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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 September 29, 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 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, and mailed to the City Clerk, "The Press" and "The Current" On September 22, 2010 notice of this meeting was advertised in "The Press" that action may taken.

<u>Roll Call</u> - Members Present:	Mr. Christopher Storcella, President, Mrs. Linda Levitt Doyle, Vice-President, Mrs. Renee Bell, Mr. Jacobson (left at 10:30), Mr. Christopher Koch, Mrs. Joanne Kulzer, Mr. J.B. Sless (arrived 6:32)
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Members Absent:	None
Others Present:	Dr. Theresa DeFranco, Superintendent; Susan Palaia, Board Secretary, Augustine Repetto, Board Solicitor, Carl Tripician, Longport Representative

Health Insurance Presentations:

Sean Gormley, broker for Innovative Risk Solutions, and Gregory Grimaldi, Vice President of Conner Strong, gave a presentation on an employee health insurance proposal from the Southern NJ Regional Employee Benefits Fund.

Vaughan Reale, President of Advantage Benefit Planning, gave a presentation on a self-funded employee health insurance fund.

Flexible Spending Plan Options:

Mrs. Palaia reviewed the flexible spending plans options as offered from Aflac and Horizon.

Motion by Mr. Sless, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, to approve Horizon as the provider for the district's flexible spending plan at a cost of \$6.00 per participant per month or a minimum fee of \$25.00 per month. 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

Home and School Association Fundraiser:

Upon motion by Mr. Sless, seconded by Mrs. Bell, the board unanimously agreed to approve "Spirit for Schools" fundraiser to raise money for benches/shade at the William H. Ross III playground.

Margate Moms Fundraiser:

Upon motion by Mr. Sless, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, the board unanimously agreed to approve the collection of Halloween costumes at William H. Ross III Elementary School for the children of the "Women and Children Center" in Atlantic City.

Lead Black Seal Custodians and Building Custodians Job Advertisements:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Kulzer, to approve the advertising for positions for Lead Black Seal Custodians and Building Custodians. 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

Tri Maintenance Contract:

Motion by Mr. Storcella, seconded by Mrs. Bell, to approve the non-renewal of the Tri Maintenance contract that ends on October 31, 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

Dr. DeFranco indicated that she will put Tri Maintenance on notice of the boards intention to go in-house for the district's maintenance services.

Discuss Graduate Course Enrollment Approval and Reimbursement Forms:

During discussion of the Graduate Course Enrollment Approval and Reimbursement form, the board indicated that approval from the Superintendent should be contingent on the following:

- If the course is required for certification in current positions
- If the course is required due to the specific needs of students.

The board also discussed and requested the form be updated to include the cost of the course.

First reading of Policies: 2255, 3516, 5141, 6142.13 and Discussion of Health Regulations:

Dr. DeFranco distributed and reviewed the following policies for first reading:

- 2255 Action Planning for State Monitoring NJQSAC
- 3516 Safety
- 5141 Health
- 6142.13 HIV Prevention Education

It was noted that a written regulation would be written to add limited access to the buildings for recreation personnel and board of education members. The board held discussion on the Regulations for Health.

Part-time Director of Special Education Job Advertisement:

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Storcella, to approve advertising within and outside the district for a part-time Director of Special Education to cover while Michelle Carney-Ray is on maternity leave. 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

Mr. Storcella suggested Dr. DeFranco contact the Ventnor School District to see if they can provide help.

Interim Principal Job advertisement:

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, to approve posting within the district for an Interim Principal position while Michelle Carney-Ray is on maternity leave. 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

Board Emails on School Website:

Board discussed including their emails address on the school website. It was noted that Margate would be one of only two districts that would have board members email addresses posted on their district's web page. It was discussed if the President of the Board's email address or a generic BOE address should be posted on the web page. Public input was taken.

Approve Michelle Carney-Ray to Attend County Meeting for Director of Special Education:

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Levitt-Doyle, to approve Michelle Carney-Ray to attend the county meetings for the Director of Special Education in Mays Landing, at a cost of travel only, on the following dates:

- October 14, 2010
- November 9, 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

Approve Audrey Becker to attend Atlantic County Coordinators of School Improvement Meetings:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt-Doyle, seconded by Mr. Koch, to approve Audrey Becker to attend the Atlantic County Coordinators of School Improvement meetings in Mays Landing, at a cost of travel only, on the following dates:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
October 7	January 13
November 1	February 10
December 9	March 10
	April 7
	May 12
	June 9

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

Approve John DiNicola to Attend the PISA2 Kick-off:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt-Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Bell, to approve John DiNicola to attend the PISA2 kick-off on October 4, 2010 at the Stevens Institute in Hoboken, NJ. Cost is travel only. 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

Approve Meredith Mallen, Jessica Cuevas, and Chris Bruscato to Attend the PISA2:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt-Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Bell, to approve Meredith Mallen, Jessica Cuevas, and Chris Bruscato to attend the PISA2 at the Stevens Institute in Monroe Township on October 13, 2010. This is being funded by the NSF grant. Cost: Travel Reimbursement. 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

Approve Kim Reeves to Attend Six Traits of Writing Workshop:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt-Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Bell, to approve Kim Reeves to attend Six Traits of Writing workshop on October 13, 2010 in Mount Laurel, NJ at a cost of \$224.00 which will be funded through NCLB Title II. 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

Approve 4th Grade class field trip to the Apple Store in Atlantic City:

Motion by Mrs. Kulzer, seconded by Mrs. Levitt-Doyle, to approve a 4th grade class field trip October 25 through October 27, 2010 to the Apple Store in Atlantic City. There is no admission fee and the district bus and district driver will be used.

- 10/25/2010 – Joanne Adams
- 10/26/2010 – Chris Bruscato
- 10/27/2010 – Mike Lamey

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

Approve Leadership Exchange Conference Trip to Bellhaven in Linwood:

Motion by Mr. Storcella, seconded by Mr. Koch, to approve a leadership conference trip to Bellhaven in Linwood on October 14th. Trip will help 7th and 8th grade student council members see first-hand how a successful Renaissance program runs in a school. No cost for this trip. District bus and bus driver will be used.

Approve Leadership Exchange Conference trip to Bellhaven in Linwood: (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

Vending Machine Commissions – E.A. Tighe School:

Motion by Mr. Sless, seconded by Mr. Koch, to approve contributing commissions generated from the vending machines at E.A. Tighe School to the student 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

Discuss Superintendent's Yearly Goals:

Dr. DeFranco reviewed the following goals with the Board:

- Initiate process for collecting data and materials for NJQSAC monitoring.
- Update all policies reviewed by the state and develop regulations where appropriate.
- Establish an in-house facilities team and correct building problems with highest priorities and update the Five Year Facilities Plan.
- Update curriculum in at least 5 areas.

Dr. DeFranco would like to begin the process for collecting data and materials for NJQSAC monitoring two years prior to actually being monitored. Dr. DeFranco will give the board of education members her goals list within the next thirty days.

Discuss the Board of Education's Yearly Goals:

Mrs. Levitt-Doyle spoke in favor of making communication the goal for the Board this year. She noted that a board of education is not required but is encouraged by NJSBA to have a yearly goal.

Other Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Kulzer, seconded by Mr. Sless, to approve the following choir trip fundraisers:

- Five Guys in Somers Point (10% of total food bill contributed back for fundraiser).
- Five Below in Somers Point (10% of total purchase contributed back for fundraiser).

Other Matters (Public): (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

The board held **discussion only** on approval of the following people to attend the Insurance

Overview at the Ross School Board Office on Thursday, October 7, 2010:

- Sherry Scott
- Tracy Magel
- Ron Pinter

Motion by Mrs. Levitt-Doyle, seconded by Mr. Storcella, to approve Amber Fitzgerald to attend the Leadership Exchange conference trip to Bellhaven in Linwood on October 14, 2010 at no cost. 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. Storcella, seconded by Mr. Sless, to approve the new form for the Theater Lease Agreements. 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

The Board held discussion only on the proposed Event Approval Procedures for the Margate Players Community Theater Group.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Turner suggested a survey to parents of students asking “How Are We Doing? She suggested the use of a survey company for distribution or to send the survey home in the Wednesday folders.

Mrs. Blumberg reported at the 1st Home and School Association meeting, the members asked what was being cut this year from the budget. They want to know what has been cut from this year’s budget so they can plan their fundraising activities for the year. Dr. DeFranco advised the Home and School to meet with Mrs. Palaia.

Mrs. Blumberg inquired if Audrey Becker will be filling in for Michelle. Dr. DeFranco indicated that who would fill in for Mrs. Carney-Ray during her leave has not been as yet decided.

Public Comment: (continued)

Ms. Sharon Simon asked if the policies discussed were part of the ones on the district website. Dr. DeFranco responded that they were new policies and/or revisions to current policies.

Ms. Sharon Simon asked about recording the meetings. Dr. DeFranco advised that there have been other matters more pressing for the board but that the matter is still under consideration.

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Kulzer, the board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 9:50 P.M. for the purposes of discussing student and personnel matters.

Upon motion by Mr. Storcella, seconded by Mrs. Kulzer, the board unanimously agreed to reconvene the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

Personnel and Other Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt-Doyle, seconded by Mr. Koch, to approve Teresa McGonigle taking 3 credits in the Special Education Certification program at Stockton State College. This course is both:

- Required for certification in current position
- Required due to specific needs.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion Mr. Storcella, seconded by Mrs. Levitt-Doyle, to approve the following Personnel and other matters:

- A. Approve request to change stipend amount for Think Day advisor Kathy Styles-Landgraf from \$650.00 to \$800.00. The \$650.00 amount was incorrect when requested. Last year's stipend for this position was \$800.00
- B. Approve nursing coverage when a school nurse is out of the district.
- C. Approve Interactive Kids contracts for consultation services each at an estimated cost of \$575.00-\$805.00:
 - Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) for a third grade student in our district, per IEP.
 - Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) for a seventh grade student in our district,

per IEP.

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Personnel and Other Matters: (continued)

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Kulzer to approve Kurtis Jay Woodrow as the Director of Facilities, a 12 month position with benefits, at annual salary of \$75,000 pro rated for the 2010-2011 school (start day as of release from his current employment contract) and to allow for the carry-over of 10 vacation days. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Adjournment:

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Palaia
Board Secretary/SBA