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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:13 P.M. on May 14, 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 April 1, 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*.

Roll Call - Members Present: Mr. Joseph Pepe; Mr. Jack Sorensen; Mrs. Amy Brog; Mrs. Shannon Wray-Norris; 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 & Security Drill Reports, and Bus Evacuation Reports for Eugene A. Tighe School & William H. Ross School for the month of April 2025 attached as Exhibit # 1, pages 30,269-30,272.

Superintendent's Report & Principals' Updates:

Mr. Ryan Gaskill shared that the Margate City School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act has been certified and the results have been posted on the district's website for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. He shared that a HIB investigation has been concluded and is on the agenda to be shared with the Board members. He shared that the District is currently participating in the NJSLA testing. He shared that the Professional Development session held earlier this afternoon featured sessions regarding LinkIt Benchmarking, CPR training, and a Special Education meeting. The Ross third floor HVAC project is scheduled to begin June 23, 2025. He thanked Mr. Pepe and Mr. Sorensen for their continued service to the Margate City Board of Education

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 shared that he experienced the Coast Guard visit for the Tighe School Career Day and acknowledged that this was not an easy feat. He thanked Mr. Palmisano for presenting to the students for career day. He thanked the teachers for all they do for the students and the community. He congratulated Mr. Palmisano and Mr. Sorensen for their reappointments to the School Board. He thanked all the members of the Board for their support in ensuring a smooth school year and all their hard work. He thanked the Administration. Lastly, he thanked Mr. Goldstein who is always involved behind the scenes and always available to assist. He thanked Mr. Goldstein for his help and guidance and keeping the School District and Board of Education operating legally and ethically.

Mr. Goldstrein thanked Mr. Pepe and the Board members for his reappointment for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Sorensen commented that school law is difficult and having a good solicitor protects the teachers and students.

Personnel Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Personnel matters:

1. Approve the non-renewal of the contract for employee #73232613 for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Approve the non-renewal of the contract for employee #39877816 for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Approve the list of rehires and staff salaries of 10-month and 12-month staff for the 2025-2026 school year, attached as Exhibit # 2, pages 30,273-30,275.
4. Approve Joe Cacia as a bus driver for July and August on an as needed basis, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.
5. Approve Summer 2025 Main Office Secretarial coverage. Staff: Carol Reilert, Eileen Duffy, Janice Saul and Holly Ferry. Costs: Contractual Rate for educational assistants.
6. Approve Kelly Crawford for enrollment and reimbursement upon successful completion of the graduate course MATH 6432: Learning and Teaching Algebra I at Adams State University. Costs: \$720.00.
7. Approve Chelsi Crompton for enrollment and reimbursement upon successful completion of the graduate course I EDUC 6935: Educational Leadership Internship at Stockton University. Costs: 2 credits = \$1,472.22, 75% of 2 credits = \$1,104.00.
8. Approve Chelsi Crompton for enrollment and reimbursement upon completion of the graduate course EDUC 5432: School Finances and Resources at Stockton University. Costs: 3 credits = \$2,208.00, 75% of 3 credits = \$1,656.00
9. Approve the medical leave of Christopher Bruscatto (ex post facto) from April 17, 2025 through an anticipated return date of May 5, 2025.
10. Approve Barbara Farrell, Jacque Jones, Lisa Drexler, and 2 other teachers (TBD) as Curriculum Writers. Costs: the contractual rate of \$56.00 per hour per teacher not to exceed 100 hours.

Personnel Matters (Continued):

11. Approve the medical leave of Kirstina Baronowitz from May 15, 2025 through an anticipated return date of August 27, 2025.
12. Approve Popi Kounis as the Main Office Secretarial Substitute from 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026. Costs: Contractual Rate plus one additional hour when substituting for the office secretary from September 2025 to June 2026.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Instructional Support Activities:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Instructional Support Activities request:

1. Approve Erin McGuigan and the Kind Kids Club student members to participate in a beach cleanup event on Monday, May 19, 2025 from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
2. 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 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Costs: MEA Contractual Rate of \$55.00 per hour. (Amended from the April 9, 2025 Board Meeting).

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Facilities/PAC:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following Facilities/PAC requests:

1. Approve Coleman Ayers with By Any Means, LLC to use the Tighe School Gymnasium and Scoreboard for a Basketball Scrimmage from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on July 16, 2025. Rental Fee: \$400.00.
2. Approve the Margate Players PAC rental on June 27, 2025, June 28, 2025 and June 29, 2025 for three performances. Costs: PAC Rental \$900.00, Consumable Fee \$100.00. Staff: Custodians, 17 hours = \$850.00. Total Rental: \$1,850.00.
3. Approve the Margate Library rental of the PAC on July 3, 2025 for a performance by the Bay Atlantic Symphony. Costs: PAC Rental Fee Waived, Consumable Fee \$100.00. Staff: Custodians, Site Supervisor, 18 hours = \$900.00. Sound and Lighting, 16 hours = \$800.00. Total Rental: \$1,800.00.
4. Approve Robert Kieserman DBA Somerset Entertainment PAC Rental on August 4, 2025. Costs: PAC Rental \$1,200.00, Consumable Fee \$100.00, Tables, Chairs, Microphones \$50.00. Staff: Custodians, Site Supervisor, Sound = \$750.00 Total Costs: \$2,100.00.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Workshops:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following Workshop matters:

1. Approve Bonnie Marino to attend the School Law Boot Camp for School Administrators on July 23-24, 2025, at SRI & ETTC in Galloway, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
2. Approve and confirm the attendance of Leigh Turner at the Corporate Synergies Beyond Benefits HR and Finance Training on April 29, 2025 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in Cherry Hill. Costs: N/A.
3. Approve the attendance of Samantha Dulude to attend Anti-bullying Bill of Rights Act Webinar Series on May 2, 2024 from 9:30 am to 10:45 am, May 5, 2025 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm and May 14, 2025 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Costs: N/A.
4. Approve the attendance of Colleen Culmone and Leigh Turner at the Annual SPELL JIF Safety 360 Seminar to be held on July 16, 2025 at the Westin, Mount Laurel, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Costs: Registration fee sponsored by the JIF.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Contracts:

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

1. Approve a professional services contract with Interactive Kids Educational Services, LLC to provide Special Education Related Services for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
2. Approve a professional services contract with Educational Consultants of NJ, LLC to provide Special Education Related Services including independent bilingual and monolingual evaluations as needed for the Margate City School District from May 15, 2025 through June 30, 2025.
3. Approve a professional services contract with Educational Consultants of NJ, LLC to provide Special Education Related Services including independent bilingual and monolingual evaluations as needed for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Students:

The following was shared with the Board:

1. Share: HIB Report to Board of Education Investigation R03-202425.

No motion required.

Field Trips:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Field Trip request:

1. Approve Preschool to visit the Margate City Police Department on May 29, 2025 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Staff: Chrissy Campbell, Eileen Duffy and staff as needed. Transportation: District School Bus.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, 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 April 9, 2025 Regular & Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, 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 March 2025 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 # 3, pages 30,276 - 30,299. 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. 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 March 31, 2025 after review of the Secretary's Monthly

Board of Education Certification (Continued):

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. 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 March 2025, attached as Exhibit # 4, pages 30,300 – 30,311.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, 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 March 2025, attached as Exhibit # 5, page 30,312.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, 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 # 6, pages 30,313 - 30,340.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, 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:	11-000-261-420-00-04	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	\$800.00
	11-000-262-420-00-04	OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE	\$2,000.00
	11-000-270-420-00-00	BUS SERVICE	\$1,000.00
	11-150-100-101-00-00-025	HOME INSTRUCTION	\$500.00
		TOTAL	\$4,300.00
FROM:	11-000-261-420-00-03	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	\$800.00
	11-000-262-100-00-04	OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE	\$2,000.00
	11-000-270-615-00-00	BUS SERVICE	\$1,000.00
	11-120-100-101-00-00-025	HOME INSTRUCTION	\$500.00
		TOTAL	\$4,300.00

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

New Business:

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

- A. Approve the use of the Margate School District 54-passenger vehicle by the Margate Recreation Department during the Summer 2025 for the activities listed below. The vehicle will be operated by Margate Recreation CDL certified employees John Zaccardi, Donald Mattessich and Joe Cacia.
 - a. Tuesday, July 8, 2025 King Pin Bowling
 - b. Friday, July 11, 2025 Granville Ave. Beach
 - c. Tuesday, July 15, 2025 CMC Zoo
 - d. Friday, July 18, 2025 Granville Ave. Beach
 - e. Tuesday, July 22, 2025 OC Music Pier
 - f. Wednesday, July 23, 2025 OC Waterpark
 - g. Friday, July 25, 2025 Granville Ave. Beach
 - h. Thursday, July 31, 2025 Tilton Square Theater

New Business (Continued):

- B. Approve a three-year software license agreement with OnCourse Systems for Education for proprietary Student Information System software. License fees are as follows: 07/01/2025 - \$27,610.62; 07/01/2026 - \$28,163; 07/01/2027 - \$28,727.
- C. Approve the annual Non-Resident Tuition Rate for 2025-2026 at \$7,000 per student.
- D. Approve to purchase and implement supplemental resources offering multi-sensory and differentiated approaches for English Language Arts Limited Resource Center classrooms to facilitate the delivery of instruction addressing the 2023 NJ Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts.
 - Grades 1-5: Purchase WonderWorks Reading Intervention Program print consumables with online access by McGraw Hill Education. Cost: \$11,267.25 for 5-year program and materials.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Public Comment:

A member of the community commented on the Basic Skills Program at the Ross School.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mr. Sorensen, seconded by Mrs. Brog, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melina Skwarek
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator