

MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AGENDA
July 9, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of Notice
4. Roll Call
5. Special Recognition - Tracy Santoro Scholarship
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 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.

7. Report of Superintendent of Schools:

A. Enrollment:

Enrollment as of 6/2/2025

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	25
Sub-total	<u>136</u>
*Total Enrollment	322

Enrollment as of 6/24/2025

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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	1

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

B. Instructional Support

1. Update on Principal/Director activities
2. Review fire drill and security drill report.
3. Review Virtual Instruction Plan
4. Review Safety and Security Drill Statement of Assurance for the 2024-2025 school year.

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, in accordance with the Article VIII, A, 2: *The number of unused personal days, sick days, and family illness days allowed to be carried over into the following year will not exceed a total of 15. Any unused days in excess of 15, will be paid to the teacher at the current rate per day (\$125) in Article VI E under SEVERANCE/RETIREMENT*

Day Left Payout

- Chris Andersen 2 days @ \$125.00 per day = \$250.00
2. Approve payout of \$125 per day for unused sick days as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Margate Board of Education and the Margate Education Association, maximum 200 days payable in a one time grant for retirees, as follows: (Attached)
As per MEA contract:
 - Sandra LeVan - 200 days @ \$125.00 per day = \$25,000.00
 3. Approve the following employees to work on an as-needed basis in the Lucky Kids aftercare program at the Ross School for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Staff: Sofia Bechtel, Christina Campbell, Lisa Carey, Lindsey Evans, Holly Ferry, Dylan Frasier, Rebecca Kanter, Kalliopi Kounis, Hailey Loewenstern, Erin Merenich, Angel Molina, Hillary Morris, Barbara Myers, Jodi Weber, Donna Vetrone.
 4. Approve the following club/activity stipends for advisor at Tighe Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Student Council Advisors - \$2,750.00 each –Tracy Magel and Christopher Anderson
 - Tighe Pride Committee - \$2,000.00 each –Jacque Jones, Louis Sanchez, and Mark Winterbottom
 - National Junior Honor Society Advisors - \$2,000.00 each – Natasa Coughlin and Jamie Bean
 - Academic Trivia Team - \$900.00 each –Tracy Magel and Sherry Scott
 - MathCounts Advisor - \$1,800.00 – Sherry Scott
 - Mathletes Advisor - \$1,200.00 – Sherry Scott
 - Tighe Environmental Club Advisor - \$1,000.00 – Chelsi Crompton
 - Yearbook Facilitators - \$1,800.00 each – Jacque Jones and Veronica Valencia
 - Webpage Facilitator - \$1,000.00 – Amy Hughes
 - PAC/Tighe Tech/AV Facilitator - \$1,000.00 – Debbie Roland, Asst AV - \$1000.00 – Lisa Drexler
 - Art Club Advisor – \$1,500.00– Barbara Farrell
 - Family STEM Night Advisor - \$1,000.00 – Chelsi Crompton
 - Band Club - \$750.00 – Debbie Roland
 - After school Homework Club Mentors – contractual hourly rate (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday up to 6 hours per week) – Veronica Valencia, Chris Andersen, Sherry Scott, Chelsi Crompton, Christopher Bruscato, and Jen Carey

- Substitute Homework Club Mentors-contractual hourly rate as needed-Natasa Coughlin, Danielle Ujcich, Kelly Crawford, Brian Pasternak, Popi Kounis, Michelle Cossaboon, and Lisa Drexler
 - After school Detention Monitors – contractual hourly rate (60-minutes per day, Tuesday and Thursday) – Mauricio Saavedra and Christopher Andersen.
5. Approve the hiring of Nicole Schwegman as a full time elementary teacher for the 2025-2026 school year at a salary of \$80,100.00 (Step 5 MA) with benefits, pending completion of paperwork.

B. Instructional Support/Activities

1. Approve to purchase and implement the digital program Camp Timber and Circle of Friends K-8 Suite for both Ross and Tighe Schools as a way to deliver classroom Social and Emotional learning to students. Cost: \$3,000.00.

C. Facilities/PAC

1. Approve Tara Mangold and Toning Up with T, LLC to use the Ross playground for a Circuit Training Bootcamp from 7:30 am to 10:30 am on July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24, and August 31, 2025. Cost: \$30.00 per hour. Total: 27 hours x \$30.00 = \$810.00.
2. Approve Bob Colombo with Fudgy Wudgy Cold Brew to sell cold brew to Toning up with T attendees on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Summer 2025. Not to be sold to the public to maintain compliance with their Margate City business permit.

D. Workshops

1. Approve Ryan Gaskill, Samantha Dulude and Melina Skwarek to attend the School Law Boot Camp for School Administrators Summer 2025 through SRI/ETTC Stockton. Cost: 12 ETTC hours each.
2. Approve Melina Skwarek to attend the What Schools Need to Know About 504 Plans to Ensure Compliance workshop through SRI/ETTC Stockton. Cost: 3 ETTC hours.
3. Approve Ryan Gaskill to attend the Atlantic County AI Summit. Cost: Travel.
4. Approve Samantha Dulude to attend Structuring Your I&RS Team for a Successful Year. Cost: 4 ETTC hours.

E. Students

1. Approve the final determination of HIB Report Investigation R04-202425.
2. Approve the final determination of HIB Report Investigation R05-202425.

12. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes

13. Report of the Board Secretary:

- a. Financial Reports – May 2025
- b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of May 31, 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 - May 2025
- d. Cash Report - May 2025
- e. Bills and Payrolls - \$1,621,573.39
- f. Transfer of Funds within General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2024-2025

TO:	11-000-216-320-00-00-025	COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND	\$2,000.00
	11-000-217-320-00-00-025	OT & SPEECH SERVICES	\$6,500.00
	11-000-230-590-00-00	LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS	\$350.00
	12-130-100-730-00-00	PAC LIGHTBOARD	\$9,100.00
	11-000-222-600-0-00-010	PAC LIGHTBOARD SERVICES	\$4,500.00
	11-120-100-101-18-00-025	SUBSTITUTES	\$9,000.00
	11-213-100-106-00-00-025	RESOURCE ROOM AIDE	\$160.00
	11-215-100-106-0-00-025	PREK AIDE	\$2,500.00
		TOTAL	\$34,110.00
FROM:	11-000-216-600-00-00-025	COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND	\$2,000.00
	11-000-211-100-00-00	OT & SPEECH SERVICES	\$3,000.00
	11-000-217-320-00-00-010	OT & SPEECH SERVICES	\$3,500.00
	11-000-230-585-00-00	LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS	\$350.00
	11-000-100-565-00-00	PAC LIGHTBOARD	\$9,100.00
	11-000-222-600-00-00-025	PAC LIGHTBOARD SERVICES	\$4,500.00
	11-120-100-101-00-00-025	SUBSTITUTES	\$9,000.00
	11-213-100-106-00-00-010	RESOURCE ROOM AIDE	\$160.00
	11-213-100-106-00-00-010	PREK AIDE	\$2,500.00
		TOTAL	\$34,110.00

14. New Business

- A. Approve the amended Lucky Kids rates for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:
Monthly rate = \$264 (2nd child - \$176; 3rd child \$88; 4th child free)
First child daily rate = \$15.00, 2nd child = \$10, 3rd child = \$5, 4th child = Free
First child half day rate = \$25, 2nd child = \$15, 3rd child = \$10, 4th child = Free
Emergency daily one time rate = \$25 Additional siblings emergency rate = \$15
Registration one time fee for each child = \$50
Registration fee waived for all returning children registered prior to August 8, 2025.
- B. Approve the second reading of new policy and regulation:
Policy 5111.5 Inclusive Preschool Admission Policy
Regulation 5111.5 Preschool Attendance Regulation
- C. Approve a Joint Transportation Agreement with Dennis Township for field trips and athletic events for the 2025-2026 school year, as needed.
- D. Approve the list of lunch prices for the 2025-2026 school year.
- E. Approve the Margate School District Virtual Instruction Plan for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- F. Approve the non-resident tuition student rate at \$6,000 annually for students enrolled in the district prior to July 1, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year.
- G. Approve the attendance of Matt Burton and Melina Skwarek at the monthly NJSBGA meetings as approved for the 2025-2026 school year.
- H. Approve and confirm the submission of the FY25 School Violence Prevention Program - COPS Programmatic grant application in the amount of \$111,087.00, with a local share allocation in the amount of \$27,772.00.
- I. WHEREAS, Melina Skwarek, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;
WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from \$44,000 to \$53,000, effective July 1, 2025;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Margate City Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$53,000 for the school district, and further authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.
Furthermore, for contracts in the aggregate that are less than the bid threshold but fifteen (15%) or more of the amount, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall award contracts after soliciting at least two competitive quotations.
The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37 (c), is authorized to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than fifteen (15%) percent of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotations.

15. Other Matters

16. Public Comment

17. 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.

18. Open Session

19. Adjournment