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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on, October 14, 2009, by President, Mr. Christopher Storcella, in the Becker Media Center, 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 May 18, 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,
.	Mr. Brad Jacobson, Mr. Christopher Koch,
.	Mrs. Joanne Kulzer, Mrs. Sandra Perskie, 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

Minutes:

Upon motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Perskie, the board unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of the: September 9, 2009 Regular Meeting and Executive Session, and the September 29, 2009 Work Session and Executive Session.

Financial Reports:

Upon motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, the board unanimously agreed to accept the Secretary's Financial Reports for the month of August 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 16,365 – 16,380. The Secretary's Report agrees with the Treasurer's Report.

Board of Education Certification:

Upon motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of August 31, 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 Mrs. Kulzer, seconded by Mrs. Perskie, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls as listed on Exhibit # 2, pages 16,381 – 16,393. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Transfer of Funds:

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

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2008-2009

To:	11-000-100-565-00-00	Tuition ACSSSD	<u>\$5,300.00</u>
From:	11-000-100-566-00-00	Tuition Handicapped Private	<u>\$5,300.00</u>

Ratified Budget Transfers for 2009-2010

To:	11-000-270-513-00-00	Transportation Regular	\$23,437.00
	11-000-100-561-00-00	Tuition Regular	90.00
	11-000-219-800-00-00	CST Other Expense	109.50
	11-000-221-104-00-00	Salaries Curriculum	35,000.00
	11-000-230-100-00-00	Gen Admin Salaries	54,000.00
	11-000-240-103-00-00	Principal Salary	2,500.00
	11-190-100-610-01-04	General Supply WHR	1,000.00
	11-190-100-610-04-01	Supply Lang Arts EAT	20.00
	11-190-100-610-05-01	Supply Social Studies EAT	10.00
	11-190-100-610-06-01	Supply Math EAT	53.00
	11-190-100-610-06-02	Supply Math UAS	15.00
	11-190-100-610-10-04	Gifted & Talented Supply WHR	10.00

Transfer of Funds:

	11-213-100-106-00-00	Resource Room Aides	300.00
	11-216-100-610-00-00	Preschool Supplies	20.00
	12-120-100-730-00-00	Equipment 1-5	18,805.00
	12-130-100-730-00-00	Equipment 6-8	<u>30,088.00</u>
		Total	<u>\$165,457.50</u>
From:	11-000-270-515-00-00	Transportation Special Ed	\$23,437.00
	11-000-100-565-00-00	Tuition Special Ed	90.00
	11-000-219-600-00-00	CST Test Supplies	109.50
	11-130-100-101-00-00	Salaries 6-8	35,000.00
	11-000-291-241-00-00	Other Retirement Contributions	31,000.00
	11-000-291-290-00-00	Other Employee Benefits	23,000.00
	11-000-240-105-00-00	Principal Secretary Salary	2,500.00
	11-190-100-640-00-04	Textbooks WHR	1,000.00
	11-190-100-610-03-04	Supply Reading WHR	20.00
	11-190-100-610-05-02	Supplies Social Studies UAS	10.00
	11-190-100-610-06-04	Supply Math WHR	68.00
	11-190-100-610-10-01	Gifted & Talented Supply EAT	10.00
	11-230-100-106-00-00	Basic Skills Aides	300.00
	11-230-100-610-00-00	Basic Skills Supplies	20.00
	12-000-220-730-00-00	Equipment Support Services	<u>48,893.00</u>
		Total	<u>\$165,457.50</u>

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Treasurer of School Monies Report:

Upon motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mr. Koch, the board unanimously agreed to accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of August 2009. See Exhibit # 3, pages 16,394– 16,403.

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 August 2009. See Exhibit # 4, page 16,404.

Public Participation:

A member of the public commented that public participation should be afforded through the agenda.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools:Energy Audit:

Highlights of the Energy Audit Report as prepared by Dome-Tech, Inc. were presented by Jeremy Garfield, an account manager of the company. The Energy Audit Report was approved by the board on September 29, 2009 for submission to New Jersey's Clean Energy Program.

The Margate Garden Project:

Dr. DeFranco gave congratulations to Jessica Cuevas for her contribution to "The Margate Garden Project" an article written by Emily Van Duyn for the on-line magazine linincoastal.com.

