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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on, January 13, 2010, by President, Mr. Christopher Storcella, in the William H Ross School All-purpose Room, Margate, New Jersey.

Certification of Notice:

Susan Palaia, Board Secretary, announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided and read the following Certification Notice:

On November 11, 2009, 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 Union Avenue School, the William H Ross III School and mailed to the City Clerk, The Press and "The Current".

<u>Roll Call</u> - Members Present:	Mr. Christopher Storcella, President,
.	Mrs. Linda Levitt Doyle, Vice President,
.	Mrs. Renee Bell, Mr. Brad Jacobson, Mr. Christopher Koch,
.	Mrs. Joanne Kulzer, Mr. J.B. Sless
Members Absent:	None
Others Present:	Dr. Theresa DeFranco, Superintendent; Susan Palaia, Board Secretary; Dr. Kerri McGinley, Director of Curriculum/Principal; Mr. John DiNicola, Director of Special Projects/Principal; Ms. Michelle Carney-Ray, Director of Special Education/Principal; Mr. Augustine Repetto, School Solicitor, Members of the Community

Swearing in of board member Renee Bell:

Mrs. Palaia swore-in and administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Renee Bell.

Public Participation:

A member of the public spoke regarding the significance of Veteran’s Day to the citizens of New Jersey.

Members of the public expressed their gratitude to the Principals for holding the breakfast meeting with the parents.

A member of the public noted that she had read an article in the newspaper which indicated the Linwood School District was seeking input from the community for their strategic plan.

Mrs. Simone welcomed Mrs. Bell to the board and requested that she speak on her plans as a member of the school board. Mrs. Bell indicated that she would be listening at this point and planned to help the children in any way possible.

Mrs. Simone asked the board who currently represented Margate on the Atlantic City School Board. Mr. Storcella indicated that there has not been a representative for about a year and a half due to the drop in enrollment of Margate students to the Atlantic City High School.

Mr. Hoffman spoke in favor of the additional hiring of Special Education teachers. He commented that he was pleased with the education that his daughter received and his son is still receiving from the Margate School system.

#### Minutes:

Upon motion by Mr. Sless, seconded by Mr. Koch, the board unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of the: December 9, 2009 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. After discussion with Mr. Storcella and Mrs. Levitt Doyle they accepted the minutes of the December 17, 2009 Board of School Estimate meeting.

#### Financial Reports:

Upon motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mr. Koch, the board unanimously agreed to accept the Secretary's Financial Reports for the month of November 2009 as attached to these minutes and certifying that no budgetary account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(a). See Exhibit # 1, pages 16,511 – 16,568. The Secretary's Report agrees with the Treasurer's Report.

#### Board of Education Certification:

Upon motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of November 30, 2009 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 overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11©2-3 so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

#### Bills and Payrolls:

Motion by Mr. Sless, seconded by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls as listed on Exhibit # 2, pages 16,569 – 16,580. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Transfer of Funds:

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, to approve the following Transfer of Funds:

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2009-2010

To:	11-000-263-420-00-01	Upkeep Grounds EAT	\$200.00
	11-216-100-610-00-00	Supplies Preschool	50.00
	11-190-100-610-01-01	General Supply EAT	175.00
	11-190-100-610-03-02	General Supply Reading UAS	303.00
	11-190-100-610-06-01	Math Supplies EAT	65.00
	11-190-100-640-00-02	Textbooks UAS	<u>1214.00</u>
		Total	<u>\$2007.00</u>
From	11-000-262-420-00-01	Outside Maintenance EAT	\$200.00
	11-213-100-610-00-01	Supplies Resource Room EAT	50.00
	11-000-251-600-00-00	Business Office Supplies	175.00
	11-190-100-640-00-02	Textbooks UAS	303.00
	11-190-100-610-02-01	Art Supplies EAT	65.00
	11-190-100-640-00-02	Textbooks UAS	<u>1214.00</u>
		Total	<u>\$2,007.00</u>

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle, Mr. Storcella  
 Nays: None

Treasurer of School Monies Report:

Upon motion by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mr. Koch, the board unanimously agreed to accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of November 2009. See Exhibit # 3, pages 16,581 – 16,590.

Cash Report:

Upon motion by Mr. Storcella, seconded by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, the board unanimously agreed to accept the Cash Report for the month of November 2009. See Exhibit # 4, page 16,591.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools:

Fire Drill Report:

The superintendent reported on the school fire drills for the month of December 2009 found attached to these minutes on Exhibit # 5, page 16,592.

Activity Calendars:

Dr. DeFranco distributed the Activity Calendars for William H. Ross, III School, Union Avenue and E. A. Tighe Schools for the month of January 2010.

Introduction of Teacher Candidates:

Mrs. Carney-Ray introduced the following teacher candidates:

Hannah Dominic – Special Education  
Beth Ann Ritson – Special Education  
Louis Sanchez – Special Education  
Suzanne Stinson – Special Education  
Sue Ellen Pollack – LDT/C  
Kendall Verna – BSI

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Repetto:

Dr. DeFranco gave congratulations to Mrs. Mary Repetto who received a Partner in Prevention award from the Atlantic County Prevention Resource.

School Resource Grant:

Dr. DeFranco reported that John DiNicola applied for and was awarded a one-year School Resource Grant which provides our school unlimited access to an online reading program from Sylvan Dell Publishing with 45 eBooks. The free one-year license is worth \$599.

Balanced Literacy Materials for Guided Reading Program:

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, to approve the purchase and implementation of Balanced Literacy materials to support Guided Reading program at a cost of \$19,874.00 from Scholastic. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Telephone Equipment Maintenance Contract-Tricomm:

Motion by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mr. Koch, to approve a contract with Tricomm Services Corporation under contract #AXXX for telephone equipment maintenance service for a period of 36 months at a cost of \$32,772.60. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Local and Long Distance Telephone Service Contract – Xtel:

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, to approve a contract with Xtel for local and long distance telephone service as bid through the E-rate program for a period of 24 months effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012 at the following rates:

	<u>Rate per Min/MU</u>
Local Calls	\$0.010
Intra State	\$0.018
In State	\$0.019
Out of State	\$0.019
Directory Assistance	\$0.850
Carrier Line Charge/LNP/Wire Maint.	\$22.83
Voicemail	\$7.00
BRI Line/Carrier Line	\$40.16

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Train the Trainer Program:

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, to approve Train the Trainer Program, by Derek Sage from Total Video, a cost not to exceed \$1,500 for training on the Smartboards.  
Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Collection for the Earthquake Crisis in Haiti:

Upon motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Kulzer, the board unanimously agreed to permit Mary Repetto to collect money from staff, parents, and children for the earthquake crisis in Haiti and take it to the Red Cross.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Levitt Doyle reported the Curriculum and Staffing Committee met to review the Balanced Literacy materials.

Dr. DeFranco thanked the members of the Curriculum and Staffing Committee for all the time spent on reviewing the new hires.

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Mrs. Kulzer, seconded by Mr. Koch, the board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. for the purposes of discussing personnel matters and litigation.

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Kulzer, the board unanimously agreed to reconvene the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Personnel Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Kulzer, to approve the following personnel matters:

- A. Approve hire of Sue Ellen Pollock for the position of full-time LDT/C at a salary of \$53,000, MA, Step 8, plus benefits, effective January 14, 2010. ARRA funded. ARRA Grant funding position ends as of June 30, 2010.
- B. Approve hire of Hannah Dominic as part-time Special Education teacher at a salary of \$46,000, BA, Step 1, no benefits, prorated at 50% (\$23,000) effective January 14, 2010. ARRA funded. ARRA Grant funding position ends as of June 30, 2010.
- C. Approve hire of Beth Ann Ritson as part-time Special Education teacher at a salary of \$46,500, BA, Step 2, no benefits, prorated at 50% (\$23,250) effective January 14, 2010. ARRA funded. ARRA Grant funding position ends as of June 30, 2010.
- D. Approve hire of Suzanne Stinson as part-time Special Education teacher at a salary of \$48,000, BA + 18, Step 2, no benefits prorated at 50% (\$24,000) effective January 14, 2010. ARRA funded. ARRA Grant funding position ends as of June 30, 2010.
- E. Approve hire of Louis Sanchez as part-time Special Education teacher at a salary of \$48,000, BA + 18, Step 2, no benefits prorated at 50% (\$24,000) effective January 14, 2010. ARRA funded. ARRA Grant funding position ends as of June 30, 2010.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mr. Storcella, to approve Cindy Gresham as One-on-One Paraprofessional for MS, a Kindergarten student at Union Avenue, at an annual salary of \$12,000 plus benefits prorated for the remainder of the school year, effective January 14, 2010. This is an ARRA Grant funded position which ends as of June 30, 2010.

Personnel Matters: (Continued)

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle, Mr. Storcella  
Abstain: Mr. Koch  
Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, to approve the following personnel matters:

- F. Approve Dianne Leo as a substitute to help with BSI transition, effective January 14, 2010 at a rate of \$75 per day.
- G. Approve I&RS Team Training for principals, nurses, regular education teacher and a CST member at a cost of travel and substitutes. Costs covered by NCLB Title II.
- H. Approve Susan Mock to attend New Jersey Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference at the Mercer County Conference Center, West Windsor, NJ on March 5, 2010. Costs covered by NCLB Title II.
- I. Approve Dr. Theresa DeFranco to attend the Techspo 2010 on January 28, 2010 at Bally's in Atlantic City, NJ at a cost of \$199.
- J. Approve payment to Dianne Leo as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Margate City Board of Education and the Margate Education Association on the amount of \$16,750.00 for unused sick time in two equal payments on February 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.
- K. Approve reimbursement of \$1471.50 to Michelle Carney-Ray of previously approved graduate course work for seminar.
- L. Approve reimbursement of \$2,280.00 to Amy Furman of previously approved course.
- M. Approve lateral move on the 2009-2010 salary pay scale for Amy Furman from BA+18, Step 2 at \$48,000 to MA, Step 2 at \$50,000 effective 2/1/2010.
- N. Approve Nancy Palamaro to attend Practical Guidance on Section 504 workshop in Atlantic City on March 19, 2010 at a cost of \$199.00. Costs covered by NCLB Title II.
- O. Approve Audrey Becker to attend a Comprehensive Literacy Approach workshop in Newark, NJ at a cost of travel and tolls.

Personnel Matters: (Continued)

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Other Matters:

Motion by Mr. Storcella, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, to authorize, Robert Muccilli of the law firm Capehart & Scatchard, the attorney that has been representing the board on the ADS case to settle the case within the range proposed by council. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mr. Storcella, to approve the hire of Kendall Verna for the position of full-time Basic Skills Instructor at a salary of \$46,000 (prorated for the remainder of the year), BA, Step 1, plus benefits, effective date approximate in 30 days. She is currently under contract with Ventnor which requires 30-days' notice. This is an ARRA Grant funded position which ends as of June 30, 2010. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle, Mr. Storcella  
Abstain: Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch  
Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Storcella, seconded by Mr. Koch, to ratify the Agreement between the Margate Board of Education and the Margate Administrators' Association and approval of the following salary schedule:

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
John DiNicola	\$109,679.34	\$113,737.48
Dr. Kerri McGinley	\$108,855.00	\$112,913.75
Michelle Carney-Ray	\$105,000.00	\$108,885.00

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Other Matters: (Continued)

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, to approve Wayne Netherby as Technical Assistant for the E.A. Tighe School Play to be available during the play for any and all technical situations at a stipend of \$30/hour. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle, Mr. Storcella  
Abstain: Mrs. Kulzer  
Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, to approve Diane Grassi to attend a Practical Guidance on Section 504 workshop in Atlantic City on March 19, 2010 at a cost of \$199.00. Costs covered by the NCLB Title II grant. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,  
Mr. Storcella  
Nays: None

Adjournment:

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Susan E. Palaia  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator