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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on August 13, 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 May 17, 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 (arrived at 6:05 pm); Mrs. Amy Brog; Mrs. Shannon Wray-Norris; Mrs. Danielle Gomes-Chapman; Mr. Nicholas Palmisano;
Mr. Steve Swift (arrived at 6:02 pm)
Others Present: Mr. Ryan Gaskill, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Melina Skwarek, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; Mrs. Samantha Dulude, Principal; Mrs. Bernadette 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 for Eugene A. Tighe School & William H. Ross School for the month of July 2025 attached as Exhibit # 1, pages 30,501-30,502.

Superintendent's Report & Principals' Updates:

Mr. Ryan Gaskill shared that the ACCESS for ELLs results have been received yet due to the small number of Margate students who participate in the assessment, the results may not be shared publicly. Mr. Gaskill provided an update on the Preschool efforts of the district. He shared that the Board committees have met to discuss the PEA Grant and alternative in District expansion options. He attended the DOE PEA Technical session in Trenton. It was confirmed that funding per student had been reduced significantly for the 2025-2026 application year which would put a financial hardship on the Margate Schools to secure local funding to offset the difference in the grant allocations per pupil. The Margate BOE approved policy 5111.5 allowing Preschool inclusion and lottery seats for this type of program. The district held the Prechool Pilot Program inclusion lottery on Monday, August 11, 2025, opening seats for three and four year old students. Mr. Gaskill also commented on policy updates on the agenda for approval provided by Strauss Esmay. He shared that the Ross School Third Floor HVAC project continues to be on target. Lastly, he added that there has been a lot of opening day planning and he is excited for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Marino shared information on current activities at Ross School.
Mrs. Dulude shared information on current activities at Tighe School.

MEF Report:

Ms. Masso informed the community of the first MEF Color Run scheduled for September 12, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. She added that the MEF annual kick off meeting will be announced in the near future.

General Board Discussion:

Mr. Pepe commented that it is great to hear that the Ross third floor project will allow for the Administrators to begin moving back in on August 25, 2025. He congratulated the Administration on the Preschool program and lottery, and thanked Mrs. Wray-Norris for being present for the lottery.

Mrs. Wray-Norris added that she received positive feedback regarding the lottery and the level of organization and efficiency of the lottery process.

Personnel Matters:

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

1. Approve the following staff to drive district vehicles: Lirone Turner, Matt Burton, Bonnie Marino, Ryan Gaskill, Samantha Dulude, Michael Atkinson, Tremayne McQueen, Angel Molina, Ron Nellom, Jozef Pityski, Frank Reale, Christopher Baatz, and Dominic Cuce.
2. Approve the following substitutes to return for the 2025-2026 school year: Gail Beauchamp, Theresa Camoratto, Linda Carbone, Karen Cavacini, Kristyn Cella, Janice Chrone, Connor Culmone, Barbara Cunningham, Pamela Frank, Erin Funk-Horner, Nancy Greenberg, Heidi Grutzmacher, Sarah Jamrogowicz, Carole Kessler, Cheryl Marciante, Donna McManus, Richard McQueen, Hilary Morris, Victoria Robertson, Ceana Santori, Rona Schwartz-Stevens, Anne Walsh, Jennifer Hale, Julianne Weaver, Maria Golebiewski, John Zaccardi.
3. Approve Monica Tabasso as a Lucky Kids Employee for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.
4. Approve Danielle Ujcich for enrollment and reimbursement upon successful completion of the online graduate course MATH 6423: Learning and Teaching Pre-Algebra I through New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning. Cost: \$720.00.
5. Approve Chesli Crompton for enrollment and reimbursement upon successful completion of the online graduate course Educational Leadership Internship II EDUCE 6936 at Stockton University. Cost: \$1,705.50.
6. Approve Julie Bergman to complete student health registration paperwork and 504 Plan review for all new Ross students this summer at a contractual rate of \$56.00 per hour. Cost: Not to exceed 5 hours at \$56.00 per hour = \$280.00.

Personnel Matters (Continued):

7. Approve the lateral advancement of Christina Campbell from Step 15 BA+15 (\$106,515.00) to Step 15 Masters (\$109,515.00), pending submission of official transcripts.
8. Approve a \$1,000.00 base salary increase for Domenico Cuce for the 2025-2026 FY, for earning the Black Seal Low Pressure Boiler Operator License.
9. Approve Kaitlin Roselli and Jaime Collins as substitutes for morning schoolyard supervision.
Cost: MEA contracted hourly rate for 20 minutes per day.

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

Instructional Support Activities:

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

1. Approve Marshall Evaluation Rubric for teaching staff evaluations and NJ Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning Rubric for Principal Evaluations.
2. Approve the Ross kindergarten students and families to attend kindergarten orientation and an ice cream social at the Ross School in late August. Staff: Bonnie Marino, Christa Toner, Amy Hughes, Jaime Collins, and additional staff as needed. Cost: MEF Sponsored.
3. Approve the Ross preschool students and families to attend preschool orientation at the Ross School in late August. Staff: Bonnie Marino, Chrissy Campbell, and additional educational assistants and teachers as needed.
4. Approve the following Ross Pride fundraising activities and events for the 2025-2026 school year. Staff: Tracy Magel, Lisa Carey, Bonnie Marino and other Ross staff as needed.
 - Ross Spirit Gear sale fundraiser to allow students to purchase school related items (Sept/April)
 - Make-A-Difference (M.A.D.) Spirit Days monthly dress up/down fundraisers to support local nonprofits in September, December, January, and March
 - Thanksgiving Food Drive in November to support local JFS
 - Grand-Friends Day November 26, 2025
 - Trailblazer (grade 4 students) trip to Bloom's Pavilion for Veterans' Day program/luncheon in (November)
 - Holiday Jamboree December 23, 2025
 - Spring Supply Drive to collect items for Day of Service (March)
 - Day of Service April 2, 2026 to support AC Rescue Mission
 - Spring Supply Drive-student driven (May)
 - Pretzel Sales (multiple dates TBD)
 - School Spirit Swag Sale (spring)
 - Spring Candy Grams (open to parents and students)

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 Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following Facilities/PAC requests:

1. Approve and confirm Chris Fantazzia to utilize the Tighe School parking lot for the Cars and Coffee event on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost: \$30.00/hour for 3 hours = \$90.00.
2. Approve Chris Fantazzia to utilize the Tighe School parking lot for the Cars and Coffee event on Saturday, August 30, 2025, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Cost: \$30.00/hour for 2 hours = \$60.00.
3. Approve the following individuals as members of the Dominic A Potena event staff effective July 1, 2025: Debra Roland , Chelsea Crompton, Lisa Drexler, Bethann Hall at \$50.00 per hour. Robert Roland at \$40.00 per hour. Custodial staff as needed at contracted hourly rate.

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 Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following Workshop matters:

1. Approve registering for the NJ School Boards Association annual conference from October 20-23, 2025 at a group rate of \$2,300. Staff: Ryan Gaskill, Melina Skwarek, Bonnie Marino, Samantha Dulude, Matthew Burton, Leigh Turner, Colleen Culmone, Michael Morris and Ron Nellom.
2. Approve Melina Skwarek to attend the Atlantic County Business Administrators roundtable 2025-2026 regular meetings. Costs: Travel.
3. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the SPELL JIF Joint Retreat from September 24-26, 2025 at The Grand Hotel in Cape May. Costs: Funded by the JIF.
4. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the NJASBO AI Intermediate workshop on August 11, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost: \$195.00 registration fee and travel.
5. Approve Ryan Gaskill to attend the monthly county Special Education Director's Meetings during the 2025-2026 school year. Cost: Travel.

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

Students:

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

1. Approve the hardship busing application for student # 9989835937 for the 2025-2026 school year, as needed.

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

Contracts:

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

1. Approve a transportation jointure with Vineland Public Schools for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$45.00 per day.
2. Approve the non-resident tuition contracts for the following students for the 2025-2026 school year: Ross School - 11 students; Tighe School - 1 student.
3. Approve the service contract with the New Jersey Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired for the 2025-2026 school year effective 9/1/2025 through 6/30/2026 to provide level two educational services to the Margate City School District. Cost: \$6,064.
4. Approve a professional services contract with Kimberly A. Vona to provide Physical Therapy services for the Margate City School District for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Approve a residential tuition contract, for one student, with Wellspring Foundation, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of approximately \$192,439.05.

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 July 9, 2025 Regular Session 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 June 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 # 2, pages 30,503 - 30,526. 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 June 30, 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:23-2.11(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

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 June 2025, attached as Exhibit # 3, pages 30,527 – 30,539.

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 accept the Cash Report for the month of June 2025, attached as Exhibit # 4, page 30,540.

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 # 5, pages 30,541 - 30,567.

