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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on February 26, 2025 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 February 15, 2025, 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

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 January 2025 attached as Exhibit # 1, pages 30,043-30,044.

Superintendent's Report & Principals' Updates:

Mr. Ryan Gaskill confirmed that this evening's meeting had been rescheduled from February 12, 2025 due to inclement weather. He added that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on March 5, 2025 and could not be rescheduled due to the election calendar and budget submission timelines. He shared the NJQSAC scores from the prior year review and confirmed that the Margate School District was providing a thorough and efficient education. He shared the Student Safety Data Submission for the first half of the school year. He shared that on this evening's agenda was the first reading of the Policy Manual required as part of the transition to Strauss Esmay as the District's policy management vendor. He also shared the proposed resolutions to approve the bids to Falasca Mechanical for the two HVAC projects at the Ross School. He commended Mrs. Farrell on her hard work and the success of the community service project, Souper Bowl, held on February 2, 2025. He thanked the countless local businesses and families for their participation and donations to facilitate such a successful event. He shared that the MEF hosted their annual Winter Social on Friday, February 21, 2025. He mentioned that the NJSLs testing was scheduled for the weeks of May 5, May 12, and May 19, 2025 and would impact

grades three through eight, in different subject areas.

Mrs. Skwarek shared information on the current budget status for the 2025-2026 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 congratulated the district on their NJQSAC scores. He thanked the administrative team for budget preparation work throughout the year.

Mr. Sorensen added that great leadership starts at the top and he commended the Margate City School District's administrators for their excellent leadership and support of the district and programs.

Mrs. Wray-Norris asked if there was an approved list of tutors for Margate families and what the process would be to become a preferred tutor. Mr. Gaskill responded that the district does not have a recommendation list for tutors and that the schools offer programs including after school homework help and teaching staff to assist with homework at the Lucky Kids program. Mrs. Wray-Norris also asked about the process to submit something to the Wednesday folders. Mr. Gaskill commented that all Wednesday folder items are approved at an administrative level and must be school and or recreation affiliated, including fundraiser requests.

Personnel Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to approve the following Personnel matters:

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 x 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.

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

Motion by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to approve the following Instructional Support Activities request:

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.

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

Field Trips:

Motion by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to approve the following Field Trip request:

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 Singsations 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

Field Trips (Continued):

- 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.

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, 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.

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

Facilities/PAC:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Facilities/PAC matter:

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

Facilities/PAC (Continued):

\$25.00 = \$1,000.00.

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 Mr. Sorensen, the board unanimously agreed to accept the January 15, 2025 Regular 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

Financial Reports:

Motion by Mrs. Brog seconded by Mr. Sorensen to accept the Secretary's Financial Reports for the month of December 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 30,045 - 30,068. The Secretary's Reports agree with the Report of Receipts and Disbursements.

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

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 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:23-2.11(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. 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 Mr. Sorensen, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls, as listed on Exhibit # 3, pages 30,069 - 30,092.

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

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 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

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

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 December 2024, attached as Exhibit # 4, pages 30,093– 30,104.

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

Cash Report:

Motion by Mrs. Brog seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to accept the Cash Report for the month of December 2024, attached as Exhibit # 5, page 30,105.

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. Wray-Norris, to approve the following 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.

New Business (Continued):

- 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

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

Motion by Mrs. Brog seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following New Business:

- 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.

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

Motion by Mrs. Brog seconded by Mrs. Wray- Norris, to approve the following New Business:

- 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 Spiegle 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

New Business (Continued):

- BE IT RESOLVED, the Margate City Board of Education does hereby approve the recommendation of Spiegle 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).

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.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melina Skwarek
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator