

The following items are contained in the May 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes:

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The Regular Meeting of the Margate City Board of Education was called to order at 5:45 P.M. on May 6, 2020 by President, Mrs. Catherine Horn, via telecommunications.

Certification of Notice:

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

On May 17, 2019, 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, and the William H Ross III School and mailed to the City Clerk and the Press.

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| <u>Roll Call</u> - Members Present: | Mrs. Catherine Horn, President, Mrs. Santoro, Vice-President,     |
| .                                   | Mrs. Brog, Dr. Joel Frankel (left at 6pm and returned at 7:10pm), |
| .                                   | Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift                                 |
| Members Absent:                     | None  |
| Others Present:                     | Dr. Thomas Baruffi, Superintendent of Schools; Jennifer           |
| ..                                  | Germana, Board Secretary/School Business                          |
| ..                                  | Administrator; Mrs. Audrey Becker, Principal;                     |
| ..                                  | Mr. Ryan Gaskill, Principal/Child Study Team Director;            |
| ..                                  | Mr. Eric Goldstein, Solicitor; Mr. Clete Schwegmann, Longport     |
| ..                                  | Representative; Mr. Louis Lessig, Negotiations Attorney           |
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Public Comment:

Members of the community shared the following:

- Angelica Scouloudis – Would like to see more virtual learning, more structured learning, less pressure on parents
- Kristi Grimley – Feels there has been a nice mix of packets & online work and that trying to schedule regular online meetings would be hard. Also stated that the teachers are doing a great job
- Celine Kurtz – Believes the Kindergarten teachers deserve a lot of respect. Everyone is doing the best they can. She recommended reaching out to teachers with any concerns. The teachers have been good about responding. She believes parents need to step up for the kids. She thanked the school and kindergarten staff
- Tina Mendelsohn – Kindergarten teacher was very helpful. She would like to see more engagement with specials
- Jay & Beth Weinberg – Feel that the school should do more and have more interactions. They would like more Spanish and art.
- Alanna Smallwood – Feels that zoom meetings help keep the students day on track and that more online interaction would be great.
- Mona Marcus – Would like more scheduled interaction

Public Comment (continued):

- Jennie Nagle – Requested that on Mondays the parents be provided a roadmap of what their children should accomplish throughout the week. The kids love the zoom meetings so more meetings would be nice. She appreciates the teachers and all they are doing. She stated that more specials would be great.
- Audrey Becker – Shared that the parameters for online education were laid out in a plan in the beginning of this situation. This was the first time that she was hearing some of these concerns. She stated that with young children parent involvement is necessary. She shared that the use of videos was to make learning more flexible for working parents.
- Dave DeFeo- Concerned about curriculum on drug education. He stated that there is a disconnect between how Ross and Tighe are handling this situation.
- Samara & Dan Dicker - Stated that overall everything was going well but more specials and one on one interaction would be nice.
- Allie Lieberman- Tighe is doing well. Ross needs better instructions to help parents.
- Jody Corcoran- Hopes that all of this is taken as constructive feedback
- Dr. Thomas Baruffi – We will take this as feedback and use it to assist in providing the best possible education for the students. He stated that younger students will be harder to work with in this environment than middle school students.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Baruffi stated that we recognize that this is a tough situation. We believe the teachers are doing a nice job. It is Teacher Appreciation Week. We currently do not have any decisions on graduation. Free lunch is now available to all families. Please go to the school website for details.

NJSLA Science Assessment Update:

Mrs. Cohen shared that the NJSLA scores are on the website. This was a new test. They have reviewed the data and will use this in developing and altering the curriculum.

Fire Drill and Lockdown Reports:

Dr. Baruffi distributed the Activity Calendars for William H. Ross, III School and E.A. Tighe Schools for the month of April 2020 attached as Exhibit # 1, pages 25,097 and 25,098.

Principals' Updates:

- Mrs. Audrey Becker shared information on current activities at Ross School
- Mr. Ryan Gaskill shared information on current activities at Tighe School

Communications:

Dr. Baruffi tabled sharing the Margate City School District Closure Plan until updates are made to meet new requirements.

MEF Update:

Mrs. Christine Eden shared that the MEF spent \$4,500 supporting those in need in the school district.

MEA Report:

Mrs. Scott thanked the MEF for the Jalapeno gift cards for Teacher Appreciation Week. She thanked the MEF for all they do.

Personnel Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to approve the following personnel matters:

- Approve to raise Substitute salaries
  - \$90 with teaching certification
  - \$85 with substitute certificate
- Approve the list of staff and salaries for the 2020-2021 school year attached as Exhibit # 2 pages 25,099-25,101.
- Approve Colleen Thomas for enrollment and reimbursement upon completion of the graduate course EDUC 5331 Behavior Management and Behavior Disorders at Stockton University during the summer 2020 semester. Costs: Rowan 2019/2020 graduate cost per credit = \$767 x 3 = \$2301, 3 credits at Stockton \$1950, 75% of 3 credits \$1725.75.
- Approve Kelly Crawford for enrollment and reimbursement upon successful completion of the graduate course EDUC 5336 Curriculum Adaptations at Stockton University during the summer 2020 semester, 6/29/20-8/10/20. Costs: Rowan 2019/2020 graduate cost per credit = \$767 x 3 = \$2301, 3 credits at Stockton \$1950, 75% of 3 credits \$1725.75.
- Approve Kelly Crawford for enrollment and reimbursement upon successful completion of the graduate course EDUC 5331 Behavior Management and Behavior Disorders at Stockton University during the summer 2020 semester, 5/18/20-6/25/20. Costs: Rowan 2019/2020 graduate cost per credit = \$767 x 3 = \$2301, 3 credits at Stockton \$1950, 75% of 3 credits \$1725.75.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn

Nays: None

Instructional Support/Activities Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to approve the following instructional support/activities matters:

- Approve Kelly Crawford to teach the summer school program for students going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Accelerated/Advanced math during July and August.
  - Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders 1.25 hours per day, 4 days per week, for 4 weeks
  - Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders (Advanced) 1 hr per day, 4 days per week, for 2 weeks
  - Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders (Math) 1.25 hours per day, 4 days per week, for 4 weeks
    - Costs: Total not to exceed 60 hours (including prep times) x \$49.13 = \$2947.80.
- Approve the following staff members to work during the Extended School Year program.
  - **Teaching Staff:** Anita Grimley, Mindi Martins, Danielle Ujcich, Louis Sanchez, Margo Juliano-Thompson (20 days)
  - **Preschool Teaching:** Chrissy Campbell, (20 days)
  - **1:1 Teaching:** Sherry Stolarski, (20 days)
  - **Substitute Teaching ESY:** Mark Winterbottom
  - **Education Assistants:** Leigh Turner, Carol Reilert (20 days)
  - **Speech Therapists:** Kevin O'Hare (days based on IEP needs and student participation)
  - **OT/PT:** Kim Vona and Sandy Grob (continue yearly contracted services as needed)
  - **Costs:** \$49.13 teaching staff and \$16.00 educational assistants hourly rate per the MEA contract
  - **\*The above positions are based on student IEP needs and/or student participation, including prep time, if required, and are subject to change.**
- 3) Approve the following staff members to work from June 20-August 31 as needed.
  - **Summer Child Study Team:** Christy Stack, Mark Winterbottom, Dr. Jacque Jones, (to work as needed on evaluations, meetings, case management as needed) General Education Teacher and Special Education Teacher to attend meetings as needed.
  - **Speech Student Evaluations:** Victoria Morreale and Kevin O'Hare (student evaluations and meetings as needed) Costs: \$49.13 hourly rate per the MEA contract
  - **The above positions are based on student IEP needs and/or student participation and are subject to change.**

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn

Nays: None

Student Matters:

- Dr. Baruffi shared the HIB Summary

Student Matters (continued):

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to approve the final determination of Tighe HIB investigation No. 201920-To2. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn  
Nays: None

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, the board unanimously agreed to accept April 2, 2020 Regular Session minutes. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn  
Nays: None

Financial Reports:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to accept the Secretary's Financial Reports for the month of March 2020 as attached to these minutes and certifying that no budgetary account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(a). See Exhibit # 3 , pages 25,102– 25,125. The Secretary's Report agrees with the Report of Receipts and Disbursements. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn  
Nays: None

Board of Education Certification:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, the Margate City Board of Education certifies that as of March 31, 2020, 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 over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)2-3 so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn  
Nays: None

Bills and Payrolls:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls , as listed on Exhibit # 4, pages 25,126- 25,136. Motion passed by the following roll call:

Bills and Payrolls (continued):

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn

Nays: None

Transfer of Funds:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to approve the following Transfer of Funds:  
Ratified Budget Transfers for 2019-2020

|                           |                          |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Repair & Maint Admin      | 11-000-261-420-00-03     | \$1,500.00         |
| Child Study Team Salaries | 11-000-219-104-00-00-010 | \$100.00           |
| Maint Salaries EAT        | 11-000-262-100-00-01     | \$3,100.00         |
| Maint Salaries Ross       | 11-000-262-100-00-04     | \$1,560.00         |
| Clean Outside Maint Admin | 11-000-262-420-00-03     | \$100.00           |
| Other Transportation Adm  | 11-000-270-161-00-00     | \$1,800.00         |
| Other Retirement Regular  | 11-000-291-249-00-00     | \$145.00           |
| Grades 1-5 - Salary EAT   | 11-120-100-101-00-00-010 | \$160.00           |
| Resource Room Inst'l Aid  | 11-213-100-106-00-00-025 | \$2,450.00         |
|                           | Total                    | <u>\$10,915.00</u> |
| Repair & Maint EAT        | 11-000-261-420-00-01     | \$1,500.00         |
| CST Support Staff - Sal   | 11-000-219-105-00-00-025 | \$100.00           |
| Maint OT Sal EAT          | 11-000-262-100-18-01     | \$4,660.00         |
| Clean Outside Maint Ross  | 11-000-262-420-00-04     | \$100.00           |
| Sal Trans Other           | 11-000-270-162-00-00     | \$1,800.00         |
| Unemployment Compensation | 11-000-291-250-00-00     | \$145.00           |
| Salaries of Teachers KDG  | 11-110-100-101-00-00-025 | \$160.00           |
| Resource Rm Inst'l EAT    | 11-213-100-106-00-00-010 | \$2,450.00         |
|                           | Total                    | <u>\$10,915.00</u> |

