

**MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

**May 13, 2026**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Following the Reorganization Meeting Scheduled at 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of Notice
4. Roll Call
5. Special Recognition - Honor Retiree Sherry Scott
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 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.

7. Report of Superintendent of Schools:

A. Enrollment:

**Enrollment as of 3/25/2026**

**Ross School**

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Pre K (1/2 day)  | 11         |
| Kindergarten     | 27         |
| Grade 1          | 34         |
| Grade 2          | 31         |
| Grade 3          | 41         |
| Grade 4          | <u>34</u>  |
| <b>Sub-total</b> | <b>178</b> |

**Tighe School**

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Grade 5                  | 38                |
| Grade 6                  | 34                |
| Grade 7                  | 34                |
| Grade 8                  | 47                |
| <b>Sub-total</b>         | <b><u>153</u></b> |
| <b>*Total Enrollment</b> | <b>331</b>        |

**Enrollment as of 5/6/2026**

**Ross School**

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Pre K (1/2 day)  | 11         |
| Kindergarten     | 27         |
| Grade 1          | 34         |
| Grade 2          | 31         |
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| <b>*Total Enrollment</b> | <b>332</b>        |

**\*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) | 29 |
| OCHS (Choice)  | 60 |
| MRHS (Choice)  | 12 |

B. Instructional Support

1. Update on Principal/Director activities
2. Review activity calendars.
3. Review fire drill, bus drill and security drill report.
4. Review the Margate City School District HIB Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act and share that they have been certified and posted on the district's website for the 2024-2025 school year.

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. Request to approve the 2026 English Language Learners (ELL) Summer School program. The program will run for 16 days (Monday through Thursday) from July 6, 2026 - July 30, 2026. Staff: Tracy Magel. Cost: Not to exceed 48 hours at the MEA contractual rate = \$2,688.00.
2. Approve a medical leave for employee #25100843 beginning on June 22, 2026, with an anticipated return date of July 13, 2026.
3. Approve a medical leave for employee #99524902 effective April 13, 2026, with a revised return date of May 4, 2026.
4. Approve granting five additional sick days to employee #99524902 for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Approve Nicholas Dunn as a substitute custodian at the per diem work rate of \$18.00 per hour, pending completion of paperwork.
6. Approve Popi Kounis to be the substitute secretary for the Tighe School Main Office effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2027, as needed.
7. Approve the hiring of Randy Lynn Gotlieb and Kathleen Stroyek-Gurman as Substitute Teachers, pending completion of paperwork.
8. Approve the hiring of Savannah Costa as a Substitute Nurse for the Margate City School District, pending completion of paperwork.
9. Approve the list of rehires and staff salaries of 10-month and 12-month staff for the 2026-2027 school year.

### **B. Instructional Support/Activities**

1. Approve Ryan Gaskill and Samantha Dulude to attend the Atlantic County Academic Luncheon with two Tighe School Students in May. The District will also be transporting select Ventnor School District Staff and Students to this event. Cost: 4 attendees @ \$29.00 each= \$116.00. Transportation: District School Bus.
2. Approve the NJHS to host Our Children Making Change Opening Ceremony in June. Staff: Natasa Coughlin and Jamie Bean.

### **C. Field Trips**

1. Approve Rizzo's Reptile's Wildlife Program to visit 1st Grade in May. Staff: Theresa Brennan and Nicole Schwegman. Cost: Wildlife Program = \$875.00. Pizza and snacks = \$128.00. Total Cost: \$1,003.00.

**D. Workshops**

1. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek and Colleen Culmone at the 2026 Consultative Transportation Meeting for Atlantic County Public, Charter, and Nonpublic Schools, on May 28, 2026. Cost: N/A.
2. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek and Colleen Culmone at the Strauss Esmay Educational Policy & School Law Seminar, on May 29, 2026. Cost: N/A.

**E. Students**

1. Approve to confirm and uphold the findings of HIB Investigation R02-202526.

**F. Contracts**

1. Approve a professional services contract with Therascend Services to provide Special Education Related Services for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
2. Approve a professional services contract with Educational Consultants of NJ, LLC to provide Special Education Related Services including independent bilingual and monolingual evaluations as needed for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
3. Approve a professional services contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc, to provide Student Nursing Services for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
4. Approve a professional services contract with Kimberly A. Vona, to provide Special Education Related Services for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
5. Approve a professional services contract with IPTA - Practically Perfect Physical Therapy Consulting, LLC, to provide Special Education Related Services for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
6. Approve the proposal for non-certified staffing services through Delta-T Group, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as needed, (Educational Services Commission of New Jersey - ESCNJ #20/21-30) at the following rates:

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Custodian             | \$30.00/hour |
| Black Seal Custodian  | \$35.00/hour |
| Educational Assistant | \$30.00/hour |
7. Approve a professional services contract with The Stepping Stones Group, to provide Special Education Related Services for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
8. Approve a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Contract pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3 (c) (11) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)1, with Coskey Electronic Systems, for lighting design and engineering services associated with the Tighe School Performing Arts Center (PAC) lighting system project, at a cost of \$18,600.00.

12. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

13. Report of the Board Secretary:

- a. Financial Reports – March 2026
- b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of March 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 - March 2026
- d. Cash Report - March 2026
- e. Bills and Payrolls - \$1,375,301.53
- f. Transfer of Funds within General Current Expense Account

#### Ratified Budget Transfers for 2025-2026

|       |                          |                       |             |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| TO:   | 20-280-100-600-00-00-010 | TITLE IV SUPPLIES     | \$3.68      |
|       | 11-000-223-500-00-00     | ROSS POSTER PRINTER   | \$150.00    |
|       | 11-000-240-600-00-01-010 | SCHOOL ADMIN SUPPLIES | \$2,000.00  |
|       | 12-120-100-730-00-00     | NETWORK HARDWARE      | \$4,800.00  |
|       | 12-130-100-730-00-00     | NETWORK HARDWARE      | \$2,600.00  |
|       | 30-000-400-450-54-01     | EAT BOND - FLOORING   | \$6,061.76  |
|       |                          |                       |             |
|       |                          | TOTAL                 | \$15,615.44 |
|       |                          |                       |             |
| FROM: | 20-280-100-600-00-00-025 | TITLE IV SUPPLIES     | \$3.68      |
|       | 11-000-223-320-00-00-010 | ROSS POSTER PRINTER   | \$150.00    |
|       | 11-000-240-105-00-00-010 | SCHOOL ADMIN SUPPLIES | \$2,000.00  |
|       | 12-000-400-450-00-00-025 | NETWORK HARDWARE      | \$4,800.00  |
|       | 12-000-400-450-00-00-025 | NETWORK HARDWARE      | \$2,600.00  |
|       | 30-000-400-450-54-04     | EAT BOND - FLOORING   | \$6,061.76  |
|       |                          |                       |             |
|       |                          | TOTAL                 | \$15,615.44 |

#### 14. New Business

- A. Approve the designation of an off-site emergency parent-student reunification location in coordination with Atlantic County and an authorized host facility. The specific location and related operational details shall be maintained as confidential and excluded from public disclosure pursuant to the security exemptions under the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.
- B. WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-14.3 and 6A:23A-14.4 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts and  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Margate City Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district to establish a Tuition Reserve Account consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

- C. Approve the use of the Margate School District 54-passenger vehicle by the Margate Recreation Department during the Summer 2026 for the activities listed below. The vehicle will be operated by Margate Recreation CDL certified employees John Zaccardi, Donald Mattessich and Joe Cacia.
  - a. Thursday, July 9, 2026 Tilton Square Theater
  - b. Friday, July 10, 2026 Granville Ave. Beach
  - c. Tuesday, July 14, 2026 Kingpin Bowling
  - d. Friday, July 17, 2026 Granville Ave. Beach
  - e. Thursday, July 23, 2026 CMC Zoo
  - f. Friday, July 24, 2026 Granville Ave. Beach
  - g. Monday, July 27, 2026 OC Waterpark
  - h. Tuesday, July 28, 2026 OC Music Pier
  - i. Friday, July 31, 2026 Granville Ave. Beach
- D. Approve the partnership and donation of time and material from the Margate City Public Library, who will provide assistance and materials for the libraries in the Margate School District.
- E. Approve the first reading of the following policy revision:
  - a. Policy 8605 - Aid in Lieu of Transportation

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