

SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING REGULAR MINUTES
DATED: APRIL 30, 2015

Vice President Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:10PM and roll call taken as follows:

PRESENT: Messrs. Anderson, Gerbasio, Lewis, McStowe, Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Pantoliano

ABSENT:

LATE ARRIVALS: Mrs. D'Addetta and Mr. Bartletta at 4:30 and 5:15 respectively

Vice President Lewis declared a quorum present

Also present: Robert Presuto, CSA
Kristin Kosky, BA/BS
Francelis De Oca Montes
Stephen Fogarty, Esq.

Vice President Lewis, asked everyone to rise and join in the salute to the flag.

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, Vice President Lewis, announced that the 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. Lewis

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. Riebesell, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:10PM.

Motion by McStowe, seconded by Mr. Bartletta, and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept and approve the March 19th, March 26th and April 6, 2015 board meeting minutes; with Mr. Gerbasio abstaining for the April 6th meeting.

Organization Reports:

JSA representative Hadiqa Shahid reported, with great pride that Mr. Michael Gehm was named the Advisor of the Year at their recent event, and was presented with a flag flying over the Capital. She also reported on a few upcoming events.

Mr. Valente, Middle School Principal reported that the month of April was a very busy month. He thanked Mr. Mroz on putting together the program for Arbor Day, and Mrs. Taylor for the Science Fair. He proudly announced that Mrs. Debbie Gerbasio's Media Academy was awarded the top four (4) in the Nation for their public service announcement "Eco Effect". Mr. Valente also paid tribute to Mrs. Fiume, Ms. Cali and Mrs. Gadaleta highlighting their teaching careers and wishing them all well on their retirement.

Mr. Steven Viggiani, Clarendon Principal, reported on the end of PARCC testing, the success of the Science Fair, and the Academic Bowl. The Dance Club recently performed and in their midst is a budding choreographer, Michael Chang, who taught his fellow classmates during their lunch time. It was a great show. Mr. Viggiani announced that the new playground is coming along and thanked Mayor Gonnelli and Town Council. As a fund raiser for DARE, the teachers of the district will be playing a basketball game against the PBA on May 13th at the HS gym.

Mrs. Linda Wilhelm reported for Dr. Bob Berckes. The play Hair Spray was a HUGE success. Looking forward to the Red Carpet Event (fashion show May 20th) and Sr. Prom Red Carpet on June 4th. The retiring of nine (9) members of the staff is the loss of many years of teaching experience.

Mrs. Wilhelm reported on the events at Huber Street which included Café Poetry, Academic Bowl, 6th grade breakfast, Science Fair, Arbor Day, and Dance Club. On May 1st, for the first time in 20 years, Huber Street will participate in Law Day at a ceremony in Jersey City. Two 6th grade students won first place and one other honorable mention...not bad for the first time out.

Mrs. Wilhelm then read a letter from a parent announcing that her daughter, Hampton Taylor, was crowned Royal International Miss New Jersey, and will compete for the national title this summer. Hampton earned this title for her community and volunteerism. A true humanitarian Hampton has collected for orphans, abused children, cats & dogs, participating in autism and distributing Mother's Day cards at nursing homes. Mrs. Wilhelm then introduced Hampton. Hampton is a kindergartner and immediately received a standing ovation!

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Presuto proudly announced that our Middle School Students took the Gold, Silver & Bronze awards at the Hudson County Science Fair, and congratulated all students who participated in the Science Fairs. Hair Spray great show! Congratulations to all the students, parents and staff as well as the volunteers on a great job. Mr. Presuto announced that we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the PAC on Saturday, May 9th. Tickets are \$50 for the buffet dinner (limited seating) and \$15 for the concert. All are invited to the celebration.

Mr. Presuto then introduced each Teacher of the Year, presented them with a plaque and gift and the Principal of each school highlighted their careers, teaching techniques and overall performance. The following are Teachers of the Year:

Faith Rennie	Huber Street
Susan Redvanly	Clarendon
Chris Innis	Middle School
Lori Garafalo	High School

Recommended action on resolutions and motions to be presented under Committee Reports. Mr. Presuto presented the Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB) findings as reported for the period March 26, 2015 through April 29, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Gerbasio, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to accept the HIB report, and are available at the Administrative Offices for review.

RS.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Gerbasio

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, it has been recommended that following its reconsideration of an HIB decision reported to the Board on April 6, 2015 that the Board hereby reverses that decision and reconsiders the decision finding that the conduct does not constitute HIB under the ABBR and the Board's policy.

The resolution was adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:

Mrs. Kosky announced that we would now open up nominations for President of the Board.

Motion by Ruby Pantoliano, seconded by Mr. Barletta, to nominate Mr. John Gerbasio.

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. McStowe, to nominate Mr. Joseph Lewis.

There being no additional nominations, roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Gerbasio
Robert Anderson	Yes	No
Lance Bartletta	No	Yes
Kelli D'Addetta	No	Yes
John Gerbasio	No	Yes
Joseph Lewis	Yes	No
John McStowe	Yes	No
Kathy O'Connell	No	Yes
Ruby Pantoliano	No	Yes

Mr. John Gerbasio was elected Board President by a vote of five to three, and immediately assumed the position of President. Mr. Lewis remained as Vice President.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015-2016 BUDGET

Mr. Presuto presented the goals and objectives for the upcoming budget and educational resources, including Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). Mrs. Kosky reviewed and presented comparison of past budgets to the projected 2015-2016 budget. The power point presentation and user friendly budget is available on line at our website, as well as in the Business Administrator office.

RS.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy O'Connell

SECONDED BY: Lance Bartletta

WHEREAS, the Executive Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator have reviewed the 2015-2016 tentative budget adopted by the board on March 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education has concluded the required Public Hearing.

a. Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED, the Secaucus Board of Education included in the count approved tentative 2015-2016 budget a request for a Capital Reserve withdrawal in the of \$250,000 for the purpose of providing capital for the Boiler Replacement at Huber Street State Project #4730-070-15-1000.

b. Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approves the following capital projects for 2015-2016 school year;

Projects:

Boiler Replacement at Huber Street 1539-012-2015-02-20	\$545,000
New Interior Vestibule- Clarendon 4730-065-15-1000	\$ 27,809

c. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursements

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board of Education Policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2015-2016 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education, in the County of Hudson, New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2015-2016 school year at a sum of \$50,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

d. Professional Expenses

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education, in the County of Hudson, New Jersey approves Professional Services for the school year 2015-2016:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 (a) mandates boards to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year; and

WHEREAS, the budget includes the following appropriations

Legal	\$100,000
Auditor	30,000
Architect	30,000
Physician	32,000
Professional Development	20,000
Related Services	200,100
Total	\$412,100

WHEREAS, the administration needs to notice the board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums, upon which the board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board action; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Administration wishes to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education establishes maximums for professional services listed above at a level of 120% of the amounts listed for the 2015-2016 school year.

e. Tax Authority & Banked Cap:

WHEREAS, the district has a taxing authority increase for 2015-2016 school year composed of \$609,550 from previous budgets which are available to the district for the school budget for 2015-2016 in addition

to the 2% increase over the prior year which totals \$654,963 resulting in a maximum tax levy available of \$34,012,665.

BE IT RESOLVED, that there should be raised for the General Fund a tax levy of \$33,321,245 for the ensuing School Year (2015-2016).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the unused taxing authority of \$306,752 will be banked for potential use in the subsequent three fiscal years.

f. Tentative 2015-2016 Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Secaucus Board of Education, in the County of Hudson, New Jersey approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the county approved tentative budget for 2015-2016 school year using the 2015-2016 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for final approval in accordance with the statutory deadline with no changes.

	GENERAL	SPECIAL	DEBT	
	FUND	REVENUES	SERVICE	TOTAL
2015-2016 Total Expenditures	\$35,337,776	\$600,214	\$3,190,956	\$39,128,946
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$2,016,531	\$600,214	822,548	\$3,439,293
Taxes to be Raised	\$33,321,245	-	\$2,368,408	\$35,689,653

The foregoing resolution was adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio, President	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

Public Agenda Comments: None

Committee Reports and New Business

1. School Government

R1.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby appoint the following teacher as recommended by the Superintendent, for the 2014-2015 school year.

- **Zaida Couto** Mathematics Teacher Coach, Huber Street School
 (Sean Powers replacement)
Account # 11-000-221-104-000-13
Effective Date: September 1, 2015
Stipend: Step 1 \$7,500
- **Carolyn DiOrio** High School Art Teacher (Janice Bartosek replacement)

Account # 11-140-100-101-000-14
Effective Date: September 1, 2015
Compensation: BA, Step 1 \$57,484

- **Nancy Castelli** Middle School Special Ed Teacher (Janet Fiume replacement)

Account # 11-213-100-101-015-17
Effective Date: May 1, 2015

R1.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve to adjust Frank A. Capalbo from BA, Step 1 \$57,484 to BA+15, Step 1 \$58,634 retroactive to hire date of April 27, 2015.

R1.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approves to appoint as recommended by the Superintendent, the following individuals as Per Diem Clerks/Substitute Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Position	Certification	Rate
Sandra M. Staudt	Per Diem Clerk	N/A	\$13/hour
Rita Ponce	Per Diem Clerk	N/A	\$13/hour
Patricia Scheiner	Per Diem Clerk	N/A	\$13/hour
Carolyn F. Conway	Per Diem Substitute	Substitute Certificate	\$75/Day
Jillian M. Bujnowski	Per Diem Substitute	Substitute Certificate	\$75/Day
Ashley D. Mueller	Per Diem Substitute	Pre-K-3 Certification	\$80/Day

R1.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approves to appoint as recommended by the Superintendent, the following individuals as Per Diem Custodians for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Position	Rate
Edward J. Ebel	Per Diem Custodian	\$13/hour
Cheyenne Ramirez	Per Diem Custodian	\$13/hour

R1.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by appoints as recommended by the Superintendent, the following individual as Per Diem Bus Driver

Mary Carter 15.35/hour 5/28/15-6/30/15

R1.6

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the following extracurricular positions for the school year 2014-2015:

Name	Extra Curricular	Activity Location	Stipend
Christopher Innis	Elem. Environmental Trip Chap.	Elementary	\$450
Dylan C. Caruso	Elem. Environmental Trip Chap.	Elementary	\$450

R1.7

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accepts, with regret, letter of retirement of the following teachers

Name	Position	School	Effective
Salvatore D. Cioffi	Buildings and Grounds Supervisor	District	May 28, 2015
Joan M. Cali	Guidance Counselor	Middle	June 30, 2015
Richard T. Calhoun	Staff Account/Assist Board Secretary	District	June 30, 2015
Geraldine Dowd	Secretarial	Middle/High	June 30, 2015
Kathy Kuchar	Family & Consumer Sciences	Middle/High	June 30, 2015

R1.8

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accepts and approves, Tiffany Meyer, Physical Education Teacher Middle/High School, Maternity/Bonding leave request as follows:

Name	Position	School	Type of Leave	From	To	Expected RTW
Tara Taveras	Guidance	Middle/High	Bonding Leave	09/01/15	10/2/15	10/5/15
Catherina Suzano	Guidance	High	Maternity & Bonding Leave	09/01/15	6/30/16	9/1/16

R1.9

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby extends by one day Clarendon Elementary Schools 2014/15 school year to fulfill, the 180 day requirement set forth by the Department of Education. The additional day will be a one session day on June 22, 2015 to make up for the water main break that occurred on October 20, 2014.

Note: Mr. McStowe apologized to Mr. Viggiani that this action had to be taken, but we have to meet the requirements of the State.

R1.10

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve to compensate HIB Specialists for preparation and attendance for HIB Appeal Meetings for a total of 1-3 hours per appeal in the amount of \$35/hour retroactive to September 2014

R1.11

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve to compensate Roseann Spiekermann for an additional 28.5 hours at \$35/hour for PAC Hospitality/Events Coordinator, extra-curricular position for the 2013/14 SY

R1.12

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to rescind R1.26 from August 21, 2014, appointing Sean Powers and R1.3 from October 16, 2014, appointing Edward Sommer to the Elementary Environmental Trip Chaperone, extra-curricular position at \$450 each.

M1.1 Motion by Mr. McStowe, seconded by Mr. Anderson to post for the following:

- Staff Accountant/Assistant Board Secretary (Richard T. Calhoun replacement)
- Per Diem Summer Employment Effective July 6, 2015 – August 27, 2015
- School Social Worker (Sandra Rosenblum replacement retroactive 4/1/15)
- Special Education Teacher (Lynne Gadaleta replacement retroactive 4/1/15)
- Long Term Leave Replacement Physical Education Teacher Middle/High School (Tiffany Meyer replacement)
- Elementary School Teacher 6th Grade Clarendon School (Zaida Couto replacement)
- Approval to post for Summer Curriculum teaching positions:
 - 10 Teachers Grades 3, 4, & 5 for 20 hours each @ \$40/hour, for the Elementary Training and Improvement Workshop - Incorporating Novels through Interdisciplinary Thematic Units.
 - 24 Teachers for 20 hours each @ \$40/hour – minimum of 3 per grade level, for the Elementary Writing/Math Workshop - (NCLB - Title 1 funded)
 - 2 Elementary School Teachers and 2 Middle School Teachers for 20 hours @ \$40/hour for the Science Workshop.
 - 1 Teacher for 20 hours @ \$40/hour to create the Elementary World Language Curriculum.
 - 1 Teacher for 20 hours @ \$40/hour to create the Elementary Music Curriculum.
 - 1 Sign Language Teacher, 1 Civics/Ethics Teacher and 1 World Culture Teacher for 10 hours @ \$40/hour to create the Middle School Cycle Curriculum.
- School Secretary (Geraldine Dowd replacement)
- Long Term Leave Replacement Guidance Counselor High School (Catherina Suzano replacement).
- Guidance Counselor, Middle School (Joan Cali replacement).

M1.2. Motion to post for the following 2015-2016 Extra Curricular Positions:

Extra Curricular Positions 2015-16 School Year	Stipend
Activity Fund Treasurer	\$1,900
American Tech. Hon. Soc.	\$1,450
ANIME	\$500
Art Show & Judging	\$950
Boys' Circle	\$1,600
Builders Club	\$1,300
Business Club	\$1,400
Challenge Club (per session) (Max 2 sessions/year unless approval of the Superintendent is obtained)	\$800 per session
Character Education	\$1,150
Chess Club	\$750
Computer Club	\$2,000
Computer Tech	\$2,100
Construct-It Club	\$500/school
District Science Fair Coordinator	\$1,125
Drama Club	\$2,900
Elementary Annual	\$1,000
Elementary Concert Band	\$2,575
Elementary Chorus – Grade 4 (NEW)	\$2,575

Elementary Chorus – Grades 5 & 6	\$2,575
Elementary Dance Club	\$1,500
Elem. Environmental Trip Chap.	\$450
Elem. Environmental Trip Coor.	\$1,200
Elem. Environmental Trip Asst.	\$700
Elementary Newspaper	\$1,350
Elementary Rock Band	\$1,875
Elementary Science Fair Coor.	\$1,050
Elementary S.G.O.	\$1,400
Elementary Training Band	\$2,575
Environmental Club	\$2,500
Fashion Show Coordinator	\$1,000
Foreign Language Club	\$1,275
Foreign Lang. Honor Society	\$1,500
Forensics/Mock Trial	\$1,350
Gay-Straight Alliance	\$750
Girls' Circle After School Club	\$1,600
<u>H. S. Class Advisors</u>	
o Freshman Advisor	\$2,875
o Sophomore Advisor	\$3,400
o Junior Advisor	\$4,925
o Senior Advisor	\$5,250
High School Chorus	\$1,825
High School Concert Band	\$1,825
High School Jazz Band	\$1,825
High School Newspaper	\$2,000
High School Photography Club	\$500
<u>H. S. Play (Spring Musical)</u>	
o Asst. Director	\$1,500
o Choreographer	\$2,200
o Director	\$2,900
o Musical Director/Conductor	\$2,200
o Producer	\$2,850
High School S.G.O.	\$2,615
High School Yearbook-Creative	\$3,675
High School Yearbook – Financial	\$2,150