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn

Nays: None

Report of Receipts and Disbursements:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to accept the Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of March 2020. See Exhibit # 5, pages 25,137 – 25,146. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn

Nays: None



Cash Report:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to accept the Cash Report for the month of March 2020 attached as Exhibit # 6, page 25,147. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn

Nays: None

New Business:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog, to approve the following new business matters:

- Approve School Food Authority to School Food Authority Contract with Ventnor Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$3.30 per meal.
- Approve renewal of health insurance for one year from 7/1/2020– 06/30/2021 with the Amerihealth Brown & Brown Public Employers Trust attached as Exhibit # 7, pages 25,148 and 25,149.
- Approve a Consortium Agreement with Longport City Board of Education for the 2021 IDEA Basic and Preschool Grant.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn

Nays: None

Other Matters:

Motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brog to approve the following other matters:

- Approve the following club/activity, stipends, and advisors at Ross School for the 20-21 school year:
  - Ross School Pride/Leadership**
    - Student Leadership/Pride Advisors -Tracy Magel and Diane Grassi - \$2,000 each
  - Clubs and Activities**
    - Artsy Upcycle Club-Anita Grimley-\$1,000
    - Kind Kids Club-Erin McGuigan-\$1,000
    - Running Club-Lisa Carey-\$500
    - After-School Educational Assistants-Holly Ferry and Patty Holland-\$16.00/per hour (as needed)
    - After School Homework Club Advisors-Mindi Martins and Lindsey Evans-(MEA contracted hourly rate 1 hour per day Tuesday and Thursday)
    - 1st and 2nd Grade Art Club-Margo Juliano-Thompson-\$1,000
    - NEW – Pottery Club – Margo Juliano-Thompson - \$1,000
    - 4th Grade Memory Book-Anita Grimley-\$500
- Approve the following staff for the 2020 BSI/Title I Summer School from June 29-July 30 Monday through Thursday (20 days)

Other Matters (continued):

Teaching staff: 8:15-12:45 – Sherry Scott, Amber Fitzgerald, Theresa Brennan, Amy Hughes (instruction)

8:45-1:15 – Veronica Valencia (computer lab) Educational Assistant: Holly Ferry

Costs: MEA contract rates: Teachers \$49.13/hr Educational Assistants \$16/hr.

- Approve adding Victoria Morreale as a staff member to work during the 2020 Extended School Year summer program. Costs: MEA contract rate \$49.13, based on IEP needs and student participation.
- Approve the coaching stipends for 2020-2021 school year.
 

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| Field Hockey - \$1600        | Basketball Boys - \$2400    |
| Volleyball - \$1600          | Boys Cross Country - \$1600 |
| Girls Cross Country - \$1600 | Tennis - \$300              |
| Girls Basketball - \$2400    | Soccer - \$1600             |
| Baseball - \$1600            | Golf - \$300                |

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Brog, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Swift, Mrs. Santoro, and Mrs. Horn

Nays: None

Public Comment:

Members of the community shared the following:

- Lisa Finneran – Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to Mrs. Roland. They have been in constant communication with staff and appreciate it.
- Angelique Scoulioudis – Tighe seems to be doing well. Parents need more help to assist the kids and keep them more engaged.
- Mona Marcus – Ask what the school believes attributes to low science scores? Mrs. Cohen stated that it is difficult to do standardized testing on science. We are working on new standards to make sure the curriculum meets the student’s needs.
- Colleen DeFeo – Questioned drug education in health class. We love the teachers and want to see more of them. It helps them to see their friends.

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Mrs. Horn, seconded by Mrs. Brog, the board unanimously approved the following resolution at 7:10 PM:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 requires adoption of a resolution of the Board to go into Executive Session;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, New Jersey Title 18A and the Margate City Board of Education Bylaw No. 9322 hereby enters Executive Session to discuss the following matter:

Student and Personnel Matters

Executive Session (continued):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of this Executive Session shall be made public following formal action by the Board and/or at the conclusion of any investigation(s), due process proceeding, or litigation, so long as not prohibited by law and so long as the need for maintaining confidentiality no longer exists.

Upon motion by Mrs. Horn, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, the board unanimously agreed to reconvene the meeting at 7:44 PM

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mrs. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Sorensen, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Germana".

Jennifer Germana  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator