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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 May 26, 2010 by Christopher Storcella in the boardroom 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 May 20, 2010, a notice of this meeting, was posted the bulletin board in the Margate Board of Education Administration Office, the William H. Ross III School, the Eugene A. Tighe School, the Union Avenue 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, Mrs. Joanne Kulzer, Mr. J.B. Sless
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Members Absent:	Mr. Christopher Koch
Others Present:	Dr. Theresa DeFranco, Superintendent; Susan Palaia, Board Secretary, Augustine Repetto, Board Solicitor, Lynn Baumgardner, Longport Representative

Race To The Top Presentation:

Mr. DiNicola gave a presentation on the federal grant "Race to The Top". He gave an overview which included the following points:

- New Jersey is applying for the grant and is seeking LEA's to participate.
- The winning state will receive approximately \$400 million over the next four years.
- 50% of the money will go into State initiatives affecting all school districts whether or not they signed on to participate
- The remaining 50% will go to participating LEA's – a minimum of \$100,000 over four years – based on a similar formula used to determine current Title I funding.

Congratulations to Dr. Jacque Jones:

Dr. DeFranco gave congratulations to Dr. Jacque Jones who defended her dissertation successfully on Tuesday, May 25th!

School Calendar:

The board held discussion on the proposed 2010-2011 school calendar. It was noted that the NJ Ask testing starts just one day after the students return from Spring break.

Expanding Audio Equipment System for Board Meetings and Collaboration on Energy Savings:

Fred Verna outlined options for expanding the audio equipment system currently used for board meetings. He indicated he would review the meeting room space to better determine the board's audio equipment needs.

Mr. Verna reported that the City of Margate has also participated in the BPU's Energy Audit Program. He indicated that the City is looking to prepare a request for proposal for a consultant that will provide guidance on which of the energy audit recommendations should be instituted. The School Business Administrator will provide Mr. Verna with a copy of the district's energy audit report.

Long Range Educational Planning Report Update:

Dr. DeFranco reviewed the Long Range Educational Planning Report Update as prepared by Faridy Veisz Fraytak Architects dated May 17, 2010.

School Fusion Software:

Dr. DeFranco reviewed a proposal for the purchase of web-based comprehensive communication and instruction software from SchoolFusion.

Furniture and Fixture Moving:

Dr. DeFranco reviewed a proposal for the moving of furniture and fixtures. The board determined the preparation of a consolidated spreadsheet to identify all the costs of the moving and renovation projects associated with the closing of the Union Avenue School should be developed.

Playground Equipment – William H. Ross School:

Dr. DeFranco reviewed playground proposals submitted by General Recreation Inc. for the installation of playground equipment and safety surfacing at the William H. Ross School. She distributed the results of a survey that indicates the votes of the students at Union Avenue and Ross School for the three proposed playground structures.

Summer Hours:

Dr. DeFranco reviewed the summer hour options for the twelve month staff members.

“Riding the Wave of Excellence” Brochure:

Dr. DeFranco reviewed the changes made to the “Riding the Wave of Excellence” brochure to reflect only two plaque locations due to the closing of the Union Avenue School. Also, a suggestion was made that a contribution designation for Other Academic Programs should be

included on the brochure.

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Close Out Process for the Union Avenue School:

Mrs. Palaia reviewed a resolution for authoring the submission of other capital project documents to the New Jersey Department of Education that will require the board's approval as part of the close-out process for the Union Avenue School.

Public Participation:

A member of the public commented on how much her children appreciated the Chinese program. She also commented that only one Project Challenge meeting was held this year and that the second meeting was canceled but no one was notified. Dr. DeFranco replied she did speak to the Liaison Committee and told them the decision was made to hold off on the second meeting until she looked at the scheduling.

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Mrs. Kulzer, seconded by Mrs. Bell, the board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 9:05 P.M. for the purposes of discussing personnel matters.

The board unanimously agreed to reconvene the meeting at 10:50 P.M.

Adjournment:

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Palaia
Board Secretary/SBA