

MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AGENDA

October 8, 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 9/4/2025

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	9
Kindergarten	26
Grade 1	37
Grade 2	32
Grade 3	39
Grade 4	<u>34</u>
Sub-total	177

Tighe School

Grade 5	39
Grade 6	36
Grade 7	35
Grade 8	47
Sub-total	<u>157</u>
*Total Enrollment	334

Enrollment as of 9/26/2025

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	9
Kindergarten	26
Grade 1	37
Grade 2	32
Grade 3	39
Grade 4	<u>34</u>
Sub-total	177

Tighe School

Grade 5	38
Grade 6	35
Grade 7	35
Grade 8	47
Sub-total	<u>155</u>
*Total Enrollment	332

***Above enrollment includes Longport and Tuition enrollment below**

Longport Enrollment:

William H. Ross	11
Eugene A. Tighe	<u>16</u>
Total	27

Tuition Students:

William H. Ross	10
Eugene A. Tighe	<u>1</u>
Total	11

ACHS (Margate)	28
OCHS (Choice)	63
MRHS (Choice)	12

B. Instructional Support

1. Update on Principal/Director activities.
2. Review activity calendars.
3. Review fire drill and security drill report and bus drill.
4. Review and share Policy 5512-Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Report on results from NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessment) 2025, DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps) 2025 and ACCESS (English Language Assessment) 2025.
6. Report the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) submission and certification for the time period January 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025.
7. Report Ryan Gaskill and Chief Matt Hankinson met to review the 2025 Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.
8. Share the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act has been completed for both Ross and Tighe schools (Attached).

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 lateral advancement of Kelly Crawford from Step 12 MA (\$99,700.00) to Step 12 MA + 30 (\$102,700.00).
2. Approve a medical leave for employee 99294217 starting on September 8, 2025 and returning on September 16, 2025.
3. Approve a medical leave for employee 1168757 beginning on February 17, 2026 with an anticipated return date of June 8, 2026.
4. Approve the hiring of Maria Argenzio as a Lucky Kids Employee at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, pending completion of paperwork.
5. Approve a revised medical leave for employee 10903607 starting on August 27, 2025 with a new anticipated return date of October 27, 2025.
6. Approve a medical leave for employee 78551835 beginning January 22, 2026 with an anticipated return date of June 1, 2026.
7. Approve Erin Gorman (7:45 am - 8:05 am) for Morning Schoolyard Supervision to receive a \$3,000.00 stipend and Janice Saul (7:45 am - 8:00 am) for Morning Schoolyard Supervision at \$19.87 per hour.
8. Approve the hiring of Danielle Johnson, Steven Cohen and Huzaifa Zikria as substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$125.00 per day, pending completion of paperwork.
9. Approve the advertisement for a new educational assistant for the Margate School District. The position will be effective January 5, 2026, the salary will be based on the MEA contract.

B. Instructional Support/Activities

1. Approve the Social Media Awareness Presentation from the Prosecutor's Office in October for grades 5-8.
2. Approve the Flapjack Fundraiser for Tighe School Musical Fundraiser at Applebees, Somers Point in November.

3. Approve Mayor Mike Collins to speak to the Ross School's 4th Grade class about his role in Margate City local government in the 2025-2026 school year. Staff: Stephanie Curry, Amy Collins and Erin McGuigan.
4. Approve the Field Hockey Banquet in the Tighe School Cafeteria in October. Staff: Kristie Cafiero and Michelle Cossaboon.

C. Field Trips

1. Approve the following Preschool Community activities and events for the 2025-2026 school year. Staff: Chrissy Campbell, Special Education teacher, Carol Reilert, other staff TBD.
Transportation: District School Bus.
 - Pumpkin painting at True Value
 - Margate Fire Visit
 - Cookie decorating at Cafe 7311
 - Gingerbread decorating (with special guests of preschools coming in to help)
 - Winter activity at True Value
 - Spring Activity at True Value
 - Tighe Spring Play
 - Police Station
 - Pizza making at Bocca
 - Margate Beach
 - Visit to City Hall
 - Story time at the Margate Library
 - Trip to Margate Playgrounds
2. Approve Lindsey Evans and Kaitlin Roselli to take the 4th Grade Choir to the Lite Rock 96.9 radio station in Northfield in December. Transportation: District Bus. Cost: Substitute Bus Driver.
3. Approve Tighe School Singsations to sing at the Senior Holiday Party at Bloom's Pavilion in December. Transportation: District Bus.
4. Approve the Student Council trip to Morey's Pier in Wildwood, NJ in June. Staff: Tracy Magel, Todd Anderson and 2 more staff members. Cost: \$1,698.75 Morey's Pier, \$200.00 Substitute Bus Driver for up to 8 hours at \$25.00 per hour. Total Cost: \$1,898.75.
5. Approve transportation using two Friendly Tours buses for the Singsations trip to Dorney Park in June. Cost: \$4,200.00.

D. Facilities/PAC

1. Approve the Ross School Third Floor flooring project through Mazza Flooring in the amount of \$77,229.69 (NJSTART State Contract #23-FOOD-47763).

E. Workshops

1. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the NJASBO DOE Presentation workshop on October 9, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost: \$145.00 registration fee and travel.
2. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the NJASBO Payroll and the BA workshop on November 18, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost: \$145.00 registration fee and travel.
3. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the NJASBO Budget Academy workshop on November 19, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost: \$50.00 registration fee and travel.
4. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the NJASBO NJ School Boards workshop on December 16, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost: \$145.00 registration fee and travel.
5. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the NJASBO Audit Review workshop on April 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost: \$145.00 registration fee and travel.

6. Approve the attendance of Chrissy Campbell at the Social Emotional Development and Learning Within the Creative Curriculum for Preschool and Supporting Students With Disabilities With the Creative Curriculum workshops. Cost: \$250.00 each registration = \$500.00 plus substitute for 2 days = \$250.00. Total Cost: \$750.00 plus travel.
7. Approve the attendance of Barbara Farrell at A Teachers' Workshop: Relief Printmaking workshop at Stockton College in October.
8. Approve the attendance of Samantha Dulude at the Atlantic County Curriculum and Instruction Consortium Meetings for the 2025-2026 school year at ETTTC Center at Stockton University.
9. Approve the attendance of Ryan Gaskill and Melina Skwarek at the county school safety meeting in November.
10. Approve the attendance of Stephanie Patterson at the What Schools Need to Know About 504 Plans to Ensure Compliance workshop in November.
11. Approve the attendance of Dr. Jacque Jones at the Foundations of Trauma, Resilience, and Healing-Centered cultures workshop in October.

F. Contracts

1. Approve the appointment of Sanmathi Dev, of Capehart & Scatchard, P.A. as Labor Relations Board Solicitor commencing October 8, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at a fee of \$185.00 per hour plus expenses.

11. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

12. Report of the Board Secretary:

- a. Financial Reports – August 2025
- b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of August 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 - August 2025
- d. Cash Report - August 2025
- e. Bills and Payrolls - \$1,188,910.43
- f. Transfer of Funds within General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2025-2026

TO:	11-422-100-101-00-00-025	SUMMER SALARIES	\$1,500.00
	11-000-230-332-00-00	AUDIT FEES	\$500.00
	11-000-240-105-00-00-025	SCHOOL SECRETARY SAL	\$1,200.00

	11-000-240-103-00-00-010	PRINCIPAL OFFICE SAL	\$700.00
	11-000-240-103-00-00-010	PRINCIPAL OFFICE SAL	\$100.00
	11-000-240-103-00-00-025	PRINCIPAL OFFICE SAL	\$800.00
	11-105-100-101-00-00	PREK STAFF SAL	\$33,000.00
	11-105-100-106-00-00	PREK ED ASST SAL	\$16,000.00
	11-120-100-101-00-00-010	GRADES 1-5 SAL	\$43,000.00
	11-213-100-101-00-00-010	RESOURCE ROOM SAL	\$3,000.00
	11-230-100-101-00-00-025	BASIC SKILLS SAL	\$3,500.00
	11-240-100-101-00-00-025	BILINGUAL SAL	\$2,000.00
		TOTAL	\$105,300.00
FROM:	11-422-100-101-00-00-010	SUMMER SALARIES	\$1,500.00
	11-000-230-334-00-00	AUDIT FEES	\$500.00
	11-000-240-600-00-01-010	SCHOOL SECRETARY SAL	\$1,200.00
	11-000-240-800-00-04-025	PRINCIPAL OFFICE SAL	\$700.00
	11-000-240-500-40-01-010	PRINCIPAL OFFICE SAL	\$100.00
	11-000-230-590-00-00	PRINCIPAL OFFICE SAL	\$800.00
	11-215-100-101-00-00-025	PREK STAFF SAL	\$29,000.00
	11-215-100-106-00-00-025	PREK STAFF SAL	\$4,000.00
	11-215-100-106-00-00-025	PREK ED ASST SAL	\$16,000.00
	11-120-100-101-00-00-025	GRADES 1-5 SAL	\$43,000.00
	11-213-100-101-00-00-025	RESOURCE ROOM SAL	\$3,000.00
	11-213-100-101-00-00-025	BASIC SKILLS SAL	\$3,500.00
	11-213-100-101-00-00-025	BILINGUAL SAL	\$2,000.00
		TOTAL	\$105,300.00

13. New Business

- A. Approve District's Three Year Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) for the 2024/2025, 2025/2026, 2026/2027 school years.
- B. Approve the submission of the Bi-annual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff (SOA) to the County Office as required under state regulation N.J.A.C. 6A:32-4.
- C. Approve a resolution to decline Title III funds under the ESEA Consolidated grant for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$807.

D. Approve submission of the FY 26 "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) Consolidated Application.

Title I	\$ 47,968
Title II, Part A	9,812
Title IV, Part A	10,000
Total	\$ 67,780

E. Approve the transportation jointure between Mainland Regional High School (HOST) and Margate Board of Education (JOINER) for eleven students to Mainland Regional High School for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost not to exceed \$26,000.00.

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