

MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AGENDA

January 14, 2026

6:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of Notice
4. Roll Call
5. Presentation of the June 30, 2025 Audit by Mrs. Nancy Sbrolla, Ford, Scott & Associates.
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 comments 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 12/01/2025

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	10
Kindergarten	26
Grade 1	37
Grade 2	31
Grade 3	40
Grade 4	<u>34</u>
Sub-total	178

Tighe School

Grade 5	38
Grade 6	35
Grade 7	35
Grade 8	47
Sub-total	<u>155</u>
*Total Enrollment	333

Enrollment as of 1/06/2026

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	10
Kindergarten	27
Grade 1	37
Grade 2	31
Grade 3	41
Grade 4	<u>34</u>
Sub-total	180

Tighe School

Grade 5	38
Grade 6	34
Grade 7	33
Grade 8	47
Sub-total	<u>152</u>
*Total Enrollment	332

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

Longport Enrollment:

William H. Ross	11
Eugene A. Tighe	<u>14</u>
Total	25

Tuition Students:

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

ACHS (Margate)	28
OCHS (Choice)	60
MRHS (Choice)	12

B. Instructional Support

1. Update on Principal/Director activities
2. Review activity calendars.
3. Review fire drill and security drill report.
4. Share HIB Report to Board of Education Investigation T01-202526.

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 the retirement of employee 99294217 effective June 30, 2026.
2. Approve the retirement of employee 99763088 effective June 30, 2026.
3. Approve the retirement of employee 31352958 effective June 30, 2026.
4. Approve the hiring of Kendall DeMorat as a Substitute Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year pending completion of paperwork.

B. Instructional Support/Activities

1. Approve the following Tighe PRIDE Fundraisers, PRIDE Competitions and Spirit Days throughout the school year - at least one competition per marking period. Staff: Jacque Jones, Louis Sanchez, Mark Winterbottom.
 - Spirit Gear Sale (1st Place Spiritwear) - online store open year round; percentage of sales goes to Tighe Pride Account
 - Candy Grams, Candy, and Flower Sales during school play performances in January - profits to go to the Tighe Pride Account
 - Paint Party Fundraisers – step by step painting event with instruction by Debby Sterling from Sterling Stables; in January and March/April; event location – Martin Bloom Pavilion (no charge from Rec Dept for use of the Pavilion for these events); cost for people to participate in painting class is \$55 per person (includes cost of materials and lesson, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Tighe Pride Account)
 - Dodging Drugs Dodgeball Tournament – tournament to be held in March; Margate City Fire Dept and Margate City Police Department participate in various ways and contribute toward prizes; student team entry fees and spectator fees go to Tighe Pride Account
 - Annual Career Day based on Tighe PRIDE Theme in April
 - Soft Pretzel Sales after school during the school year – dates TBD; profits to go to Tighe Pride Account
2. Approve the Ross Kind Kids Club to sell crafts to raise money for the Child Life Program at CHOP. Staff: Erin McGuigan and Ross staff volunteers.
3. Approve the Ross Kind Kids Club to participate in a beach cleanup event in May. Staff: Erin McGuigan. Transportation: Students will walk to and from Granville Avenue beach.

C. Field Trips

1. Approve the Tighe Think Day Team to compete in the Think Day Competition at Mainland Regional High School in February. Staff: Tracy Magel, Sherry Scott. Cost: \$150.00 Registration Fee + \$70.00 Student Lunch Total Cost \$220.00 Transportation: Provided by parents.

2. Approve the MathCounts Team to compete in the MathCounts Competition at Kingsway Middle School in February. Cost: \$240.00 Registration. Transportation: District Bus, Substitute Driver at \$25.00/hr.
3. Approve the 2nd Grade Field Trip to Johnson's Corner Farm in May. Staff: Erin Gorman, Merri Saggio, Lillian Gaskill and 1 additional staff member. Cost: \$700.00 Entrance fee. Transportation: District Bus, Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00/hr.

D. Workshops

1. Approve the attendance of Dr. Jacque Jones and Mark Winterbottom at the workshop on Patterns of Strengths and Weaknesses in Practice: Moving from Cognitive Assessment to Classroom Impact in January. Cost: \$199.00 Registration Total Cost: \$398.00.
2. Approve the attendance of Ryan Gaskill and Melina Skwarek at the Strauss Esmay School Law & Policy Symposium in January. Cost: N/A
3. Approve the attendance of Ryan Gaskill at the Webinar, Learning Lessons and Saving Lives: Key Considerations to Enhance School Security in January.

E. Contracts

1. Approve a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)1, with Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc, for architectural and engineering services associated with the Tighe School Performing Arts Center (PAC) lighting system project, not to exceed \$30,750.00.
2. Approve a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)1, with Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc., for architectural and engineering services associated with the Ross School Roofing & Solar project, in the amount of \$78,684.00.
3. Approve a residential tuition contract, for one student, with Grove School Inc., from January 2026 through June 2026 in the amount of approximately \$86,100.00.

F. Students

1. Approve the findings of HIB Report to Board of Education Investigation R01-202526.
12. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
13. Report of the Board Secretary:
 - a. Financial Reports – November 2025
 - b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of November 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:23-16.10(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 - November 2025
 - d. Cash Report - November 2025

e. Bills and Payrolls - \$ 1,301,611.75

f. Transfer of Funds within General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2025-2026

TO:	12-000-266-730-00-00-010	SECURITY INFRASCTRUCTRE	\$3,000.00
	11-000-262-420-00-01	CONTRACTED MAINTENANCE	\$8,000.00
	11-190-100-610-11-04-025	VOCAL SHEET MUSIC	\$150.00
			\$11,150.00
FROM:	12-000-266-730-00-00-025	SECURITY INFRASCTRUCTRE	\$3,000.00
	11-000-262-420-00-04	CONTRACTED MAINTENANCE	\$8,000.00
	11-190-100-610-01-04-025	VOCAL SHEET MUSIC	\$150.00
		TOTAL	\$11,150.00

14. New Business

A. Approve the second and final the following policies and regulations to be revised and added:

- Revisions
 - Policy 2530-Resource Materials
 - Policy 9130-Public Complaints
 - Regulation 2530-Resource Materials
 - Regulation 9130-Public Complaints
- Additions
 - Policy 2535 Library Materials
 - Regulation 2535 Library Materials

B. Approve to review and accept the 2024-2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) – Synopsis of Audit Recommendation prepared by Ford, Scott & Associates, LLC. The approval supports an unmodified opinion by the auditor and no audit findings or recommendations.

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