

MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AGENDA

March 17, 2026

6:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of Notice
4. Roll Call
5. Presentation of The United States Flag and Certificate by the Cooper Family
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 02/04/2026

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	10
Kindergarten	27
Grade 1	35
Grade 2	31
Grade 3	42
Grade 4	<u>34</u>
Sub-total	179

Tighe School

Grade 5	38
Grade 6	34
Grade 7	34
Grade 8	47
Sub-total	<u>153</u>
*Total Enrollment	332

Enrollment as of 3/6/2026

Ross School

Pre K (1/2 day)	11
Kindergarten	27
Grade 1	35
Grade 2	31
Grade 3	42
Grade 4	<u>34</u>
Sub-total	180

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*Total Enrollment	333

***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	8
Eugene A. Tighe	<u>1</u>
	9

ACHS (Margate)	30
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. Budget presentation for 2026-2027FY.

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 hiring of Elizabeth LaRocca as a Substitute Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year pending completion of paperwork.
2. Approve Pete Davis to complete coursework to obtain a FAA Part 107 Commercial Drone Pilot license. This license will allow Mr. Davis to incorporate drones as part of his lessons in technology instruction while meeting insurance requirements. Cost: \$149.00 for online Drone Pilot License course through Pilot Institute.
3. Approve the hiring of Janice Chrone for a long-term maternity leave replacement from approximately March 23, 2026 through the end of the 2025/2026 school year at a prorated salary of \$65,500.00 (Step 1/MEA Contract) pending completion of paperwork.
4. Approve the hiring of Nastassis Shypionak as a Substitute Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year pending completion of paperwork.
5. Approve Danielle Ujcich for enrollment and reimbursement upon successful completion of the graduate level course, EDUO 9991 Key to Motivation and Learning. Cost: \$636.00.
6. Approve Edith Hoerner to replace Jaime Collins as the Ross Homework Club Advisor. Tuesdays and or Thursdays for 45 minutes per day for the 2025-2026 school year. Staff: Chrissy Campbell, Lora Blanco, Emily Rubino, Erin Gorman as Substitutes. Cost: MEA contractual hourly rate.
7. Approve a medical leave for employee #99524902 beginning on April 13, 2026 through April 24, 2026.

B. Instructional Support/Activities

1. Approve Family STEM Night at Tighe School in March. Staff: Chelsi Crompton.
2. Approve the Tighe School Academic Team to compete in WHIZ QUIZ at Holy Spirit High School in April. Staff: Tracy Magel & Sherry Scott. Cost: \$160. Registration, 2 Substitutes at \$125.00 per day. Transportation: District Bus.

C. Field Trips

1. Approve the Kindergarten Field Trip to Lucy The Elephant Park on Jerome Avenue in June. Staff: Christa Toner, Jaime Collins, Amy Hughes, Eileen Duffy, and 2 additional staff members. Transportation: Students and staff will walk to and from the park.

D. Facilities/PAC

1. Approve the updated Rental Agreements for the Dominick A. Potena Performing Arts Center.

E. Workshops

1. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek, Leigh Turner, and Colleen Culmone at the Criminal History and School Bus Safety Training Program workshop in May, at Stockton University. Cost: Travel.

F. Contracts

1. Approve a resolution for participation in a Joint Transportation Agreement with Atlantic County Special Services School District to provide the services to coordinate transportation for special education, private, vocational-technical, and other school students to specific destinations in order to attempt to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness, for the 2026-2027 school year. In accordance with the Addendum to the CTSA agreement, Margate will be billed for each nurse or aide accompanying a student on the bus at a rate of \$70/day per nurse and \$35/hour per one-to-one aide.
2. Approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic City Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year for 2 students to attend the Margate Schools at a cost of \$60,284.

12. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: February 11, 2026 Regular Session, February 25, 2026 Work Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes

13. Report of the Board Secretary:

- a. Financial Reports – January 2026
- b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of January 31, 2026 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 - January 2026
- d. Cash Report - January 2026
- e. Bills and Payrolls - \$1,244,610.43
- f. Transfer of Funds within General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2025-2026

TO:	11-000-223-500-00-00	STAFF TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$500.00
	11-000-261-100-00-03	FACILITIES SALARIES	\$1,100.00
	11-000-261-420-00-01	RICH FIRE SERVICES	\$10,000.00
	11-000-262-100-18-01	CUSTODIAL OT	\$5,000.00
	11-000-262-420-00-01	OUTSIDE CUSTODIAL	\$16,000.00

	11-000-262-420-00-04	OUTSIDE CUSTODIAL	\$7,000.00
	11-215-100-106-00-00-025	PREK EDUCATIONAL ASST	\$5,300.00
	11-213-100-101-00-00-025	WHR RESOURCE SALARIES	\$68,500.00
	20-270-200-320-00-00-010	PILOT INSTITUTE	\$149.00
		TOTAL	\$113,549.00
FROM:	11-000-223-320-00-00-010	STAFF TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$500.00
	11-000-261-100-00-01	FACILITIES SALARIES	\$1,100.00
	11-000-261-420-00-04	RICH FIRE SERVICES	\$10,000.00
	11-000-262-100-00-04	CUSTODIAL OT	\$5,000.00
	11-000-262-100-00-04	OUTSIDE CUSTODIAL	\$16,000.00
	11-000-262-420-00-03	OUTSIDE CUSTODIAL	\$7,000.00
	11-219-100-320-00-00-025	PREK EDUCATIONAL ASST	\$5,300.00
	11-000-261-100-00-04	WHR RESOURCE SALARIES	\$16,000.00
	11-000-261-420-00-01	WHR RESOURCE SALARIES	\$10,000.00
	11-000-261-420-00-04	WHR RESOURCE SALARIES	\$1,000.00
	11-000-261-421-00-00	WHR RESOURCE SALARIES	\$8,000.00
	11-213-100-101-00-00-010	WHR RESOURCE SALARIES	\$2,000.00
	11-213-100-106-00-00-010	WHR RESOURCE SALARIES	\$19,000.00
	11-213-100-106-00-00-025	WHR RESOURCE SALARIES	\$12,500.00
	20-270-200-320-00-00-025	PILOT INSTITUTE	\$149.00
		TOTAL	\$113,549.00

14. New Business

- A. Approve to purchase and implement core instructional materials and supplemental resources for Science to facilitate the delivery of instruction addressing the 2020 NJ Student Learning Standards for Science.
 - Grades 5-8: Purchase multi-year (6 years) Science Curriculum, HMH Science Dimensions - Print & Digital. Cost: \$29,424.16.
- B. Approve to purchase and implement core instructional materials and supplemental resources for Science to facilitate the delivery of instruction addressing the 2020 NJ Student Learning Standards for Science.
 - Grades 2-4: Purchase multi-year (6 years) Science Curriculum, Savvas Learning - Print & Digital. Cost: \$29,893.73.

- C. Approve the application submissions to Atlantic City Electric for the ACE Energy Efficiency Commercial & Industrial Program, in coordination with Bright Idea LED, for Prescriptive Lighting Rebates on LED lighting fixtures for Ross and Tighe Schools.
- D. Approve the Ross School Roof Project through Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$2,224,886.13 (ESCNJ Cooperative Purchasing - 65MCESCCPS ESCNJ 23/24-30).
- E. Approve submission of the proposed 2026-2027 Margate City School District Budget to the Atlantic County Executive Superintendent for review.
- F. Approve a resolution fixing the sum to be raised by Local Tax Levy for the 2026-2027 School District budget.
- G. Approve a resolution to set maximum travel expenditure limits as required by Section 15, Chapter 53, P. L. 2007.
- H. Approve a resolution to set maximum dollar limits for professional services for the 2026-2027 school year as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A 5.2.
- I. Approve a cap adjustment for increase in health care costs for the 2026-2027 budget year in the amount of \$348,017.
- J. Approve a tuition contract with Longport Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$573,741 plus a tuition adjustment for the 2024-2025 school year of (\$127,951) for a total cost of \$445,790 calculated as follows:

Grade Level	Student #	Tuition Rate	Budgeted Revenue
Preschool Disabled	0	\$ 77,254	\$ 0
Kindergarten/PreK	1	\$ 27,427	\$ 27,427
Grades 1-5	8	\$ 27,643	\$ 221,144
Grades 6-8	<u>10</u>	\$ 32,517	<u>\$ 325,170</u>
Total	19		\$ 573,741
Plus/Minus Tuition Adjustment			<u>\$ (127,951)</u>
Budgeted Total			\$ 445,790

- K. Approve a tuition contract with Atlantic City Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$885,312 for regular education students and \$222,265 for special education students less a tuition adjustment for the 2024-2025 school year of \$6,684 for a total cost of \$1,114,261 calculated as follows:

Grade Level	Student #	Tuition Rate	Budgeted Expense
Grades 9-12	29	\$ 30,528	\$ 885,312
Resource	<u>5</u>	\$ 44,453	<u>\$ 222,265</u>
Total	34		\$ 1,107,577
Plus/Minus Tuition Adjustment			<u>\$ 6,684</u>
Budgeted Total			\$ 1,114,261

- L. Approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic County Vocational School Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year for 10 students to attend the Academy Program at a cost of \$3,400 per student and 1 special education student at a cost of \$7,500 per student plus a tuition adjustment from the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of (\$9,679), for a total cost of \$31,821.
- M. Approve resolution to appoint Siracusa Kaufmann Insurance Agency as the Risk Management Consultant for the 2026-2027 school year with compensation for services rendered equal to 4% of the district's annual assessment.
- N. Approve the opening of the application to non-resident tuition students in grades K-5 for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$6,000.00 per school year.

- O. Approve the first reading of the following policy revision:
 - Policy 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
- P. Approve the updated 2025-2026 District Calendar.

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