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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on November 12, 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; Mrs. Amy Brog; Mrs. Wray-Norris; Mrs. Gomes-Chapman; 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. Bernadette Marino, Principal; Mr. Eric Goldstein, Solicitor

Leon Costello - Ford Scott Bond Proposal:

Mr. Leon Costello, Margate City Auditor, with Ford, Scott & Associates, shared an overview of the Debt Service process and implications as a Type I School District to fund Capital Improvement Projects. He reviewed the current outstanding debt the school holds on the City's budget and the breakdown of a potential new bond request of the next several years. He also addressed adding new debt and discussed the implications of an upcoming revaluation within the City of Margate and how the debt service would impact the taxpayers throughout this process. His recommendation to the Board was that now is the best time to request approval to submit the potential projects to the Board of School Estimates for approval.

Public Comment:

A member of the community commented on the 2025-2026 school calendar and scheduling the students the full week off for NJEA Teacher's Convention week in November. It was proposed to consider having the students in school Monday through Wednesday, and asking to move the voting locations outside of the school buildings.

Fire Drill and Security Drill Report:

Mr. Gaskill distributed the Fire, Security, and Bus Evacuation Drill Reports for Eugene A. Tighe School & William H. Ross School for the month of October 2025 attached as Exhibit # 1, pages 30,737-30,739.

Superintendent's Report & Principals' Updates:

Mr. Ryan Gaskill thanked Mr. Costello for presenting the proposed bond to the Board. He shared that the bond request would cover a roof/solar project for the Ross School and a new lighting system for the PAC at the Tighe School. Stakeholders have discussed the ability to fund these projects sooner, rather than later, with the lowest impact to the taxpayers.

He shared that the US News & World Reports for highest ranking schools has been released and both Ross and Tighe ranked top in Atlantic County. Tighe School ranked thirty-two of all middle schools in New Jersey.

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

General Board Discussion:

Mr. Sorensen commented that the bond projects are critical issues and so important to maintaining the quality of health of the school buildings. They must be well-maintained.

Personnel Matters:

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

1. Approve a revised medical leave for employee 10903607 starting on August 27, 2025 with a new anticipated return date of November 30, 2025.
2. Approve a medical leave for employee 99195299 with a retroactive start date of October 7, 2025 through December 23, 2025.

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. Wray-Norris, to approve the following Instructional Support Activities request:

1. Approve Stephanie Patterson to run the Babysitter's Club during lunch periods in the 2025-2026 school year. Cost: $8.00 per CPR Certification X 24 students= $192.00.
2. Approve Mr. Koch (6th Grade Student Parent) to speak to Tighe School's Crafty Kids Club about the Wrapped in Hugs Program in November.
3. Approve the creation and sale of a Discount Card to raise funds for the Ross PRIDE program for the 2025-2026 school 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

Field Trips:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Wray-Norris, to approve the following Field Trip requests:

1. Approve Lindsey Evans and the Ross Choir students to attend the annual Tree and Menorah lighting ceremony at the Longport Library in December. Transportation: Provided by their parents.
2. Approve the 8th grade class to visit Atlantic City High School in December. Transportation: District Bus.

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. Gomes-Chapman, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Facilities/PAC requests:

1. Approve Tracey Blake-Rossell and Blake's Gymnastics to use the Tighe gym and PAC for a gymnastics invitational on April 10-12, 2026. Rental Fees: $4,890.00.

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

Workshops:

Motion by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Workshop matters:

1. Approve the attendance of Jamie Bean at the NJAHPERD Annual Convention for 2 days in February. Cost: $400.00 registration fee + substitute for 2 days=$250.00. Total Cost: $650.00 plus travel.
2. Approve Nicolette Harden and Sherry Stolarski to take PRC-Saltillo's Language Stages and Objectives online course.

Workshops (Continued):

3. Approve the attendance of Samantha Dulude at the Literacy Law to Literacy Practice: Implementing New Jersey's Evidence-Based Literacy Mandates workshop in October.
4. Approve the attendance of Lisa Carey at the NJAHPERD Annual Convention for 2 days in February. Cost: $400.00 registration fee + substitute for 2 days=$250.00. Total Cost: $650.00 plus travel.
5. Approve the attendance of Veronica Valencia at the High-Impact Strategies for Effective Teaching workshop in December. Cost: Substitute = $125.00.
6. Approve the attendance of Stephanie Patterson at the What Schools Need to Know About 504 Plans to Ensure Compliance workshop in November.
7. Approve the attendance of Jamie Bean at the Restorative Discipline: Decrease the need for traditional discipline and increase instructional minutes workshop in January. Cost: $295.00 registration fee + substitute for 1 day @ $125.00. Total Cost: $420.00.
8. Approve the attendance of Kaitlin Roselli at the Cape May Atlantic County School Social Worker Meeting in December.

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 October 8, 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 September 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 30,740 - 30,763. 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 September 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 September 2025, attached as Exhibit # 3, pages 30,764 – 30,776.

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

Cash Report:

Motion by Mrs. Brog seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to accept the Cash Report for the month of September 2025, attached as Exhibit # 4, page 30,777.

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 30,778 - 30,805.

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:	11-000-240-800-00-04-025	ADMIN DUES	$420.00
	11-000-262-622-00-04	AC ELECTRIC	$225.00
	11-000-266-420-00-03	SLACK COMMUNICATIONS	$100.00
	11-000-266-610-00-04	SECURITY SUPPLIES	$200.00
	11-190-100-610-22-04-025	PREK GENERAL SUPPLIES	$2,910.70
	11-190-100-610-11-04-025	WHR VOCAL SUPPLIES	$100.00
	11-190-100-640-00-04-025	PREK CURRICULUM	$100.00
		TOTAL	$4,055.70
FROM:	11-000-240-500-40-04-025	ADMIN DUES	$400.00
	11-000-240-600-00-04-025	ADMIN DUES	$20.00
	11-000-262-610-00-03	AC ELECTRIC	$225.00
	11-000-266-420-00-01	SLACK COMMUNICATIONS	$100.00
	11-000-266-610-00-01	SECURITY SUPPLIES	$200.00
	11-105-100-610-00-00	PREK GENERAL SUPPLIES	$2,910.70
	11-190-100-610-01-04-025	WHR VOCAL SUPPLIES	$100.00
	11-105-100-640-00-00	PREK CURRICULUM	$100.00
		TOTAL	$4,055.70

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

Unfinished Business:

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

A. Approve Tighe School Code of Conduct for the 2025-2026 school 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

New Business:

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

A. Approve the submission of Revision 1 of the IDEA 2026 Grant application to include the following consortium allocations:

IDEA B	$ 8,265
Total IDEA B Allocation	$130,345
IDEA P	$ 2,159
Total IDEA P Allocation	$ 8,436

B. Approve registration and participation in the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System.
C. Approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2025-2026 school year.
D. Approve submission of a resolution to the Board of School Estimates in order to complete projects at Eugene A. Tighe Middle School and William H. Ross III Elementary School, from the District's Five-Year Facilities Plan for a total of $4,000,000.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the following Margate City School District Long-Range Facilities Projects:

- Repair and Recoat Roofing including removal, disposal, and replacement of solar panels at William H. Ross III Elementary School at the estimated cost of $3,400,000.
- Repair and replacement of the Performing Arts Center stage lighting, house lighting, and lighting control rack at the Eugene A. Tighe Middle School at the estimated cost of $600,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Margate City Board of Education respectfully requests the Margate City Board of School Estimates to authorize the sum of $4,000,000 plus any additional funding the City of Margate may require for Section 20 costs pursuant to New Jersey Local Bond Law, for the above listed Margate City School District Long-Range Facilities Projects.

New Business (Continued):
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 Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following New Business:

A. Approve Sherry Stolarski and Child Study Team Members to visit Atlantic County Special Services. Staff: Mark Winterbottom and Jacque Jones. Cost: Travel.
B. Approve the hiring of Edith Hoerner as an Educational Assistant effective 12/1/2025 on Step 1 of the Educational Assistant salary guide.
C. Approve Ryan Jones as the Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach, pending completion of paperwork.

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 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melina Skwarek
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator