

MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AGENDA
June 10, 2026
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of Notice
4. Roll Call
5. Special Recognition -
 - a. Presentation of 2026 MEA Scholarships
 - b. Retirees-Joanne Adams, Theresa Brennan, Christa Toner
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 5/6/2026

Ross School

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

Tighe School

Grade 5	38
Grade 6	35
Grade 7	34
Grade 8	47
Sub-total	<u>154</u>
*Total Enrollment	332

Enrollment as of 6/4/2026

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

Longport Enrollment:

William H. Ross	12
Eugene A. Tighe	<u>14</u>
Total	26

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, security drill & bus evacuation drill report.

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 Joe Cacia as a bus driver for July and August 2026, on an as needed basis, at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.
2. Request to approve payment for the Ross school nurse, Julie Bergman, to complete student health registration paperwork and 504 Plan review for all new Ross students during summer 2026, at the contractual rate of \$56.00 per hour, or approved MEA hourly rate.
3. Approve the registration of Melina Skwarek in the Transporting Students with Disabilities and Codes, Statutes, & Regulations Summer 2026 courses, through Rutgers University, as part of the NJDOE mandated School Transportation Supervisor Certification Program. Cost: \$1,223.00 registration fees.
4. Approve the following staff to drive district vehicles for the 2026-2027 school year: Joe Cacia, Lirone Turner, Matt Burton, Ryan Gaskill, Samantha Dulude, Michael Atkinson, Angel Molina, Ron Nellom, Wilson Pendleton, Frank Reale, Christopher Baatz, Omar Wright and Dom Cuce.
5. Approve returning employees to work on an as-needed basis in the Lucky Kids aftercare program at the Ross School for the 2026-27 school year. Staff: Jennifer Michener (Director) & Christina Campbell (Director(Substitute Only) at \$56.00 per hour. Rebecca Kanter, Popi Kounis, Barbara Myers, Monica Tabasso, Jodi Weber, Donna Vetron at \$20.00 per hour. Substitutes: Maria Argenzio, Erin Merenich & Angel Molina at \$20.00 per hour.
6. Approve Danielle Ujcich for enrollment and reimbursement upon successful completion of the graduate level course, EDUO 9583 Constructing Geometry Learning Centers at Dominican University of California. Cost: \$636.00.
7. Approve office coverage for the 2026-2027 school year for full or half days when the Ross School secretary is out. The coverage will be provided by Carol Reilert, Eileen Duffy, Janice Saul, or Holly Ferry. Cost: Contractual rate for educational assistants.
8. Approve the salaries for Administrative Support Staff for the 2026-2027 school year.
9. Approve the following staff members to work from June 23, 2026-August 29, 2026 as needed, at the contracted hourly rate per the MEA contract. Summer Child Study Team: Mark Winterbottom, Dr. Jacque Jones, Kaitlin Roselli, Stephanie Moran, to work as needed on evaluations, meetings, and case management. Also approve the General Education Teacher and Special Education Teacher to attend meetings as needed.

B. Instructional Support/Activities

1. Approve Barbara Farrell to run the Summer Mural Arts Program as an enterprise program at Eugene A. Tighe School. Cost: Program is funded through the participants.

C. Field Trips

1. Approve the 2nd grade students to walk to the Jerome Avenue ball field in June 2026 for special activities to celebrate the end of the school year. Staff: Meredith Mallen-Saggio, Erin Gorman and Lillian Zabinski.

2. Approve the 4th grade students to ride bikes to the Tighe School and other local locations with the assistance of the Margate City Fire Department and the Margate City Police Department in June. Staff: Bonnie Marino, Stephanie Curry, Erin McGuigan, Amy Collins and additional staff if needed.

D. Facilities/PAC

1. Approve Leslie's Dance Studio to rent the Dominick A. Potena Performing Arts Center on August 12, 13, and 14th. Staff: Ryan Gaskill & Debbie Roland. Costs: Affiliated PAC Rental \$1,050.00, Small Gym Rental \$900.00, Misc. Costs \$400.00, Staff Costs \$2,920.00. Total Cost: \$5,270.00.
2. Approve the Margate Public Library rental of the Dominick A. Potena Performing Arts Center for the Bay Atlantic Symphony Free Concert on July 2, 2026. Staff: Ryan Gaskill & Debbie Roland. Costs: Affiliated PAC Rental waived, Misc. Costs \$100.00, Staff Costs \$1,980.00. Total Cost: \$2,080.00.
3. Approve the Margate Public Library rental of the Dominick A. Potena Performing Arts Center for the Eddie Bruce Tony Bennet Tribute Concert on August 1, 2026. Staff: Ryan Gaskill & Debbie Roland. Costs: Affiliated PAC Rental \$450.00, Misc. Costs \$100.00, Staff Costs \$2,090.00. Total Cost: \$2,640.00

E. Students

1. Approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$299.99 to student # 6376186192 for the purchase of the communications app TouchChat HD with WordPower.

F. Contracts

1. Approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic County Special Services School District for student #3925391885, in the 2026-2027 Extended School Year Program. Total contract cost for the ESY Program: \$4,500 plus transportation.
2. Approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic County Special Services School District for student #6920986267, in the 2026-2027 Extended School Year Program. Total contract cost for the ESY Program: \$4,500 plus transportation.
3. Approve a residential tuition contract, for student #5307866556, with The Grove School for the Summer 2026 program in the amount of approximately \$29,300.00.
4. Approve the appointment of Capehart, Scatchard, PA as Labor and Employment Legal Services Solicitor for one year commencing July 1, 2026, at a fee of \$190.00 per hour, plus expenses.
5. Approve a professional services contract with Interactive Kids Educational Services, LLC to provide Special Education Related Services for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
6. Approve a professional services contract with Tri-State Light and Energy for electrical services, as needed, not to exceed \$25,000.00 for one year commencing July 1, 2026 (Educational Services Commission Cooperative pricing system #65MCESCCPS BID #ESCNJ 23/24-27).
7. Approve the services contract with ACCSES NJ for afternoon/evening janitorial services for the Eugene A. Tighe School and William H. Ross School from September 2, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$63,459.86 (NJSTART State Contract T-1480/77110).

12. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2025 Reorganization Meeting, Regular Session, and Executive Session Meeting Minutes

13. Report of the Board Secretary:

- a. Financial Reports – April 2026

- b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of April 30, 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 - April 2026
- d. Cash Report - April 2026
- e. Bills and Payrolls - \$1,260,087.03
- f. Transfer of Funds within General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2025-2026

TO:	11-000-261-420-00-01	EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$30,000.00
	11-000-261-420-00-01	EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$20,000.00
	11-402-100-500-00-00-010	ATHLETIC REFEREES	\$277.39
	11-402-100-500-00-00-010	ATHLETIC REFEREES	\$30.00
	11-000-216-100-00-00-025	OUTSIDE STUDENT SERVICES	\$7,950.00
	11-000-216-320-00-00-025	OUTSIDE STUDENT SERVICES	\$7,950.00
	11-000-240-600-00-01-010	GRADUATION SUPPLIES	\$100.00
	11-000-240-600-00-01-010	GRADUATION SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00
	11-000-266-610-00-04	BUILDING KEYS	\$500.00
	11-000-261-610-00-01	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	\$350.00
	11-000-262-622-00-04	ELECTRIC INVOICES	\$250.00
	11-000-216-320-00-00-025	OUTSIDE STUDENT SERVICES	\$13,500.00
		TOTAL	\$81,907.39
FROM:	11-000-261-610-00-01	EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$30,000.00
	11-000-261-610-00-04	EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$20,000.00
	11-402-100-600-00-00-010	ATHLETIC REFEREES	\$277.39
	11-402-100-800-00-00-010	ATHLETIC REFEREES	\$30.00
	11-000-216-600-00-00-025	OUTSIDE STUDENT SERVICES	\$3,900.00

	11-000-217-320-00-00-025	OUTSIDE STUDENT SERVICES	\$4,050.00
	11-000-216-100-00-00-025	OUTSIDE STUDENT SERVICES	\$7,950.00
	11-000-240-600-00-04-025	GRADUATION SUPPLIES	\$100.00
	11-000-240-103-00-00-025	GRADUATION SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00
	11-000-266-610-00-01	BUILDING KEYS	\$500.00
	11-000-261-610-00-04	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	\$350.00
	11-000-262-626-00-00	ELECTRIC INVOICES	\$250.00
	11-000-217-320-00-00-010	OUTSIDE STUDENT SERVICES	\$13,500.00
		TOTAL	\$81,907.39

14. Unfinished Business

- A. Approve the second reading and adoption of the following policy revision:
 - a. Policy 8605 - Aid in Lieu of Transportation

15. New Business

- A. Approve the submission of the School Food Authority to School Food Authority Contract for lunches with the Ventnor City School District. The price per meal will be \$4.00 per student lunch meal, \$2.50 per student breakfast meal, and \$5.00 per adult meal, for the 2026-2027 school year. The estimated total cost of the contract is \$40,000.
- 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 during the month of June by board resolution, and
 WHEREAS, the Margate City Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Maintenance Reserve account at year end, and
 WHEREAS, the Margate City Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$500,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Margate City Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.
- C. 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 during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Margate City Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Tuition Reserve account at year end, and
WHEREAS, the Margate City Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$300,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Margate City Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

- D. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the ACCASBO JIF meetings for the 2026-2027 school year as approved by the JIF and their committees. Costs: Travel.
- E. Approve the Business Administrator's employment contract for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent.
- F. Approve the Lucky Kids rates for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:
Monthly rate = \$264 (2nd child - \$176; 3rd child \$88; 4th child free)
First child daily rate = \$15.00, 2nd child = \$10, 3rd child = \$5, 4th child = Free
First child half day rate = \$25, 2nd child = \$15, 3rd child = \$10, 4th child = Free
Emergency daily one time rate = \$25 Additional siblings emergency rate = \$15
Registration one time fee for each child = \$50.
Registration fee waived for all returning children registered prior to August 3, 2026.
- G. Approve the list of lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year.
- H. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the NJASBO monthly meetings as approved for the 2026-2027 school year. Costs: Travel.
- I. Approve the attendance of Matt Burton and Melina Skwarek at the monthly NJSBGA meetings as approved for the 2026-2027 school year. Costs: Travel.
- J. Approve the submission of the Annual Statement of Assurance for Testing and Reporting of Lead in School Drinking Water to the New Jersey Department of Education.
- K. Approve the authorization of the School Business Administrator, to cancel the outstanding checks on the General Account, whereas, it is determined that these checks are over 180 days old and unable to be cashed by the payee, and it is necessary to formally cancel said checks and credit the amount to operations/fund balance.
- L. Approve the authorization of the School Business Administrator, to cancel the outstanding checks on the Food Service Account, whereas, it is determined that these checks are over 180 days old and unable to be cashed by the payee, and it is necessary to formally cancel said checks and credit the amount to operations/fund balance.
- M. Approve the Atlantic County Joint Resolution for Health Care Cost Relief.

16. Other Matters

17. Public Comment

18. 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.

19. Open Session

20. Adjournment