

MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AGENDA
April 9, 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 comment 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 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

Enrollment as of 4/2/2025

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	3
Kindergarten	36
Grade 1	31
Grade 2	40
Grade 3	34
Grade 4	<u>40</u>
Sub-total	184

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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: 2023-24 New Jersey School Performance Reports

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 the retirement of Sandra LeVan effective July 1, 2025.
2. Approve and confirm the medical leave of Chelsi Crompton (ex post facto) from February 26, 2025 through an anticipated return date of April 28, 2025.
3. Approve the medical leave of Matthew Burton from April 28, 2025 through an anticipated return date of May 26, 2025.
4. Approve Hilary Morris as a Lucky Kids Employee at a rate of \$20.00 per hour and a Substitute Teacher at a rate of \$125.00 per day for the 2024-2025 school year, pending completion of paperwork.
5. Approve Donna Vetrone as a Lucky Kids Employee for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$20.00 per hour pending completion of paperwork..

B. Instructional Support/Activities

1. Approve teachers to complete individual screenings for all incoming Kindergarten students this summer at the MEA contractual rate of \$56.00 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours total. Staff: 2 Ross School Teachers. Cost: Not to exceed 30 hours at \$56.00 per hour = \$1,680.00.
2. Approve the updated Advanced Math Criteria for Grades 6-8.
3. Approve the NJHS indoor street hockey tournament spring fundraiser on Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm in the Tighe School gym. Staff: Michael McMenamin and Natasa Coughlin.
4. Approve Lisa Drexler to teach the High School Prep Course for Tighe School graduating 8th graders on Thursday, June 26, 2025 and Friday, June 27, 2025 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Costs: MEA Contractual rate of \$55.00 per hour.
5. Approve Ryan Gaskill and Samantha Dulude to attend the Atlantic County Academic Luncheon with two Tighe School Students on June 3, 2025. The District will also be transporting select Ventnor School District Staff and Students to this event. Costs: Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00 per hour. Transportation: District School Bus.
6. Approve Tighe School's NJHS Collections for the stock the shelves challenges between other middle schools from May 5 - May 16, 2025

C. Field Trips

1. Approve the Ross Pride student trip to Congo Falls Mini Golf and the Decatur Avenue Playground for an end of the year celebration of hard work and public service on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Staff: Lisa Carey, Tracy Magel, additional staff TBD. Costs: MEF sponsored.
2. Approve the 7th Grade field trip to Tree to Tree Adventure Park on Friday, May 30, 2025. Staff: Jamie Bean and Tighe Teachers as needed. Costs: \$2,346.00 Park Fee, Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00 per hour. Transportation: District School Bus.

D. Facilities/PAC

1. Approve the Chabad at the Shore PAC Rental and Tighe small gym on August 10, 2025. Costs: PAC Rental \$1,200.00, Small Gym \$300 x 2 = \$600.00, Consumable Fee \$100.00, Tables, Chairs, Microphones \$1,049.50, Staff: Custodians, Site Supervisor, Sound \$1,950.00 Total Costs: \$4,899.50.
2. Approve the Development Corporation of Israel (Israel Bonds) PAC Rental and Tighe small gym on June 19, 2025 from 2:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Costs: PAC Rental \$1,200.00, Small Gym \$300.00, Consumable Fee \$100.00, Tables, Chairs, Microphones \$343.25. Staff: Custodians, Site Supervisor, Sound = \$1,100.00. Total Costs: \$3,043.25.
3. Approve the Development Corporation of Israel (Israel Bonds) PAC Rental and Tighe small gym on August 14, 2025 from 2:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Costs: PAC Rental \$1,200.00, Small Gym \$300.00, Consumable Fee \$100.00, Tables, Chairs, Microphones \$343.25. Staff: Custodians, Site Supervisor, Sound = \$1,100.00. Total Costs: \$3,043.25.
4. Approve the Longport Library PAC Rental on August 16, 2025. Costs: Affiliated PAC rental up to 8 hours \$350.00, Consumable Fee \$100, Black Seal Custodian, Site Supervisor, Lighting at 8 hours X \$50.00 X 3= \$1,200.00. Total Costs: \$1,650.00.
5. Approve Daniel Cooper and Danny Cooper Basketball to use the Ross School gymnasium for a Basketball Camp from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on May 24, 2025. Cost: \$550.00.

E. Workshops

1. Approve Tina Baronowitz to attend the online workshop Science of Reading: Best Practices on May 6, 2025. Costs: \$295.00.
2. Approve Jamie Bean and Lisa Carey to attend the physical education workshop Pickleball Power-Up at One Love Pickleball in Ocean Township, NJ on April 11, 2025. Registration fee \$298.00 funded by the MEF. Costs: Substitutes and Travel.
3. Approve Bonnie Marino to attend the ETTC workshop Strategies to De-escalate Conflict and Respond Effectively to Disruptive Student Behavior on April 3, 2025. Cost: ETTC hours.
4. Approve Colleen Culmone to attend the OFAC Criminal History and School Bus Safety Training program on May 15, 2025, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Stockton University. Cost: N/A.
5. Approve Leigh Turner and Melina Skwarek to attend the New Jersey Self Insurers' Association Spring 2025 Workers' Compensation Conference on May 15 and 16, 2025, in Atlantic City. Costs: Registration fees funded by the SPELL JIF.
6. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the 2025 Annual Safety and Security Symposium on July 16, 2025, at Ocean County Community College, from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm. Costs: Travel.

F. Students

1. Approve and confirm the hardship busing applications for students # 3867608065, 1776388390 and 1080529798 for the 2024-2025 school year, as needed.

11. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

12. Report of the Board Secretary:

- a. Financial Reports – February 2025
- b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of February 28, 2025 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. Report of Receipts and Disbursements – February 2025
- d. Cash Report - February 2025
- e. Bills and Payrolls -\$1,149,757.99
- f. Transfer of Funds within the General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2024-2025

TO:	11-000-262-622-00-03	Electric	\$4,000.00
	11-000-213-616-00-00	Menstrual Products State	\$40.00
	11-000-230-530-00-00	Communications Postage	\$1,500.00
	11-000-262-420-00-01	Outside Custodial Services	\$10,000.00
	11-000-262-622-00-03	Electricity	\$10,000.00
		TOTAL	\$25,540.00
FROM:	11-000-262-100-00-01	Electric	\$4,000.00
	11-000-213-600-00-00-010	Menstrual Products State	\$40.00
	11-000-230-590-00-00	Communications Postage	\$1,500.00
	11-000-262-420-00-03	Outside Custodial Services	\$6,000.00
	11-000-262-420-00-04	Outside Custodial Services	\$4,000.00
	11-000-291-270-00-00	Electricity	\$10,000.00
		TOTAL	\$25,540.00

13. New Business

- A. Approve a resolution for participation in a Joint Transportation Agreement with Atlantic County Special Services School District to provide the services to coordinate transportation for special education, private, vocational-technical, and other school students to specific destinations in order to attempt to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness.
- B. Approve and authorize the School Business Administrator of the Margate City Board of Education to participate in and invest funds in the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management (NJARM) Program.

- C. Approve a three-year software license agreement with Systems 3,000 Inc. for proprietary financial management software. License fees are as follows: 07/01/2025 \$26,663; 07/01/2026 \$27,196; 07/01/2027 \$27,740.
- D. Recommend to approve the advertisement of a request for proposals (RFP) for School District Auditing Services for a one-year contract, to be extended as needed, effective July 1, 2025.
- E. Recommend to approve the advertisement of a request for proposals (RFP) for School District Legal Services for a one-year contract, to be extended as needed, effective July 1, 2025.
- F. Recommend to approve the advertisement of a request for proposals (RFP) for School District Health Insurance Broker Services for a one-year contract, to be extended as needed, effective July 1, 2025.
- G. Recommend to approve the advertisement of a request for proposals (RFP) for Special Education Related Services for a one-year contract, to be extended as needed, effective July 1, 2025.
- H. Approve to purchase and implement supplemental resources for English Language Arts to facilitate the delivery of instruction addressing the 2023 NJ Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts.
 - Grades 5, 7, & 8: Purchase GramWorkshop print consumables with online access by William H. Sadlier, Inc., Cost: \$11,584.27 for 5-year program and materials.
- I. WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-14.3 and 6A:23A-14.4 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Margate City Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district to establish a Maintenance Reserve Account consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

14. Other Matters

15. Public Comment

16. 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.

17. Open Session

18. Adjournment