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 2025-2026

TO:	11-190-100-610-05-04-025	SOCIAL STUDIES MATERIALS	\$150.00
	11-000-240-800-00-01-010	NJPSA DUES	\$100.00
	11-000-240-800-00-01-010	MENTOR FEES	\$1,000.00
	11-000-266-610-00-04	PHONE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE	\$1,000.00
	11-105-100-610-00-00	PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTION	\$3,500.00
	11-190-100-610-07-01-010	SCIENCE MATERIALS	\$600.00
	11-190-100-610-08-01-010	PHYS ED INSTRUCTION	\$150.00
	11-190-100-610-15-04-025	MYSTERY WRITING	\$1,000.00

Transfer of Funds (Continued):

	11-190-100-610-27-01-010	HEALTHSMART MATERIALS	\$3,000.00
	11-190-100-610-27-04-025	HEALTH MATERIALS	\$3,000.00
	11-213-100-610-00-04-025	MCGRAW HILL MATERIALS	\$1,000.00
	11-213-100-610-00-04-025	WILSON MATERIALS	\$1,000.00
	11-215-100-610-00-00-025	PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTION	\$200.00
	11-105-100-640-00-00	PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM	\$4,750.00
		TOTAL	\$20,450.00
FROM:	11-000-222-600-00-04-025	SOCIAL STUDIES MATERIALS	\$150.00
	11-190-100-610-01-01-010	NJPSA DUES	\$100.00
	11-190-100-610-01-01-010	MENTOR FEES	\$1,000.00
	11-000-266-610-00-01	PHONE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE	\$1,000.00
	11-190-100-610-01-04-025	PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTION	\$3,500.00
	11-190-100-610-01-01-010	SCIENCE MATERIALS	\$600.00
	11-190-100-610-01-01-010	PHYS ED INSTRUCTION	\$150.00
	11-190-100-610-01-04-025	MYSTERY WRITING	\$1,000.00
	11-190-100-610-01-04-025	HEALTHSMART MATERIALS	\$3,000.00
	11-190-100-610-27-01-010	HEALTH MATERIALS	\$3,000.00
	11-190-100-610-01-04-025	MCGRAW HILL MATERIALS	\$1,000.00
	11-190-100-610-01-04-025	WILSON MATERIALS	\$1,000.00
	11-190-100-610-01-04-025	PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTION	\$200.00
	11-190-100-640-00-04-025	PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM	\$4,750.00
		TOTAL	\$20,450.00

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

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

- A. Approve submission of the FY 26 "IDEA Consolidated" Application.
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| IDEA Basic | \$ 122,080 |
| IDEA Preschool | <u>6,277</u> |
| Total | \$ 128,357 |
- B. Approve a Consortium Agreement with Longport City Board of Education for the 2026 IDEA Basic and Preschool Grants.
- C. Approve the 2025-2026 Budget Timetable.
- D. Approve the first reading of the abolishment of the following policy as they are no longer applicable to our district:
- 1648.15 Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings-Covid 19
 - 0143 Board Member Election and Appointment
- E. Approve the first reading of the following new policy:
- Policy 5339.01 Student Sun Protection
- F. Approve the first reading of the following policy and regulation revisions:
- Policy 0173 Duties of Public School Accountant
 - Policy 0174 Legal Services
 - Policy 0177 Professional Services
 - Policy 1570 Internal Controls
 - Policy 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts
 - Policy 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative(SEMI) Program
 - Policy 6220 Budget Preparation
 - Policy 2422 Statutory Curricular Requirements
 - Regulation 1570 Internal Controls
 - Regulation 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative(SEMI) Program
 - Regulation 6220 Budget Preparation
- G. Approve a change order in the amount of \$7,925.31, with Falasca Mechanical, to install a sound wall between the conference room and security room; outside of the original scope of the Ross Third Floor HVAC project.
- H. Approve a change order in the amount of \$5,500.06, with Falasca Mechanical, to install a sound wall between the front office and reception areas; outside of the original scope of the Ross Third Floor HVAC project.

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

Other Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Brog seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the following Other Matters:

- A. Approve the additional non-resident tuition contract for the following student for the 2025-2026 school year: Ross School - 1 student.
- B. Approve the hiring of Edith Hoerner as a long term leave replacement for the Margate School District effective August 27, 2025 with an anticipated end date of November 26, 2025 at a salary of \$65,500.00 prorated pending completion of paperwork.
- C. Approve Chrissy Campbell to review curriculum at a rate of \$56.00 per hour for up to 15 hours.
- D. Approve virtual mClass training through Amplify. Staff: Samantha Dulude, Bonnie Marino, Nicole Schwegman, Tina Baronowitz and Lisa Drexler. Cost: \$750.00.
- E. Approve BethAnn Hall and Chelsi Crompton for up to four hours to participate in PAC Lightboard training at a cost of \$50 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

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 6:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melina Skwarek
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator