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A Work Session Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on March 3, 2010 by Christopher Storcella in the cafeteria of the William H. Ross, Margate, New Jersey.

Certification of Notice:

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

I, Susan E. Palaia, Secretary of the Margate City Board of Education hereby certifies:

On February 19, 2010, 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 advertised in the Press.

<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, Carl Tripician, Longport Representative, Augustine Repetto, Board Solicitor

Presentation by the Hanko Foundation:

Mrs. Audrey Becker and Mrs. Tamy Gluck gave a presentation on the purpose of the Hanko Foundation and the two fund raising events being held this year to benefit the foundation:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hanko Art Auction, Sunday, March 21,2010 at Steve & Cookies By the Bay (20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Joseph R. Hanko Scholarship Fund)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanko Golf Tournament, Friday, April 16, 2010 at Harbor Pines Golf Club

Acknowledge Dana Gold for her “heart healthy” homemade soup:

An acknowledge was made to Mrs. Dana Gold, Food Service Director, for her “heart healthy” homemade soup that she prepared for the students of the Union Avenue and William H. Ross Schools. Every year during February, which is Heart Health month, the cafeteria staff does something to promote healthy eating habits for the students. This year Mrs. Gold and her staff prepared 60 quarts of vegetable soup for the students to try. Mrs. Gold donated all the ingredients used to prepare the soup. The ingredients included the following: turnips, parsnips, leeks, carrots, celery, peas, string beans, corn, onions, tomatoes, zucchini, squash, spinach, lima beans and lentils.

Workshop notes from Debbie Roland:

The board reviewed correspondence from Debbie Roland in which she expressed her gratitude for being provided the opportunity to attend the NJMEA State Conference.

Haiti Relief Fundraiser Request:

The board reviewed a request from a local parent who would like to do a fundraiser for Haiti Relief using the Performing Arts Center on March 27, 2010, at no charge. The board considered that formally sanctioning the function protected the district through its insurance carrier but that this protection would not extend to the group doing the fund raiser. If a third party attending the event was injured during the event they would be able to sue both the district and the organizer of the event. The organizers for the event should obtain event insurance to safeguard themselves from the exposure.

Fraytak Proposal:

The board discussed a proposal from David R. Fraytak, AIA , of Faridy, Veisz, Fraytak Architects, to review a reconfiguration plan for the district on an hourly cost basis, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. The scope of services would include an analysis of the plan, their conclusions as to building capacity relative to student enrollment, and identification of spaces and educational programs, if any, which need to be modified due to space limitations. The board discussed the following different options for reconfiguration plan:

- the movement of fifth grade to the E.A. Tighe School and Kindergarten through second grade to the William H. Ross School and renting out the Union Avenue School
- the movement of fifth grade to the E.A. Tighe School and third and fourth grades to the Union Avenue School and renting out the William H. Ross School

Communication Outreach Efforts:

The board discussed the Superintendent's Liaison Committee and reviewed the document "Superintendent's Liaison Committee: Focusing on Strengthening Communication Efforts" which details the purpose of the committee: to build on communication with parents, community members and key stakeholders. The committee will develop a process for the following Strategic Planning Goals:

- E-1: Updating the parents, community, and key stakeholders on school initiatives and outcomes
- E-2: Providing the parents, community, and all key stakeholders with an understanding of the school budget
- E-3: Reviewing the effectiveness of communication efforts and practices to keep students, parents, and community members informed on events and emergency efforts

The board discussed having Charlene Zoerb do a presentation in April.

Budget 2010-11:

The board discussed the timelines for the 2010-11 budget and the need for putting together alternatives plans for potential shortfalls in aid from the State.

Theater Equipment:

The board discussed the need to replace the broken microphone equipment in the Performing Arts Center. The equipment is ten years old and the new FCC regulations that will prohibit the use of the C Channel (698 MHz to 806 MHz frequency) that our current equipment uses as of June 12, 2010.

St. Baldrick's Fundraiser:

The discussed a request to hold a fundraiser on March 17, 2010 to benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation. The foundation uses the donations to fund childhood cancer research grants.

Semi Waiver Resolution:

Mrs. Palaia reviewed that the purpose of the resolution to waive participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) program because the cost of administrating the program would outweigh the benefit derived from it. The Margate School District is estimated to have only eleven (11) Medicaid eligible classified students for the 2010-11 school year. The State provides that districts with less than forty (40) Medicaid eligible classified students be permitted to apply for a waiver from participation in the program.

Public Participation:

Mrs. Simon asked that if two only two buildings were operated in the district next year would that mean only two administrators would be needed? Dr. DeFranco indicated that only two principals would be needed if the Union Avenue School was closed. Mrs. Simone asked what the cost savings would be if the staff was moved? Dr. DeFranco indicated the cost savings would be in elimination of staff for positions not needed for a third school such as a principal, school secretary, and nurse. Mrs. Simon commented that she thought the board held too many different meetings.

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, the board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. for the purposes of discussing personnel matters.

Upon motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, the board unanimously agreed to reconvene the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

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Adjournment:

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Palaia  
Board Secretary/SBA