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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on June 10, 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 14, 2026, 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.

<u>Roll Call</u> - Members Present:	Mr. Joseph Pepe; Mr. Jack Sorensen; Mrs. Amy Brog; Mrs. Shannon Wray-Norris; Mrs. Danielle Gomes-Chapman; Mr. Nicholas Palmisano; Mr. Steve Swift
Members Absent:	N/A
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

Special Recognition:

The presentation of the 2026 MEA Scholarships was shared by Ms. Kelly Crawford. There were many applications submitted and the MEA was able to present all applicants with a scholarship. The applicants who did not receive the awards were presented with a fifty dollar scholarship which was funded by an anonymous donor. The winners of the 2026 MEA \$1,000 scholarships were Cali Duff and Trey Goldstein. Congratulations to all applicants!

Mr. Gaskill honored the three retirees from Ross School this year. He thanked and congratulated, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Brennan, and Mrs. Toner. Best of luck in retirement.

Public Comment:

No members of the community commented.

Fire Drill and Security Drill Report:

Mr. Gaskill distributed the Fire, Security and bus drill reports for Eugene A. Tighe School & William H. Ross School for the month of May 2026 attached as Exhibit # 1, pages 31,303-31,305.

Superintendent's Report & Principals' Updates:

Mr. Ryan Gaskill commented on the countless end of school events planned over the next few weeks. He

Superintendent's Report & Principals' Updates (Continued):
also provided updates regarding the ongoing facilities projects.

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

General Board Discussion:

Mrs. Gomes-Chapman shared her experience at the Tighe School STEM Night including the many innovative activities and projects the students were participating in. She shared how impressive the evening was and that the creativity of the activities was wonderful to see.

Personnel Matters:

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

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.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Instructional Support/Activities:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the following Instructional requests:

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.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Field Trips:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the following Field Trip requests:

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.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Facilities/PAC:

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

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

Facilities/PAC (Continued):

- \$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

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Students:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Student requests:

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

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Contracts:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Contract requests:

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).

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, the board unanimously agreed to accept the May 13, 2026, Reorganization Meeting, Regular Session, and Executive Session Minutes.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Financial Reports:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to accept the Secretary's Financial Reports for the month of April 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 31,306 - 31,329. The Secretary's Reports agree with the Report of Receipts and Disbursements.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Board of Education Certification:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, the Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of April 30, 2026 after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial

Board of Education Certification (Continued):

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. Swift, Mr. Palmisano, Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, Mrs. Wray-Norris, Mrs. Brog, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Pepe

Nays: None

Report of Receipts and Disbursements:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to accept the Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of April 2026, attached as Exhibit # 3, pages 31,330 – 31,342.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Cash Report:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to accept the Cash Report for the month of April 2026, attached as Exhibit # 4, page 31,343.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Bills and Payrolls:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls, as listed on Exhibit # 5, pages 31,344 - 31,362.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, to approve the following Transfer of Funds:

Transfer of Funds within the 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

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the following Unfinished Business:

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

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

New Business:

Motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mrs. Gomes-Chapman, to approve the following 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

New Business (Continued):

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, attached as Exhibit # 6, page 31,363.
- 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, attached as Exhibit # 7, page 31,364.
- 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, attached as Exhibit # 8, page 31,365.
- M. Approve the Atlantic County Joint Resolution for Health Care Cost Relief.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

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

- A. Approve the Margate Public Library rental of the Dominick A. Potena Performing Arts Center for the Summer Movie Series on July 29, 2026, August 12, 2026, and August 19, 2026. Cost: Affiliated PAC Rental \$1,050.00, Miscellaneous Cost: \$100.00, Staff Costs \$2,145.00. Total Cost: \$3,295.00.
- B. Approve the Margate Public Library rental of the Dominick A. Potena Performing Arts Center for an author visit on August 20, 2026. Cost: Affiliated PAC Rental \$350.00, Staff Costs \$440.00. Total Cost: \$790.00.
- C. Approve the Toning Up with T rental of the Ross Gym and Multipurpose Room on Saturday Mornings from June 13, 2026 through September 5, 2026. Cost: Facility Rental \$3,510.00, Staff Costs \$2,600.00. Total Cost: \$6,110.00
- D. Approve Chris Bruscato to update and revise the District Science Curriculum. Cost: Up to 14 hours at \$56.00 an hour.
- E. Approve Cape May County Special Services to provide Itinerant Services for the Margate City School District from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 as needed.
- F. Approve the resolution directing the distribution of the Margate City Board of Education net returned surplus funds held in trust by the Atlantic & Cape May Counties Association of School Business Officials JIF for the Fund Fiscal Year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020 to be returned in full to the board.
- G. Approve the Ross Pride students trip to Congo Falls Mini Golf and the Decatur Ave. Playground for an end of year celebration in June. Staff: Lisa Carey, Tracy Magel and additional staff. Cost: Paid for by MEF. Transportation: District Bus.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Public Comment:

No members of the community commented.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mrs. Brog, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melina Skwarek
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator