

SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

President McStowe called the meeting to order at 4:05PM and roll call taken as follows:

PRESENT: Messrs. Anderson, Gerbasio, McStowe, Mrs. D'Addetta and Mrs. Snedeker

ABSENT: Messrs. Lewis, Riebesell, Ms. Marra and Mrs. O'Connell

LATE ARRIVAL:

President McStowe declared a quorum present

Also present: Robert Presuto, CSA
Grace Yeo, Acting SBA/BS
Stephen Fogarty

Board Member Anderson, asked everyone to rise and join in the salute to the flag.

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, Mr. Anderson, announced that the Acting Board Secretary had forwarded notice of this meeting for advertising by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Secaucus Town Hall, on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Board of Education Administration Building, as well as being provided to the Secaucus Home News, Jersey Journal, and the Bergen Record.

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Gerbasio

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

WHEREAS, it shall be necessary for the Secaucus Board of Education to discuss subjects concerning personnel matters;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subject will be discussed in closed Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, and that such deliberations thereto will be made available to the public as soon as the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education went into Executive Session at 4:08PM in order to discuss personnel.

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Snedeker, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:01PM.

Motion by Mrs. Snedeker, seconded by Mr. Gerbasio, and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept and approve the following board meeting minutes:

Special Meeting	August 7, 2013	unanimously approved, abstained by Mr. Gerbasio
Regular Meeting	August 22, 2013	unanimously approved, abstained by Mrs. D'Addetta
Special Meeting	August 29, 2013	unanimously approved, abstained by Mr. Gerbasio

Organization Reports

Huber Street School – Mrs. Wilhelm reported on the following:

-SGO elections were held

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-October is Breast Cancer awareness and the teachers and students will holding various events during the month.

-Thanked the custodial staff of Huber Street and Supervisor Mr. Cioffi for the great job in getting the school ready for the students, teachers and staff. Mr. Cioffi is a great asset to the district and very much appreciated for all he does.

JSA- Vito DiGeorgio III reported on all the events and activities which Junior States participated over the summer, including meeting Governor Christie. He also announced the new president of JSA, SHS chapter is Bethany Mancuso.

Superintendent Report:

Recommended action on resolutions and motions to be presented under Committee Reports.

HIB Report – No Report

Mr. Presuto announced that he had attended “open houses” and commended the high school parents for continuing their open house despite the power outage. He also commented how fortunate the citizens of Secaucus are on the design and beauty of the public library.

Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:

Recommended action on resolutions and motions to be presented under Committee Reports.

Public Agenda Comments:

Committee Reports and New Business

1. School Government

Resolutions 1.1 through 1.18

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: Lisa Snedeker

R1.1 Approval to appoint the following Fall & Winter Coach for 2013-2014 school year:

First Name	Last Name	Position	Stipend
Bayu	Sutrisno	Head Indoor Track	\$5,330.00
Bayu	Sutrisno	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,190.00

R1.2 Approval to appoint Erin Westover as a Speech Language Specialist at \$60,879 Step 1 MA at Huber Street School for the 2013-2014 school year.
(*Replacing Bari Cohen (Account Code: 11-000-216-100-000-13))

R1.3 Approval to appoint Rebecca Zelkowitz as a Replacement Speech Language Specialist at \$60,879 Step 1 MA at Clarendon School from October 15, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
*Replacing Nadia Farooq (Account Code: 11-000-216-100-000-12)

RI.4 Approval to appoint Patricia Valente as emergent hire Per Diem HR Specialist pending background check effective September 23, 2013 at \$20 per hour no more than 24 hours per week.

R1.5 Approval to appoint three (3) Per Diem Security Positions at \$18.00 per hour

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effective September 23, 2013 as follows:

Javar Kemp
Chyрил Mullen
Jude R Smith

R1.6 Approval to appoint Bayu Sutrisno as a Replacement Middle School Guidance Counselor at \$60,879 Step 1 MA at Effective September 23, 2013 to December 13, 2013. *Replacing Joan Cali on Medical Leave. (Account Code 11-000-218-104-000-15)

R1.7 Approval of Medical Leave request for Janet Fiume Special Education Teacher at Secaucus Middle School from September 17, 2013 to October 16, 2013.

R1.8 Approval to appoint the following per-diem school bus drivers at \$15.00 per hour and bus aide at \$11 per hour

BUS DRIVERS

Alequa Hayward
Santos Smith

BUS AIDE

Brandi Borrin

R1.9 Approval for all Secaucus School District Teachers with Standard Certification as Home Instructors for the 2013-2014 school year as needed. Compensation for Regular Education Students at \$40/hr and Special Education students at \$45/hr per Article XII of the SEA contract.

R1.10 Approval to re-appoint the following Substitute Teachers, Substitute Clerk, Substitute Custodial workers for the 2013-2014 School Year:

Substitute Teachers:

Kady Farinola
Stacy Forbes
Amanda Gonzalez
Shannon Lynch
Britt Boegerhausen

Substitute Clerks:

Eleanor McGarrity

Substitute Custodial

Franklin Addvensky
Ernesto Almeida
David Kowalewski
Michael Sanzari
Charles Spiegel

R1.11 Approval to post for Special Education Teacher at Secaucus Middle School

R1.12 Approval to post for Supervisor of Social Studies & Language Arts for the 2013-2014 school year.

R1.13 Approval to post for the following Coordinator positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

Special Education Technology Coordinator
Special Education Transition Coordinator
Future Teacher Academy
Media Academy Coordinator
Freshman Transition Coordinator
Service Learning Coordinator (S.A.I.L)
7-8 Grade Career Education Coordinator
Career Exploration & Internship Coordinator

(Stipends will be in accordance to the SEA contract)

R1.14 Approval to post for District Mentoring Committee for the following schools at a Stipend of \$750.00 each.

Clarendon School
Huber Street School
Secaucus Middle School
Secaucus High School

R1.15 Approval to post for the following Elementary Coaches:

Clarendon School Literacy Coach
Huber Street Math Coach

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Huber Street Literacy Coach
(*Stipends will be in accordance to the SEA contract*)

R1.16 Approval to post for the following Club/Advisor positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>CLUB ADVISOR/POSITIONS</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>CLUB ADVISOR/POSITIONS</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
American Technology Honor Society	1	High School Play Director/Spring Musical	1
Art Show Coordinator	3	High School Play Music Director/Conductor	1
Boys' Circle	2	High School Play Producer	1
Builder's Club	2	High School Yearbook Creative Advisor	1
Business Club(FBLA)	1	High School Yearbook Financial Advisor	1
Challenge Club	1	Hospitality/Event Staff Coordinator	1
Character Education Advisor	3	Junior Mathematics Club	1
Chess Club	1	Junior State of America	1
Chorus 4th Grade	2	Key Club	1
Chorus 5th/6th Grade	2	Literary Explorers Club	1
Class Advisor 7 th & 8 th Grade	1	Media Club	2
Class of 2014 Advisor	1	Metamorphosis Magazine	1
Class of 2015 Advisor	1	Middle Pages (School Newspaper)	1
Class of 2016 Advisor	1	Mu Alpha Theta	1
Class of 2017 Advisor	1	National English Honor Society	1
Computer Club	1	National Honor Society	1
Computer Tech Coordinator	1	National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)	1
Concert Band	2	Newspaper Club	1
Construct It Club	1	Peacekeepers Club	2
Dance Club	2	Peacekeepers Club	2
District Science Fair Coordinator	1	Photography Club	1
Drama Club	3	Rebel	1
Elementary Science Fair Coordinator	2	Robotics Club	1
Elementary Science Trip Chaperone *	TBD	Rock Band	2
Environmental Club	1	Rogate	1
Fashion Show Coordinator	1	Safety Patrol	2
Foreign Language Club	1	Saturday Detention	1
Foreign Language Honor Society	1	School Store	1
Forensics/Mock Trial	1	Science Club	1
Gay-Straight Alliance	1	SITE(Engineering & Tech. Club)	1
Girls' Circle	2	Student Government Organization	4
High Jazz Band	1	Technology Club	1
High School Asst.Director/Spring Musical	1	Training Band	2
High School Choreographer	1	Unico Youth Club	1
High School Chorus	1	Wee Deliver Literacy Club	2
High School Concert Band	1	Yearbook Club	3
High School Newspaper Patriot Press	1		

***EMPLOYEES ONLY**

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R1.17 Approval of Posting and Job Description for “Dean of Students 7-12”

R1.18 Approval of the following salary advancements for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Step</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Advancement</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Teacher (Social Studies)	Amanda Jones	BA+15 Step 4	\$58,937	MA+15 Step 4	\$62,652
Teacher (Music)	Sean Sonnett	BA Step 17	\$79,579	BA+15 Step 17	\$80,729
Teacher (Elementary)	Sharon Holsten	MA+15 Step 13	\$66,831	MA 6th Yr Step 13	\$69,476
Teacher (Social Studies)	Keith Schneider	BA Step 6	\$58,194	MA Step 6	\$61,889
Teacher (Math)	Toni Ann Palmisano	BA+15 Step 4	\$58,937	MA Step 4	\$61,482

2. Curriculum

R2.1

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the annexed field trips be approved, as recommended by the Superintendent, for the month of October.

R2.2

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following curriculum be approved, as recommended by the Superintendent as follows:

- 7th Grade Science
- 8th Grade Science
- Elementary Science Grades 5 & 6
- Geophysical Science
- AP Biology
- Chemistry
- Sociology
- Experiments in Writing
- Grade 6 Reading

R2.3

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following be approved, as recommended by the Superintendent as follows:

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Approval of Pacing Guides and Benchmark Assessments

- Elementary Science-Grades 5 & 6
- 7th Grade Science
- 8th Grade Science
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- Sociology
- Experiments in Writing
- World Language Level 2
- World Language Level 3

M2.1 Motion by Robert Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gerbasio to approve the disposal of Library Material from Clarendon School Library and Middle School The Language of Literature

M2.2 Motion by Robert Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gerbasio to approve teachers to implement Kahn Academy as a resource for mathematics grades K-12

M2.3 Motion by Robert Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gerbasio to approve the use of Online AP Bio Extension Class due to scheduling conflicts

3. Finance

R3.1

INTRODUCED BY: John Gerbasio

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves for payment the Bill List as per annexed in the amount of \$1,895,713.32.

R3.2

INTRODUCED BY: John Gerbasio

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secretary is hereby authorized to make transfers for the month of July within the various appropriations for the 2013-2014 school year as shown on the annexed report.

R3.3

INTRODUCED BY: John Gerbasio

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

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BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(e), we certify that the Financial Reports of the Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies, as presented by the Acting School Business Administrator for the month(s) of July be placed on file. The Reports are in agreement. The Board of Education, after review of the Secretary's Financial Reports (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, hereby certifies to the best of our knowledge, no major account or funds have been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.23(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

R3.4

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SECAUCUS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING A SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

INTRODUCED BY: **John Gerbasio**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) of the Secaucus Town School District, New Jersey (the "State") has over the last several years been experiencing enrollment increases in its grades K-6 student population, which has resulted in the School District's K-6 schools currently meeting or exceeding their "functional student capacity", as determined in accordance with New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE") standards), and

WHEREAS, the Board has also recently updated its student enrollment demographic study, which study projects grades K-6 student enrollment to continue increasing for at least the next five years (which is the maximum projection period NJDOE will recognize); and

WHEREAS, after review of various options for addressing the current and projected grades K-6 student enrollment increases, the Board has determined that the most educationally favorable and economically efficient plan to address such increases is to (i) reconfigure the School District school facilities into two (2) grades K-5 schools, grades 6-8 middle school and grades 9-12 high school (the "School Facilities Reconfiguration"), and (ii) to undertake a multi-faceted, not exceeding \$27,400,000 Middle-High School renovations and expansion project (the "Project", and together with the School Facilities Reconfiguration, the "School Facilities Plan") necessary to implement the proposed School Facilities Reconfiguration (*it being understood that implementation of the School Facilities Reconfiguration is dependent upon voter approval of the Project*); and

WHEREAS, the Board, in consultation with the School District architect, has submitted the School Facilities Plan to NJDOE for its review and determination as to State aid eligibility, and after such review, NJDOE has awarded State "debt service aid" to the School District in the amount of 25.2% of the maximum Project cost (it being understood that under this State aid form, the Board will issue its school bonds in the amount of the maximum Project cost, and the State will annually provide cash aid to the Board in an amount equal to 25.2% of annual principal and interest payments on such school bonds); and

WHEREAS, to timely accomplish the Project and the Grade Reconfiguration, the Board now seeks to authorize the submission of a ballot question (the "Proposal") at a special School District election to be held Tuesday, December 10, 2013 (the "Election"), and to authorize certain actions required to be taken in connection with the conduct of the Election and the undertaking of the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Education of the Secaucus Town School District, Hudson County, New Jersey (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. A special School District election (the "Election") of the legal voters of the School District shall be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, commencing at 1:00 p.m. in the School District for the purposes

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hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 9:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot.

2. At the Election the following explanatory statement and Proposal shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Board of Education (the "Board") is proposing a not exceeding \$27,400,000 Middle-High School renovation and expansion project (the "Project") to the voters for their consideration. The Board is proposing to finance the Project costs through the issuance of school bonds. An explanation of the Project is set forth below:

The Board has over the last several years been experiencing enrollment increases in its grades K-6 student population, which has resulted in both of the School District's K-6 schools currently exceeding their "functional student capacity", as determined in accordance with NJDOE standards. The Board has also recently updated its student enrollment demographic study, which study project grades K-6 student enrollment to continue increasing for at least the next five years.

After review of various options for addressing the current and projected grades K-6 student enrollment increases, the Board has determined that the most educationally favorable and economically efficient plan to address such increases is to (i) reconfigure the School District school facilities into two (2) grades K-5 schools, a grades 6-8 middle school and grades 9-12 high school (the "School Facilities Reconfiguration"), and (ii) to undertake a multi-faceted, not exceeding \$27,400,000 Middle-High School renovations and expansion project (the "Project") necessary to implement the School Facilities Reconfiguration (*it being understood that implementation of the School Facilities Reconfiguration is dependent upon voter approval of the Project*).

The Board, in consultation with the School District architect, has submitted the School Facilities Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE") for its review and determination as to State aid eligibility, and after such review, NJDOE has awarded State "debt service aid" to the School District in the amount of 25.2% of the maximum Project cost (it being understood that under this State aid form, the Board will issue its school bonds in the amount of the maximum Project cost, and the State will annually provide cash aid to the Board in an amount equal to 25.2% of annual principal and interest payments on such school bonds). Such State aid is only available to the Board of Education if the referendum is approved.

The project includes the following components:

Construction of new academic classrooms, technology lab, discovery classroom, science classrooms, green house and related prep and support spaces, and new main /guidance office

Conversion and relocation of certain existing academic and administrative spaces to create additional academic classrooms, and a new computer lab and technology classroom

Expansion of Media Center and cafeteria

Construction of new High School Gymnasium and related training and support spaces (necessary in connection with conversion of existing gymnasium and related support spaces into a Middle School Gymnasium area)

PROPOSAL

The Board of Education of the Secaucus Town School District, New Jersey is authorized to (A) undertake a Secaucus Middle-High School renovation and expansion project; and (B) spend and issue school bonds in an amount not exceeding \$27,400,000 to finance the cost of such project.

The State has agreed to provide debt service aid for the project in the amount of 40% of eligible costs (which equates to 25.2% of total costs). The project includes \$2,689,570 for school

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facilities construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standard developed by the Commissioner of Education, or that are not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g).

3. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposal and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same.

4. The Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to comply with the provisions of all applicable laws to the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools, Hudson County Clerk, Hudson County Board of Elections, and to the Clerk of the Town of Secaucus, and to request such persons to undertake their respective functions under such laws, as applicable, in connection with the Election.

5. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 24-16 and 24-17 of the Education Law, a Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the Chief Financial Officers of the Town of Secaucus, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposal, and that such Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Secaucus, and in the office of the Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution. The Board hereby directs the Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary to cause such Supplemental Debt Statement to be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

6. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel and the Architect for the Project, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposal to the voters of the School District at the Election, including preparation and submission of all required applications for receipt of the Debt Service Aid. The Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, is hereby authorized to revise the Proposal in order to conform same to statutory requirements.

7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

R3.5

INTRODUCED BY: John Gerbasio

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve, as recommended by Superintendent the annexed out of district travel as of September 19, 2013.

Employee Name	Date(s) of Event	Title of Event	Location	Registration Fee	Estimated Tolls and Mileage	Total Cost
Barbara Bivin	10/16/2013	Annual Health Conference	Somerset	\$195.00	\$36.72	\$231.72
Joyce Corcoron	10/16/2013	Annual Health Conference	Somerset	\$195.00		
P.Phemsint	10/3 & 10/4/2013	NJ Conf. Art is Infinite	New Brunswick	\$125.00	\$64.00	\$189.00
T. Tufaro	9/24/2013	LEA Accountability for Federal Funds	E. Brunswick	N/A	\$33.58	\$33.58

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R3.6

INTRODUCED BY: **John Gerbasio**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve the submission of the 2013 IDEA Grant Application to the NJ Department of Education.

R3.7

INTRODUCED BY: **John Gerbasio**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education, pursuant to NCLB Title III Section 3115(c) authorizes the Superintendent to execute the annexed Memorandum of Understanding between Lead Applicant District and Participant Districts for school year 2014 NCLB Title III Consortium.

R3.8

INTRODUCED BY: **John Gerbasio**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator and President to execute contracts for out of district placement tuition for the 2013-2014 school year for:

<u>School</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
A.Harry Moore School	RN, PR IS	\$56,067.55 each (10 month) \$168,202.65
North Hudson Academy	SR	\$47,654.25 (10 month)
JFK Johnson Rehabilitation	AF	\$34,810.00 (10 month)

R3.9

INTRODUCED BY: **John Gerbasio**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School

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Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide

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savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

The Secaucus Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018 hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative

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Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

R3.9A

INTRODUCED BY: **John Gerbasio**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Secaucus School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

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WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

R3.10

INTRODUCED BY: **John Gerbasio**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education adopted resolution R3.4 on June 13, 2013 authorizing the submission of the 2013-2014 Child Nutrition Programs Packet; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Food & Nutrition has advised that the submission was incorrect and/or incomplete and hereby resolution R3.4 is rescinded; and

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and Maschio's Food Services, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Maschio's") are parties to an Agreement for Food Service Management for the 2013-2014 school year (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"); and

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WHEREAS, the Agreement specifically provides that the Board may renew the Agreement for up to three (3) one-year extensions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that Maschio’s has been rendering the services in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of extending the Agreement consistent with the above 2013-2014 school year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The term of the Agreement shall be extended for one (1) additional school year, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
2. All the remaining terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
3. This contract renewal is contingent upon the fulfillment of Maschio’s of all provisions in this contract related to USDA donated commodities [7CFR 250.53(a)(12)].

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the addendum for the 2013-2014 school year, which is on file with the NJ Department of Agriculture, Division of Food and Nutrition and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the food service management renewal contract addendum between the Secaucus Board of Education and Maschio’s for the 2013-2014 school year be approved. This contract, as quoted, includes a management fee which is inclusive in Administrative Fee of \$7500.00 per month for the ten months during the academic year. Maschio’s guarantees a return of \$130,000.00 as per terms and conditions of the food service management contract between Secaucus Board of Education and Maschio’s for the 2013-2014 school year.

4. Safety, Security Buildings & Grounds

M4.1 Motion by Mr. Gerbasio, seconded by Mr. Anderson to dispose of the following irreparable equipment:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Serial/Model</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1	Sharp 27” CRT Television	Model #: 25VT-J100 Serial#: 346474	Obsolete

5. Technology – No Report

6. Policy

R6.1

INTRODUCED BY: **John Gerbasio**

SECONDED BY: **Lisa Snedeker**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policies:

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| 3144.12 | Certification of Tenure Charges – Inefficiency (Mandatory) New |
| 3144.3 | Suspension Upon Certification of Tenure Charge – New |
| 3372 | Teaching Staff member Tenure Acquisition – New |
| 3373 | Tenure Upon Transfer or Promotion – New |
| 4124 | Employment Contract (Revised) |

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7. Athletic Liasion

Mrs. Snedeker announced that Friday, September 20th is the high school home football game and the PBA is sponsoring a BBQ. Mr. Anderson reported that girls volleyball are doing great and boys and girls soccer are doing well as well.

8. Shared Services – No Report

9. New Business - None

Public General Comments

Tom Troyer

Understanding that the Board cannot respond as it pertains to a personnel issue, but will ask the questions anyway. On August 22, 2013 a position of Truant Officer was posted:

- Why was last year's truant officer not rehired or did he resign?
- Was the job description changed, and could he obtain a copy?
- Why was there a cap placed on the salary of \$25/hr. not to exceed \$40,000
- Did last year's truant officer do a good job?
- What was the reasoning of the cap?

Mr. McStowe responded that the cap was based on a ten month employee, and could not answer any other questions; but did assure Mr. Troyer that he could obtain a copy of the job description, Friday morning.

Alton Coleman

He speaking on behalf of his wife whose son attended Huber Street School. It was recently brought to his attention of audio tapes that are involved in litigation by other parents concerning a teacher. His question was did the board listen to the tapes. The child was an outgoing bright little boy who was eager to go to school. After six weeks in this teacher's class he became withdrawn and did not want to go to school. Later, it was learned that six weeks into school the child was told by this same teacher that he would fail, and he did. This type of behavior is simply abuse. Will there be full disclosure to this situation?

Mr. Stephen Fogarty responded, on behalf of the Board, any specific questions should be addressed to the Superintendent. He also suggested that Mr. Coleman make an appointment with the Superintendent.

John Schwartz

Did the Board of Education have a policy on how many formal complaints, concerning an employee, have to be made before action is taken?

Mr. Fogarty stated that following the chain of command is expected in filing a complaint, and could just state that any and all complaints are investigated.

Nancy Lynch

Welcomed everyone back. The SEA has restructured, due to Joan Cali's surgery. Nancy will be the interim President, and four new building representatives.

Board Member Comments

Robert Anderson – Complaint to Linda Wilhelm. He taught over thirty years, and he didn't have air conditioning in his classroom.

John Gerbasio – Appears we are off to good start. Appreciate people coming.

Kelli D'Addetta – Welcome back, and looking forward to a new year.

Lisa Snedeker – Welcome back

John McStowe – Explained the absence of board members Joseph Lewis and Kathy O'Connel (as teacher's it was their back to school night).

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Motion by John Gerbasio, seconded by Robert Anderson, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,
Acting Board Secretary