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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on April 15, 2026 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 “*The Press*.”

Roll Call - Members Present: Mr. Joseph Pepe; Mrs. Amy Brog;  
Mrs. Shannon Wray-Norris; Mrs. Danielle  
Gomes-Chapman; Mr. Nicholas Palmisano;  
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

Public Comment:

A member of the community residing on Granville Avenue inquired about the construction timeline at the Ross School, as well as alternate parking for the construction contractors and dumpster placement. Updates to be provided as soon as possible for the roofing and solar projects.

Fire Drill and Security Drill Report:

Mr. Gaskill distributed the Fire and Security drill reports for Eugene A. Tighe School & William H. Ross School for the month of March 2026 attached as Exhibit # 1, **pages 31,139-31,140**.

Superintendent’s Report & Principals’ Updates:

Mr. Ryan Gaskill welcomed everyone back from Spring Break. He thanked Margate City Officials and the Public Works Department for their assistance over the break with the courtyard cleanup efforts. He shared a few updates on the ongoing construction projects. The cooling tower project is wrapping up and the Ross solar removal and roof resurfacing is underway. He shared an important item on the agenda this evening is the approval of the 2026-2027 school calendar.

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

Mrs. Cheryl Marciante shared information regarding the upcoming Spring Fling Fundraiser scheduled for May 1, 2026. She also commented on this year's successful fundraising events including the Ocean City wristband fundraiser, school play 50/50 raffle and the fundraising efforts in coordination with the 8th grade dance committee.

General Board Discussion:

Mrs. Wray-Norris shared a thorough recap on the past weekend's event hosted by Blake's Gymnastics. They held a Regional Gymnastics Competition at the Tighe School and in the Performing Arts Center. This event brought many families from the tri-state area and more into the Margate Schools and the Margate Community. The event was an incredible success and we are looking forward to hosting more events like this in the near future.

Personnel Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve the following Personnel matters:

1. Approve the registration and reimbursement of Melina Skwarek in the Emergency Management and Financial Operations Spring 2026 courses, through Rutgers University, as part of the NJDOE mandated School Transportation Supervisor Certification Program. Costs: \$965.00 registration fees.
2. Approve Chelsi Crompton for enrollment and reimbursement upon successful completion of the graduate level online course, EDUO 9991 Key to Motivation and Learning at Dominican University of California. Cost: \$636.00.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe  
Nays: None

Facilities/PAC:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve the following Facilities/PAC requests:

1. Approve the rental of the PAC by the Margate Players 2 for the following dates: June 25, 2026 through June 27, 2026. Cost: PAC Rental \$2,000.00.
2. Approve the rental of the PAC by Comic Cure, INC for the following dates: June 20, 2026, July 18, 2026, and August 22, 2026. Cost: PAC Rental and Staff \$5,827.50.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe  
Nays: None

Workshops:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve the following Workshop matters:

1. Approve and confirm the attendance of Melina Skwarek and Leigh Turner at the NJLM Ins and Outs of FMLA webinar workshop in April. Cost: \$190.00 Registration fees.
2. Approve and confirm the attendance of Colleen Culmone at the NJASBO Purchasing Review workshop in Mount Laurel in March. Cost: \$195.00 Registration fee.
3. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the NJASBO Annual Convention in June. Cost: \$500.00 Registration fee and travel.
4. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek and Leigh Turner at the NJSIA Conference in May. Cost: Travel and fees paid for by the JIF.
5. Approve and confirm the attendance of Matt Burton and Melina Skwarek at the NJSBGA Conference in March. Cost: Travel.
6. Approve the attendance of Colleen Culmone at the NJASBO Accounts Payable & the BA workshop in Mount Laurel in May. Cost: \$145.00 Registration fee.
7. Approve Veronica Valencia to attend Canva for Beginners and Advanced Canva Techniques in June. Cost: ETTC Credits & Substitute Teacher at \$125.00 per day.
8. Approve and confirm the attendance of Ryan Gaskill, Leigh Turner and Melina Skwarek at the Leadership Seminar in October. Cost: Travel.
9. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the Threat Assessment and Educational Plans Safety Workshop in June. Cost: Travel.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, the board unanimously agreed to accept the March 17, 2026, Regular Session Minutes.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Financial Reports:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to accept the Secretary's Financial Reports for the month of February 2026 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 31,141 - 31,164. The Secretary's Reports agree with the Report of Receipts and Disbursements.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Board of Education Certification:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, the Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of February 28, 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:23-2.11(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. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Report of Receipts and Disbursements:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to accept the Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of February 2026, attached as Exhibit # 3, pages 31,165 – 31,177.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Cash Report:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to accept the Cash Report for the month of February 2026, attached as Exhibit # 4, page 31,178.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Bills and Payrolls:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls, as listed on Exhibit # 5, pages 31,179 - 31,202.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe  
 Nays: None

Transfer of Funds:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-CHapman, to approve the following Transfer of Funds:

Transfer of Funds within the General Current Expense Account

**Ratified Budget Transfers for 2025-2026**

TO:	11-000219-320-00-00	OUTSIDE SOCIAL WORK	\$20,800.00
	11-216-320-00-00-025	OUTSIDE SPEECH SERVICES	\$2,500.00
	20-250-200-320-00-00-025	CST SERVICES	\$2,000.00
		TOTAL	\$25,300.00
FROM:	11-000-219-104-00-00-010	OUTSIDE SOCIAL WORK	\$5,000.00
	11-000-219-104-00-00-025	OUTSIDE SOCIAL WORK	\$5,800.00
	11-000-219-600-00-00-025	OUTSIDE SOCIAL WORK	\$10,000.00
	11-000-216-100-00-00-025	OUTSIDE SPEECH SERVICES	\$2,500.00
	20-250-200-320-00-00-010	CST SERVICES	\$2,000.00
		TOTAL	\$25,300.00

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe  
 Nays: None

New Business:

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

- A. Motion to approve the following resolution for the disposal of surplus property:  
 WHEREAS, the Margate City Board of Education is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

New Business (Continued):

WHEREAS, the Margate City Board of Education is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Margate City BOARD OF EDUCATION in the City of Margate, County of Atlantic, as follows:

(1)The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals in accordance with the terms and conditions of the cooperative purchasing contract 041316-GDI through Sourcewell. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Business Office of the Margate City Board of Education.

(2)The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.

(3)The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.

(4)A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

Lot A: Desktops, Chromebooks, Laptops, Monitors

Lot B: Projectors, Toner, Cables & Miscellaneous IT Hardware

Lot C: Avaya Phones

Lot D: Samsung Phones

Lot E: Metal Lighting Fixtures

(5)The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.

(6)The Margate City Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

- B. Approve and confirm the Margate School District’s membership in the New Jersey Center for Internet Security’s Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) cybersecurity organization, as part of the New Jersey statewide membership.
- C. Approve the calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.
- D. Approve the second reading and adoption of the following policy revision:
  - Policy 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Other Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve the following Other Matters:

- A. Approve transportation for Student #7351036420.
- B. Approve Tighe’s NJHS field trip to the EAGLES and Phillies Stadiums in April. Staff: Jamie Bean, Natasa Coughlin, Pete Davis and Lisa Drexler. Cost: 5 Substitute Teachers= \$625.00. Transportation: District School Bus, Substitute Bus Driver at \$25.00/hr.
- C. Approve the resignation of Employee #61844932 effective April 15, 2026.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Public Comment:

No members of the community commented.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mr. Palmisano, seconded by Mrs. Brog, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melina Skwarek  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator