygiene Drive to run from March 31, 2025 - April 11, 2025. Each grade will collect items to be put in Hygiene Kits to be donated to the Beacon of Hope Homeless Shelter in Atlantic City. Date of packaging kits TBD. Staff: Tracy Magel, Danielle Ujcich, Samantha Dulude and Tighe Staff as needed.
4. Approve the 8th Grade NJHS students to walk to Ross to read books to the younger grades on March 7, 2025.
5. Approve the Ross School Autism Acceptance month activities during the month month of April:
 - Bubbles for Autism - assemble and bubbles outside on April 1, 2025
 - Autism Acceptance Pretzel Sale on April 16, 2025. Money will be distributed to local charity to support Autism Awareness
 - Autism Acceptance Walk Run, schoolwide, on April 30, 2025 / Rain date May 1, 2025

C. Field Trips

1. Approve the 5th Grade field trip to the Museum of the American Revolution and Independence Hall in Philadelphia on June 5, 2025 from 8:15 am to 3:05 pm. Staff: Jen Carey, Amber Fitzgerald, Kristie Cafiero, and chaperones as needed. Transportation: District School Bus. Costs: \$432.00 Entrance Fee, Substitutes as needed, Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00 per hour.
2. Approve the Kindergarten field trip to the Cape May Zoo on June 9, 2025. Staff: Christa Toner, Amy Hughes, Jaime Collins, 2-3 educational assistants as needed. Transportation: District School Bus. Costs: \$125.00 Pavilion Rental, \$80.00 Bus Permit, \$250.00 Zoo Educational Program. Total Cost: \$455.00 plus Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00 per hour.
3. Approve the 8th Grade field trip to Stockton University to the Holocaust Resource Center and Campus Tour on April 15, 2025. Staff: Michael McMenamin, Sherry Scott, Michelle Cossaboon. Transportation: District School Bus. Costs: \$400.00 Dining Hall, Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00 per hour.
4. Approve the 8th Grade trip to Brigantine to Chris Singleton, an inspirational speaker on Monday, March 24, 2025 from 9:15-11:00 am. Staff: Sherry Scott, Michael McMenamin, Michelle Cossaboon, Samantha Dulude. Transportation: District School Bus.

D. Workshops

1. Approve Bonnie Marino or Ryan Gaskill to attend a training with the Crisis Prevention Institute on verbal and physical de-escalation strategies on April 1,2,3, 2025. Costs: \$4,599.00 Registration, Travel (tolls, parking, mileage).
2. Approve Ryan Gaskill to attend the webinar Responding to School Bomb Threats and Bomb Threat Drilling on March 10, 2025.
3. Approve Ryan Gaskill to attend the webinar FBI Training on 764 Violent Extremism Network on March 6, 2025.
4. Approve Dr. Jacque Jones to attend the webinar “Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses: Analyzing Difficult Cases” on Friday, April 11, 2025 from 9:00-11:00 am. Costs: \$60.00 Registration.

12. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

13. Report of the Board Secretary:

- a. Financial Reports – January 2025
- b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of January 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 -\$1,073,310.64
- d. Transfer of Funds within the General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2024-2025

TO:	20-280-200-320-00-00-010	Title IV CPI Training	\$680.61
		TOTAL	\$680.61
FROM:	20-280-200-100-00-00-010	Title IV CPI Training	\$82.50
	20-280-200-100-00-00-025	Title IV CPI Training	\$550.00
	20-280-200-200-00-00-025	Title IV CPI Training	\$48.04
	20-280-200-600-00-00-010	Title IV CPI Training	\$0.07
		TOTAL	\$680.61

14. Report of Receipts and Disbursements – January 2025

15. Cash Report - January 2025

16. Unfinished Business

- A. 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 the 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 this March 5, 2025 Board Meeting.

17. New Business

- A. Approve submission of the proposed 2025-2026 Margate City School District Budget to the Atlantic County Executive Superintendent for review.
- B. Approve a resolution fixing the sum to be raised by Local Tax Levy for the 2025-2026 School District budget.
- C. Approve a resolution to set maximum travel expenditure limits as required by Section 15, Chapter 53, P. L. 2007.
- D. Approve a resolution to set maximum dollar limits for professional services for the 2025-2026 school year as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A 5.2.
- E. Approve a cap adjustment for enrollment increases on the Prebudget Year Levy for the 2025-2026 budget year in the amount of \$423,936.
- F. Approve a cap adjustment for increase in health care costs for the 2025-2026 budget year in the amount of \$21,702.
- G. Approve a tuition contract with Longport Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$684,692 plus a tuition adjustment for the 2023-2024 school year of (\$48,953.18) for a total cost of \$635,738.82 calculated as follows:

Grade Level	Student #	Tuition Rate	Budgeted Revenue
Preschool Disabled	0	\$50,725	\$0
Kindergarten	1	\$25,242	\$25,242
Grades 1-5	12	\$28,305	\$339,660
Grades 6-8	10	\$31,979	\$319,790
Total	23		\$684,692
Plus/Minus Tuition Adjustment			\$ (48,953.18)
Budgeted Total			\$635,738.82

- H. Approve a tuition contract with Atlantic City Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$659,820 for regular education students and \$230,769 for special education students less a tuition adjustment for the 2023-2024 school year of (\$579,800) for a total cost of \$310,789 calculated as follows:

Grade Level	Student #	Tuition Rate	Budgeted Expense
Grades 9-12	30	\$21,994	\$659,820
Resource	7	\$32,967	\$230,769
Total	37		\$890,589
Plus/Minus Tuition Adjustment			<u>\$ (579,800)</u>
Budgeted Total			\$310,789

- I. Approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic County Vocational School Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year for 7 students to attend the Academy Program at a cost of \$3,200 per student and 3 special education students at a cost of \$6,500 per student plus a tuition adjustment from the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$1,152 for a total cost of \$43,052.
- J. Approve resolution to appoint Siracusa Kaufmann Insurance Agency as the Risk Management Consultant for the 2025-2026 school year with compensation for services rendered equal to 4% of the district's annual assessment.
- K. Approve a services contract with Tri-State Light and Energy for electrical services, as needed, not to exceed \$15,000.00 from February 21, 2025 through June 30, 2025 (Educational Services Commission Cooperative pricing system #65MCESCCPS BID #ESCNJ 23/24-27).
- L. Approve the opening of the application to non-resident tuition students in grades K-4 for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$7,000.00 per school year.

18. Other Matters

19. Public Comment

20. 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.

21. Open Session

22. Adjournment