Junior Math Club	\$1,300
Junior State of America	\$2,000
Key Club	\$2,100
Literary Explorers' Club	\$950
Literary Magazine	\$950
Media/Tech Club	\$1,175
Metamorphosis	\$1,775
M. S. Literary Magazine	\$950
M.S. Middle Pages	\$1,425
M.S. Mini Course	\$410
M.S. S.G.O.	\$1,625
M. S. Technology Club	\$1,150
M.S. Theatre Club	\$900
M.S. Yearbook	\$1,575
Mu Alpha Theta	\$1,550
National English Honor Society	\$1,500
National Honor Society	\$1,550
National Junior Hon. Soc.	\$1,025
Page Turner Book Club	\$500
Peacekeeper	\$1,150
Peer Leadership	\$500
REBEL	\$750
Robotics	\$3,200
R.O.G.A.T.E.	\$1,100
Safety Patrol	\$900
School Nurse Activities	\$1,100
School Store	\$1,400
Science Club	\$1,150
7th & 8th Grade Advisor	\$1,550
SITE Engineering	\$1,325
Spanish Translator (non-instructional eligible)	\$500
UNICO Youth	\$500
Web-Site Manager	\$1,600
Wee Deliver	\$1,150
HOURLY STIPEND POSITIONS (ineligible for longevity)	
PAC Hospitality	\$35/hour \$1,200 max

Saturday Detention	\$35/hour
Weight Room	\$15/hour @ 2hrs/day
<u>Coordinator Position</u>	
<u>Coordinator Position</u>	
o Service Learning (S.A.I.L)	
o Career Exploration & Internship	
o Media Academy	
o Special Education Technology	
o Special Education Transition	
o Gifted and Talented	
o 7 th & 8 th Grade Career Education	
o Freshman Transition	
o Building Mentoring	

M1.3 Motion to post for the following 2015-2016 Teacher Coach Positions:

Teacher Coach	Amount	School
Language Arts Teacher Coach	2	Elementary
Mathematics Teacher Coach	1	Elementary

M1.4 Motion to post for new positions for the 2015-16 school year:

- M.S. Guidance Counselor
- M.S./H.S. School Psychologist
- H.S. Special Education Teacher
- M.S./H.S. ESL Teacher
- M.S./H.S. Social Studies Teacher
- M.S. Inclusion Teacher

M1.5 Motion to post for per diem Bus Drivers

M1.6 Motion to post for Varsity and Assistant Boys Basketball Coaches

The forgoing resolutions and motions were adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio, President	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

2. Curriculum

R2.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: **Robert Anderson**

SECONDED BY: **Joseph Lewis**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the annexed Field Trips.

R2.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: Joseph Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approves to implement the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Interactive Screening Program at the High School for school year 2015-2016.

R2.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: Joseph Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approves a summer workshop “-Incorporating Novels through Interdisciplinary Thematic Units” (aligned to Common Core)

R2.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: Joseph Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approves the implement Sunday System- Orton-Gillingham-based program for intervention

R2.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: Joseph Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approve to implement Course Recommendation/Approval letter at the High School.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio, President	X			

Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

3. Finance

R3.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approve the check register, as submitted by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills and claims in the amount of \$3,053,763.83.

R3.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: the Report of Transfers submitted by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the month January and February of within the various appropriations for the 2014-2015 school year as shown on the annexed report.

R3.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(e), we certify that the Financial Reports of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies, as presented by the School Business Administrator for the month(s) of January and February 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

INTRODUCED BY: **Joseph Lewis**

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 April 30, 2015

Employee Name	Date(s) of Event	Title of Event	Location	Registration Fee	Estimated Tolls and Mileage	Total Cost
E.Losurdo	4/30/2015	NJSMART Mandatory Training-Course Roster	Morris Cty Denville	N/A	60 miles @.31	\$ 18.60
S.Smahl	5/13 - 5/15	NJASA/NJAPSA Conf.	Atlantic City	\$475.00	249 miles @.31 =77.32 tolls = \$17.80	\$ 575.12
D.Riser	5/15/2015	NJSELA Roundtable	Old Tappan	N/A	48 miles @ .31	\$ 14.88
R.Presuto	5/13-5/15	NJASA/NJAPSA Conf.	Atlantic City	\$475.00	250 miles @.31 =77.50 tolls =\$17.30	\$ 574.80
D. Doering	5/8/2015	Assessment of Suicide	Jersey City	N/A	NA	\$ -
G.Cruzado	5/28/2015	TESOL Conference	New Brunswick	\$179.00	66.4 miles @.31=32.48 tolls = \$11.90	\$ 223.38
L. Glick	5/28/2015	TESOL Conference	New Brunswick	\$179.00		\$ 179.00
T.Mongiello	5/28/2015	TESOL Conference	New Brunswick	\$179.00		\$ 179.00
K.Kosky	4/16/2015	NJASBO	Oackland	\$50.00	NA	\$ 50.00
M. Gehm	6/26/15 - 7/3/15	AP U.S. History	Watertown Ct Taft Univ.	\$1,150.00	200 miles @.31= \$62. tolls - \$15. Parking \$20.	\$ 1,247.00
T. Leite	8/3/15- 8/7/15	AP English	Madison NJ Drew Univ	\$880.00	37.5 mi @.31 =\$11.56 Meals (dinner)\$23 X 4 Parking \$20	\$ 92.00 \$ 20.00 \$ 1,003.56
C.Rheil	5/9/2015	Intro to Public Purchasing	Waretown	\$135	172.8 mi. @ .31 =53.57	\$188.57

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R3.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

WHEREAS, the Secaucus School District participates in the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES); and

WHEREAS, the District has been invited to participate in a voluntary Enhanced Renewable Energy Product that will provide enhanced green (electric) power, consisting of 20% renewable energy, thereby meeting the mandatory statewide goal set for 2020; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute the voluntary Opt-In form.

R3.6

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to certify and submit the SEMI Program Medicaid Administrative Quarterly report for the period July –September 30, 2014.

R3.7

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to donate two (2) Timpani drums to the East Hanover Township school district; which are no longer utilized by the district.

R3.8

**RESOLUTION
ADDENDUM TO STANDARD FORM OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND ARCHITECT (Design Consultant)**

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) and the firm of DiCara Rubino Architects (hereinafter referred to as the “Architects”) are parties to an Agreement dated on or about October 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Architect has submitted a proposal to develop construction documents for a new interior vestibule at Clarendon Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of amending the Agreement to reflect a lump sum fee for post-referendum services as set forth in the Addendum attached hereto, made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Architect is hereby authorized to provide post-referendum services, including, but not limited to the preparation of final plans and specifications for the project, the submission of same for approval to the governmental authorities with jurisdiction over this project and to provide bidding and construction administration services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the Addendum to the Agreement between the Board and the Architect reflecting a lump sum fee for post-referendum services in the amount of \$3500, exclusive of reimbursable expenses, which Addendum is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the attached Addendum and all other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Form shall be placed on file with this resolution and a Notice of Award shall be published in the official newspaper of the Board.

M3.1 Motion by Mr. McStowe, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to table Resolution 3.9 to appoint Professional Auditor Services for school year 2015-2016

R3.10

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Mr. Anderson

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (“the Board”) advertised for bids regarding the Building Additions and Interior Renovations at Secaucus Middle School Project (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board advertised on two occasions for bids regarding the Project, and on both occasions the Board rejected the bids for the Project as being in excess of the cost estimates prepared on behalf of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized the Architect to negotiate contracts for the Project pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c)*; and

WHEREAS, all bidders who submitted bids for the Project were advised of the Board’s intention to negotiate and were afforded a reasonable opportunity to negotiate; and

WHEREAS, Dobco, Inc. (“Dobco”) submitted the lowest negotiated price for the Project, with a base price in the amount of \$21,258,750, together with Alternate No. 13, the addition of a Science Lab Casework by Leonard Peterson, in the amount of \$225,000, for a total negotiated contract sum of \$21,483,750, which is lower than the two previously rejected bids submitted at the first and second bid openings; and

WHEREAS, Dobco’s bid is deemed reasonable and responsive in all material respects and it is the Board’s desire to award the contract for the Project to Dobco, Inc; and

WHEREAS, all revisions and modifications that have been made to the Project specifications, which were the subject of competitive bidding, are set forth in Negotiation Addendum Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, as well as in Negotiation Clarification Nos. 1 and 2, which are attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for the Building Additions and Interior Renovations at Secaucus Middle School Project to Dobco, Inc., in a total negotiated contract sum of \$21,483,750, representing a base bid in the amount of \$21,258,750, together with Alternate No. 13, the addition of a Science Lab Casework by Leonard Peterson, in the amount of \$225,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the revisions and modifications set forth in Negotiation Addendum Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, as well as in Negotiation Clarification Nos. 1 and 2, have been made to the Project specifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractors furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-132-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor and an A-232-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreements with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio, President	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

4. Safety, Security Buildings & Grounds

R4.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ruby Presuto

SECONDED BY: John McStowe

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorize the Transportation Coordinator to submit the annexed School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for Clarendon Elementary, Huber Street Elementary, Secaucus Middle, and Secaucus High School.

R4.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ruby Presuto

SECONDED BY: John McStowe

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education in the County of Hudson, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

Boiler Replacement at Huber Street No. 3 Elementary School
Project #4730-070-15-1000

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Educational Specifications prepared in connection with the project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. This project is designated "Other Capital", and the Board is not seeking state funding.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long -Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 4. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board Attorney, Bond Counsel and Architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio, President	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

5. Technology - No Report

6. Policy

R6.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy O'Connell

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

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

- Board Self Evaluation #0134
- Board Officers #0135
- Student Assessment #2622
- Attendance #3212 Teaching Staff
- Attendance #4212 Support Staff
- Substance Abuse #3218 Teaching Staff
- Substance Abuse #4218 Support Staff

Attendance	#5200 Pupils
HS Graduation	#5460
Early Graduation	#5465
Bus Driver/Bus Aid	#8630

The foregoing resolution was adopted by a roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson		X		
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio, President	X			
Joseph Lewis	X	0135		
John McStowe	X	0135		
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

7. Athletic Liaison

Mrs. D'Addetta updated those in attendance with the results of those sports in progress namely; baseball, tennis, track and girls softball.

8. Shared Services –No Report

9. New Business - None

Public General Comments

Don Evanson encouraged everyone to come out on May 13th and support the PBA and Faculty participate in a basketball game to raise money for DARE.

Board Member Comments

The Board Members all expressed their congratulations to the Teachers of the Year, as well as to all retirees.

Robert Anderson – complimented the Finance Committee and Kristin Kosky on the preparation of the 2015-2016 budget as well as the presentation.

Ruby Pantoliano – congratulated all the students who participated in science fair, academic bowl, and sports.

Lance Bartletta – congratulated John Gerbasio

John McStowe – congratulated Debbie Gerbasio for the success with the Media Academy, the Marching Band for being chosen to march in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C., and finally to the cast of Hair Spray.

Kelli D'Addetta – complimented all the accomplishments of the teachers, staff and students of the district.

Kathy O'Connell- Happy Birthday to Linda Diemer. To all those participating in the various clubs, events and sports thank you for making our town proud of each one of you.

Joseph Lewis – congratulations to Debbie Gerbasio for the accomplishments with the Media Academy.

John Gerbasio – thank you all for coming taking the time to attend our board meetings. Also complimented Kristin Kosky and Rich Calhoun on the work they put into preparation of the budget.

Motion by, Mr. Anderson seconded by Mrs. O'Connell , and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:52PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kosky,
Board Secretary