MARGATE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

AGENDA

October 14, 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 9/2/2026		**Enrollment as of 10/5/2026**	
Ross School		**Ross School**	
Pre K (1/2 day)	9	Pre K (1/2 day)	9
Kindergarten	29	Kindergarten	29
Grade 1	27	Grade 1	28
Grade 2	32	Grade 2	32
Grade 3	31	Grade 3	32
Grade 4	45	Grade 4	46
Sub-total	**173**	**Sub-total**	**176**
Tighe School		**Tighe School**	
Grade 5	32	Grade 5	32
Grade 6	37	Grade 6	37
Grade 7	37	Grade 7	37
Grade 8	36	Grade 8	34
Sub-total	**142**	**Sub-total**	**140**
***Total Enrollment**	**315**	***Total Enrollment**	**316**

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

Longport Enrollment:		**Tuition Students:**	
William H. Ross	9	William H. Ross	11
Eugene A. Tighe	16	Eugene A. Tighe	2
Total	25	Total	13

ACHS (Margate)	22
OCHS (Choice)	58
MRHS (Choice)	15

   B. Instructional Support
      1. Update on Principal/Director activities.
      2. Review activity calendars.
      3. Review fire drill, security drill and bus drill report.
      4. Review and share Ross and Tighe Schools' Codes of Conduct for 2026-27.
      5. Review the Chronic Absenteeism Corrective Action Plans for William H. Ross School and Eugene A. Tighe School.
      6. Review and Share the 2026-2027 Nursing Services Plan for the Margate School District.
      7. Report on results from NJSLA-A (New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Adaptive) 2026, DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps) 2026 and ACCESS (English Language Assessment) 2026.
      8. Report the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) submission and certification for the time period January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026.
      9. Review and share the District Performance Review (DPR) self-assessment committee file and declaration page for New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC).
      10. Share the Margate School District has submitted the required Gifted and Talented Education Service Report.
      11. Share the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act has been completed for both Ross and Tighe schools.

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 to amend Aiden Reid as the sole Assistant Soccer Coach for the 2026 season. Cost: $1,000.00 stipend.
2. Approve Popi Kounis to work the Lucky Kids after school program at the MEA contractual hourly rate of $20.56 per hour for the 2026-2027 school year, retroactive to September 2, 2026.
3. Approve a retroactive medical leave for employee 30573216 beginning on September 8, 2026 through September 22, 2026.
4. Approve the hiring of Steven Beste for a long-term maternity leave replacement from approximately October 15, 2026 through May 28, 2027, at a prorated salary of $67,392.00 (Step 1/MEA contract) pending completion of paperwork.
5. Approve the hiring of Christopher Baatz as a substitute custodian at $18.00 per hour/4 hour minimum. Completed paperwork is on file.
6. Approve the hiring of Vanessa Gaitanos, Thelma Getson, Christine Scarano and Stephanie Zappariello as Substitute Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year pending completion of paperwork.

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

1. Approve Tighe School's Physical Fitness Day in October. Staff: Jamie Bean. Cost: Substitute at $150.00 per day.
2. Approve the Omegaman Assembly scheduled for October 2026 at Tighe School. Staff: Jacque Jones. Cost: $895.00.
3. Approve the Tighe School Fundraiser at Jace's Place throughout the 2026-2027 school year.
4. Approve the Beauty & The Beast Tea Cup and Cookie Fundraiser to raise funds for the School Theater Program in October. Staff: Barb Farrell, Debbie Roland & Chelsi Crompton.
5. Approve the Sock Donation Drive at Ross School for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Staff: Amy Collins.

C. Field Trips

1. Approve transportation using two Friendly Tours buses for Singsations in June. Staff: Debbie Roland. Cost: $4,300.00.
2. Approve the Tighe Environmental Club members to do a beach clean up in October. Staff: Chelsi Crompton.
3. Approve the 4th Grade Choir students to visit the Lite Rock 96.9 radio station in November. Staff: Lindsey Evans, Kaitlin Roselli, other staff as needed. Cost: Substitute Bus Driver at $30.00 per hour.
4. Approve the following Kindergarten holiday events at the Ross School: Pumpkin Painting with Tighe Students in October, Thanksgiving Show in November, Latkes with Nadine Winkelstein and Ventnor 7311 Gingerbread Cookies in December. Staff: Amy Hughes, Jaime Collins, Edith Hoerner, Nina Owens and other staff as needed.
5. Approve the Tighe School 8th Grade Class and Staff to visit Atlantic City High School and ACIT in the 2026-2027 school year. Transportation: District Bus.
6. Approve the Ross PRIDE Grade 4 Trailblazers to attend the Margate City Veteran's Day Luncheon at Bloom Pavillion in November. Staff: Tracy Magel, Lisa Carey, Bonnie Marino and other staff as needed. Transportation: District Bus.

D. Workshops

1. Approve the attendance of Samantha Dulude at the Curriculum and Instruction meetings at ETTC during the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Approve the attendance of Jamie Bean at the Enhancing Fitness and Movement in January. Cost: $295.00 Registration Fee + substitute for 1 day at $150.00. Total Cost: $445.00 and travel.
3. Approve the attendance of Colleen Culmone at the NJASBO Policy workshop in February. Cost: $218.00 Registration Fee and Travel.
4. Approve the attendance of Barbara Farrell at the Fiber Arts: Kinusaiga workshop in October. Cost: Substitute for 1 day at $150.00.
5. Approve the attendance of Lisa Carey at the 101 Strategies to Improve Your Physical Education Program online workshop in January. Cost: $295.00 Registration Fee + Substitute for 1 day at $150.00. Total Cost: $445.00.
6. Approve the attendance of Debbie Roland at the NJMEA Conference at the Sheraton in Atlantic City on February 18-20, 2027. Cost: $245.00 Registration Fee, $137.00 Membership Fee, Substitute for 3 days at $150.00 per day. Total Cost: $832.00.

11. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2026, Regular Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes

12. Report of the Board Secretary:

    a. Financial Reports – August 2026

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

d. Cash Report - August 2026

e. Bills and Payrolls - $1,104,547.58

f. Transfer of Funds within General Current Expense Account

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2026-2027

TO:	11-190-100-640-00-01-010	EAT TEXTBOOKS	$500.00
	11-401-100-600-00-01-010	BABYSITTERS CLUB	$300.00
	11-000-262-420-00-04	OUTSIDE CUSTODIAL	$30,000.00
	11-000-222-600-00-04-025	RENAISSANCE LEARNING	$350.00
	11-190-100-640-00-01-010	EAT TEXTBOOKS	$350.00
	11-000-222-600-00-01-010	MEDIA CENTER SUPPLIES	$25.00
	20-280-200-320-00-00-010	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	$678.00
	20-231-200-200-00-00-025	FICA ACCOUNTS	$1,170.00
	11-000-266-610-00-01	SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS	$300.00
	11-000-266-610-00-04	SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS	$600.00
		TOTAL	$34,273.00
FROM:	11-190-100-610-01-01-010	EAT TEXTBOOKS	$500.00
	11-190-100-610-01-01-010	BABYSITTERS CLUB	$300.00
	11-000-262-420-00-01	OUTSIDE CUSTODIAL	$30,000.00
	11-000-222-600-00-00-025	RENAISSANCE LEARNING	$350.00
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	11-190-100-610-01-01-010	SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS	$300.00
	11-190-100-610-01-04-025	SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS	$600.00
		TOTAL	$34,273.00

13. New Business

A. Approve the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act has been completed for both Ross and Tighe schools.
B. Approve the submission of the DPR self-assessment and signed declaration page for QSAC monitoring.
C. Approve the Chronic Absenteeism Corrective Action Plan for Eugene A. Tighe School.
D. Approve the Chronic Absenteeism Corrective Action Plan for William H. Ross School.
E. Approve the resolution authorizing the Margate City Board of Education to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with the Equalis Group for the purchase of goods and services.
F. Approve District's Three Year Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) for the 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2027/2028 school years.
G. Approve the submission of the NJDOE School Lead Filter Grant application for reimbursement of up to $1,000.00, for the purchase and installation of a point-of-use filtered bottle-filling station.
H. Approve Ross and Tighe Schools' Codes of Conduct for 2026-2027.
I. Approve the 2026-2027 Nursing Services Plan for the Margate School District.
J. Approve amending the BOE resolution dated February 26, 2025, to read as follows: Approve the Third Floor HVAC controls proposal associated with the Third Floor HVAC Replacements at the William H. Ross School through CM3 Building Solutions in the amount of $103,300.00 (Camden County Educational Service Commission #66 CCEPS).
K. Approve amending the BOE resolution dated February 26, 2025, to read as follows: Approve the Chiller - CT HVAC controls proposal associated with the Chiller - CT Replacements at the William H. Ross School through CM3 Building Solutions in the amount of $189,230.00 (Camden County Educational Service Commission #66 CCEPS).

14. Other Matters

15. Public Comment

16. 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.

17. Open Session

18. Adjournment