Jostens Renaissance Program:

Michelle Carney-Ray gave a presentation of the Jostens Renaissance Program which is currently being implemented at the William H. Ross School. The program is designed to take the normal excitement seen in athletics and apply it to the academic realm.

Ross School Mascot:

Michelle Carney-Ray introduced the new the new mascot for the William H. Ross School.

Balanced Literacy Strategies and Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum Presentations:

Presentations by the summer teacher committees who worked on the following manuals:

- Balanced Literacy Strategies presented by Tracey Magel
- Reading Across the Curriculum presented by Lauren Cohen

Fire Drill Report:

The superintendent reported on the school fire drills for the month of September 2009 found attached to these minutes on Exhibit # 5, page 16,405.

Annual Report of Persons Employed in School Aide Positions:

Upon motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Kulzer, the board unanimously agreed to approve the Annual Report of Persons Employed in School Aide Positions for the 2009-2010 school year for submission to the County Office.

Gym Floor at the Ross School:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mr. Koch to approve spending \$1000, but not more than \$1,500, on hiring a consultant to examine the gym floor at Ross School for any defects. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

2nd, Reading, Adoption and Repeal of Board Policies:

Motion by Mr. Sless, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, to approve the second reading and adoption of 125 new policies and repeal 11 old policies as listed on Exhibit # 6, page 16,406 – 16,410. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Acknowledge Superintendent's Letter:

Acknowledge the Superintendent's letter to Commissioner Dan Campbell attached as Exhibit # 7, page 16,411.

Field Trips:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by, Mrs. Perskie, to approve the following field trips:

- Grade 2 – Apple Store – The Pier – 10/20/2009
- Grade 2 – Apple Store – The Pier – 10/22/2009
- Preschool – Storybook Land – 10/22/2009, cost of \$12.50 each for 4 teachers and aides
- Grade 2 – Apple Store – The Pier – 10/27/2009
- Kindergarten – Butterhof's Shady Brook Farm, Egg Harbor City – 10/27/2009, cost of \$7.25 per child for 44 students and \$5.00 for adults
- Grade 6-8 – Margate Pavilion – 12/8/2009
- Grade 6-8 – "Maps" performance – Taj Mahal – 12/18/2009, cost for transportation only
- Grade 6-8 – Trills & Thrills Choir Festival, Hershey, PA – 5/21/2010, cost of \$44.00 per student for 80 students and \$36.00 per adult for 13 chaperones

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Spring Conference Dates:

Upon motion by Mr. Sless, seconded by Mrs. Perskie, the board unanimously agreed to approve the change in spring conference dates from March 29, 30, 31 to March 24, 25, 26 with the evening conference on Thursday, March 25.

New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge Revised Testing Dates:

Upon motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mr. Koch, the board unanimously agreed to approve the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ Ask) revised testing dates attached as Exhibit # 8, page 16,412.

Revised School Calendar:

Upon motion by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, the board unanimously agreed to approve the revised 2009-2010 school calendar attached as Exhibit # 9, page 16,413.

School Play Budget:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mr. Koch, to approve the school play budget at a projected cost of \$7,950, *Disney's Beauty & the Beast, Jr.* scheduled for production January 21, 22 & 23, 2010 attached as Exhibit # 10, page 16,414. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resignations of Cafeteria Staff:

Motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, to accept the resignation of the following cafeteria workers:

- Jackie Singer – effective September 24, 2009
- Annamarie Fante – effective September 18, 2009
- Natalie Clark – effective October 1, 2009

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resignation of Teaching Staff:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mr. Sless, to accept the resignation of Dianne R. Leo from the teaching staff effective January 1, 2010. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Horseback Riding Program:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mr. Koch, to approve 16 Margate special education students to participate in the horseback riding program at the Atlantic Riding Center for the Handicapped. The cost for the two six-week programs for the students is \$6,800 and will come out of IDEIA funds. The schedule for the program is:

<u>Group A: Grades K – 2nd</u>	<u>Group B: Grades 3rd – 5th</u>
Tuesday, November 3, 2009	Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Tuesday, November 10, 2009	Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Tuesday, November 24, 2009	Tuesday, January 26, 2010
Tuesday, December 1, 2009	Tuesday, February 2, 2010
Tuesday, December 8, 2009	Tuesday, February 9, 2010
Tuesday, December 15, 2009	Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

2nd Reading and Adoption of the School Bus Transportation (Hardship) Policy:

Motion by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mrs. Kulzer, to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the School Bus Transportation (Hardship) policy. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Request for Bus Service to and from Playgroups Plus:

Motion by Mr. Sless, seconded by Mrs. Perskie, to deny the bus service request to and from Playgroups Plus. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

- Ayes: Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mrs. Perskie, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle, Mr. Storcella
- Nays: Mr. Jacobson

Atlantic County Special Services School District Shared Service Transportation Contract:

Motion by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mr. Sless, to approve participation in Atlantic County Special Services School District shared services transportation contract for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Tuition Contract with Atlantic County Special Services School District:

Motion by Mrs. Levitt Doyle, seconded by Mr. Koch, to approve a tuition contract with Atlantic County Special Services for the 2009-2010 school year for three students at a cost of \$32,040.00 per student for a total cost of \$96,120.00. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop:

Upon motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Jacobson, the board unanimously Agreed, with each board member abstaining on themselves, to approve Dr. DeFranco, Ms. Palaia, and the board members to attend the New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop at the Atlantic City Convention Center on October 28th through October 30th at a cost of \$175.00 per attendee.

Public Participation:

Mrs. Swift expressed that it is difficult for working parents to get their children attending the pre-school program to and from school. She questioned that if the bus was already going to Playgroups, couldn't room be made on the bus for the regular education students?

Mrs. Brog expressed that she hoped the board will find a teacher for the Chinese program soon. She reminded everyone the spaghetti dinner was coming up.

Mrs. Cuevas, speaking on behalf of Bill and Lisa Cundiff, stated the family would like to Make a donation of two pieces of playground equipment, butterfly books for each classroom and a large tent for butterfly release in honor of their daughter Kira.

Mrs. Turner asked if parents could be notified of practice school lockdowns. She indicated bike and other safety issues should be addressed at the next school assembly.

Mr. Sewell expressed that any non-mandated busing should be eliminated

Executive Session:

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

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mr. Sless, the board unanimously agreed to reconvene the meeting at 10:05 P.M.

Personnel and Other Matters:

Motion by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mrs. Perskie, to approve the following personnel and other matters:

A. Approve the following individuals for the E.A. Tighe School Play

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program/Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Debra Roland	Play Director and Musical Director	\$3,100.00
Jefferson Heller	Assistant Director	\$ 600.00
Kelly Harris	Choreographer	\$ 500.00
Mark Harris	Lighting	\$ 600.00
Margo Juliano	Set Design	\$ 600.00
Sydney Becker	Assistant Lighting & Sound	\$ 400.00
TBA	Sound Engineer	\$ 600.00
TBA	Aide	\$ 12.00/hr
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B. Approve the employment of Kalliopi Kounis (a current substitute cafeteria worker) as a cafeteria aide. She will work 9:00 – 11:00 and can be utilized for more hours if other(s) call out sick.

C. Approve John DiNicola to attend School Leader Training, sponsored by Stockton/ETTC, on February 25, 2010, March 25, 2010, April 22, 2010 and June 3, 2010. Travel expenses only.

D. Approve Michelle Carney-Ray to attend Required School Leader Training, sponsored by ETTC on October 7, November 18, December 16 and January 13. Travel expenses only.

E. Approve Dianne McDevitt as a substitute teacher.

F. Approve Dr. Theresa DeFranco to attend Building a Positive/Superintendent/Board of Education Team on October 28, 2009 at the Atlantic City Convention Center at a cost of \$195.00.

Personnel and Other Matters: (Continued)

G. Approve the following individuals for extracurricular programs:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program/Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Margo Juliano	Art Club Director	\$33.00/hr.
James Hiltner	Tighe Boys Basketball Asst Coach	\$1,000.00
Arturo Morales	Tighe Soccer Asst. Coach	\$800.00

H. Approve Robert Roland to come in once a week to instruct any student who may be interested in learning guitar. This will be of no expense to the district.

I. Approve Tina Esposito as a substitute teacher.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Kulzer, Mrs. Perskie, Mr. Sless, Mrs. Levitt Doyle,
Mr. Storcella

Nays: None

Adjournment:

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Susan E. Palaia
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator