MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

AGENDA

August 12, 2026

6:00 P.M.

1. Call to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Certification of Notice

4. Roll Call

5. 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.

6. Report of Superintendent of Schools:
   A. Enrollment:

Enrollment as of 6/30/2026		**Enrollment as of 8/7/2026**	
Ross School		**Ross School**	
Pre K (1/2 day)	11	Pre K (1/2 day)	8
Kindergarten	26	Kindergarten	28
Grade 1	34	Grade 1	27
Grade 2	31	Grade 2	35
Grade 3	40	Grade 3	31
Grade 4	33	Grade 4	42
Sub-total	**175**	**Sub-total**	**171**
Tighe School		**Tighe School**	
Grade 5	38	Grade 5	33
Grade 6	35	Grade 6	38
Grade 7	34	Grade 7	35
Grade 8	47	Grade 8	35
Sub-total	**154**	**Sub-total**	**141**
***Total Enrollment**	**329**	***Total Enrollment**	**312**

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

Longport Enrollment:		**Tuition Students:**	
William H. Ross	12	William H. Ross	8
Eugene A. Tighe	14	Eugene A. Tighe	1
Total	26		9

ACHS (Margate)	22
OCHS (Choice)	54
MRHS (Choice)	15

   B. Instructional Support
      1. Update on Principal/Director activities
      2. Review activity calendars.
      3. Review fire drill and security drill report.
      4. Share Margate School District Mentor Plan for 2026-2027 school year.
      5. Share Margate School District Professional Development Plan for 2026-2027 school year.
      6. Share and review Margate School District HIB Policy, Policy 5512.

   C. Communications

   D. District Committee Reports

7. MEF Update

8. MEA Report

9. General Board Discussion

10. 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. <u>Personnel</u>

1. Approve Nicolle Gilligan as a substitute nurse pending the completion of paperwork. Cost: $200.00 per day.
2. Approve the following club and activity stipends and advisors at Tighe School for the 2026-2027 school year:
    - Academic Trivia Team - $1,200.00 - Tracy Magel
        - $600.00 - Kelly Crawford
    - Mathletes/Math Counts Advisor - $1,000.00 - Natasa Coughlin
3. Approve Marshall Evaluation Rubric for teaching staff evaluations and NJ Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning Rubric for Principal Evaluations.
4. Approve the Margate School District Affirmative Action Team of Ryan Gaskill, Bonnie Marino, Dr. Jacque Jones, Kaitlin Roselli, and Mark Winterbottom who will review and update the District's Comprehensive Equity Plan as needed.
5. Approve Derek Cipressi, a Walden University student, to complete his 50 hours of field experience with Lisa Drexler from August 31-November 30, 2026.
6. Approve the registration and reimbursement of Melina Skwarek in the Fleet Management and Employee Training & Safety Education courses, through Rutgers University, as part of the NJDOE mandated School Transportation Supervisor Certification Program. Costs: $1,223.00 registration fees.
7. Approve the following substitutes to return for the 2026-2027 school year: Olivia Azulay, Gail Beauchamp, Theresa Camoratto, Linda Carbone, Kristyn Cella, Janice Chrone, Pamela Frank, Erin Funk-Horner, Jessica Garrabrant, James Glenn, Nancy Greenberg, Heidi Grutzmacher, Sarah Jamrogowicz, Rebecca Kanter, Carole Kessler, Elizabeth LaRocca, Donna McManus, Hilary Morris, Rona Schwarts-Stevens, Natassia Shypionak, Anne Walsh, Nurses - Jennifer Hale, Julianne Weaver, Transportation - Maria Golebiewski, John Zaccardi.
8. Approve Amy Hughes and Jaime Collins to complete individual screenings for all incoming Kindergarten students in August. Cost: MEA contractual rate of $56.00 per hour. Not to exceed 7 hours or $392.00.
9. Approve a medical leave for employee 62646393 beginning on November 9, 2026 with an anticipated return date of June 1, 2027.
10. Approve a medical leave for employee 88935572 beginning on October 5, 2026 with an anticipated return date of June 1, 2027.
11. Approve Megan Winterbottom as a substitute teacher for the 2026-2027 school year pending the completion of paperwork.

12. Approve the following staff for Morning Schoolyard Supervision at William H. Ross School for the 2026-2027 school year:
    - Erin Gorman ($3,000 stipend for 7:45-8:05 am)
    - Janice Saul (hourly rate of per MEA Contract for 7:45-8:00 am)
    - Substitutes Kaitlin Roselli and Jaime Collins (MEA contracted hourly rate for teachers at 20-minutes per day from 7:45-8:05 a.m.)
13. Approve the following club/activity stipends and advisors at William H. Ross School for the 2026-2027 school year:
    - Student Leadership/Pride Advisors -Tracy Magel and Lisa Carey - $2,500.00 each
    - Art & Pottery Club-Barbara Farrell-$1,000.00
    - Running Club-Lisa Carey-$500, a second teacher $500.00
    - 4th Grade Memory Book-Erin McGuigan-$1,000.00
    - Ross Garden Club- Lora Blanco- $1,000.00
    - Girls on the Go Running Club- Jaime Collins and Emily Rubino- $500.00 per teacher

B. <u>Instructional Support/Activities</u>

1. Approve the Ross kindergarten students and families to attend the Kindergarten Ice Cream Social at the Ross School in September. Staff: Kindergarten Staff. Cost: MEF Sponsored.
2. Approve the Tighe School 8th grade class to attend the Margate City 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Margate Fire Department on Ventnor Avenue in September. Staff: Brian Pasternak, Michelle Cossaboon, Natasa Coughlin, Chris Bruscato.
3. Approve the creation of a Learning/Language Disabilities Classroom in the William H. Ross School.

C. <u>Workshops</u>

1. Approve registering for the NJ School Boards Association annual conference from October 19-22, 2026 at a group rate of $2,400.00. Staff: Ryan Gaskill, Melina Skwarek, Bonnie Marino, Samantha Dulude, Matthew Burton, Leigh Turner, Colleen Culmone, and Ron Nellom.
2. Approve the attendance of Melina Skwarek at the SPELL JIF Joint Retreat from September 23-25, 2026 at The Grand Hotel in Cape May. Costs: Funded by the JIF.

D. <u>Contracts</u>

1. Approve the services contract with ACCSES NJ for afternoon/evening janitorial services for the Eugene A. Tighe School from September 2, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $40,963.83 (NJSTART State Contract T-1480/77110).
2. Approve a residential tuition contract for one student with Grove School for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of approximately $146,500.00.

11. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: July 15, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes

12. Report of the Board Secretary:

    a. Financial Reports – June 2026

    b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c) Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of June 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 - June 2026

d. Cash Report - June 2026

e. Bills and Payrolls - $1,736,349.76

f. Transfer of Funds within General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2025-2026

TO:	11-000-216-320-00-00-025	SPEECH SERVICES	$5,000.00
	11-000-262-622-00-04	AC ELECTRIC	$2,000.00
		TOTAL	$7,000.00
FROM:	11-000-217-320-00-00-025	SPEECH SERVICES	$5,000.00
	11-000-262-610-00-04	AC ELECTRIC	$2,000.00
		TOTAL	$7,000.00

13. Unfinished Business
    A. Approve the second and final reading of the abolishment of the following policy and regulation as they are no longer applicable to our district:
        - Regulation 2200 Curriculum Content
        - Regulation 2411 Guidance Counseling
    B. Approve the second and final reading of the following new policy:
        - Policy 0162.01 Legal Notice
    C. Approve the second and final reading of the following policies and regulations revisions:
        - Policy 0162 Notice of Board Meetings
        - Policy 1230 Superintendent’s Duties
        - Policy 1643 Family Leave
        - Policy 2200 Curriculum
        - Policy 2260 Equity in School and Classroom Practices
        - Policy 2411 Career Education and Academic Counseling
        - Policy 5561 Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities
        - Policy 6112 Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
        - Regulation 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Allowability of Costs
        - Policy 6115.02 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures
        - Policy 6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants
        - Policy 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs
        - Policy 8600 Student Transportation

14. New Business

A. 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 School - Phase II lighting upgrades.
B. Approve the submission of the verification of payroll check distribution to the County Office in compliance with the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.7, for the payroll check distribution period September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
C. Approve the submission of the 2026-2027 District Website Accessibility compliance certification.
D. Approve the 2026-2027 Budget Timetable.
E. Approve to suspend Bylaw 0131 that requires two readings and adopt Policy and Regulation 5516 with one reading to have the Policy and Regulation in place for September 2026; the action suspending Bylaw 0131 shall only be in effect for the adoption of Policy and Regulation 5516.
F. Approve the first reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations revisions:
    - Policy 5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
    - Regulation 5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
G. Approve the negotiated Memorandum of Understanding with the Margate Education Association for both the Teachers and Educational Assistants for a five-year contract, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030 and 2030-2031.
H. Approve the Margate School District Employee Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

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