

SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2013

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

PRESENT: Messrs., Gerbasio, Lewis, McStowe, Riebesell, Mrs. D'Addetta, and Ms. Marra,
Mrs. O'Connell, and Mrs. Snedeker

ABSENT: Mr. Robert Anderson

President McStowe declared a quorum present

Also present: Robert Presuto, Interim CSA

Grace Yeo, Acting SBA/BS

Stephen Fogarty, Board Attorney

LaMonica McIver

Vice President Riebesell, 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 Riebesell, 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. 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 4:04PM in order to discuss personnel.

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

Motion by Mr. Riebesell, seconded by Ms. O'Connell and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:15 PM.

Motion by Mr. McStowe, seconded by Mr. Riebesell to adopt the following meeting minutes: Regular Meeting of June 13, 2013 unanimously adopted. Special Board Meeting of June 20, 2013 adopted with Ms. Marra voting no (absent), Mr. Gerbasio and Ms. Snedeker abstaining.

Organizational Reports: None

Superintendent's Report

Recommended action on Motions and Resolutions would be presented under Committee Reports and New Business.

Superintendent Presuto provided the HIB June report, which is on file in the Administrative Offices

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At this time, Mr. Presuto shared, with those in attendance, a slide show of his recent trip to Japan. The presentation was very informative in that Mr. Presuto provided the audience with an overview of the similarities between the United States and Japan both culturally and educationally, from the food (and the abundance of different types of beer) to white boards; and everything in between. The show was about 20 minutes (it could have been much longer since he took over 2800 photo's) of trivia, information and the majestic scenery of Japan. He also provided the devastation of the area hit by the tsunami and the rebuilding, most importantly the determination and spirit of the people to rebuild and to go on.

It was strongly suggested, and unanimously agreed, that Mr. Presuto provide this most informative presentation to the students of the district

Report by the Acting Secretary of the Board

Recommended action on Motions and Resolutions would be presented under Committee Reports and New Business.

Committee Reports and New Business

1. School Government

Motion by Mr. Gary Riebesell, seconded by Mrs. O'Connell and unanimously adopted by the board members present to withdraw resolutions R1.2 through R1.16.

R1.1

INTRODUCED BY: Gary Riebesell

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve the medical leave request (extension) of Pasquale Sinisi, Head Custodian at Huber Street School from July 15, 2013 to July 29, 2013.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson				X
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

R1.17

INTRODUCED BY: Gary Riebesell

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education appoint the following per diem bus drivers at \$15/hour, on an as needed basis.

Luis Acevedo, Marleny Cepeda, Diana Dillon,
Jamie Fernandez, Alexandra Moran, Irene Smart

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Note: Julio Cruz was withdrawn at this time.

R1.18

INTRODUCED BY: Gary Riebesell

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education appoint the following per diem bus driver at \$11/hour, on an as needed basis:

Maddalena Marzocca

R1.19

INTRODUCED BY: Gary Riebesell

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve the following staff to facilitate Middle School Special Education Orientation at \$35/hour:

Steve Viggiani, Fury Baker, Tammy Hennessey

R1.20

INTRODUCED BY: Gary Riebesell

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education appoint the following Fall & Winter Coaches for school year 2013-2014:

First Name	Last Name	Position
Casey	Scheiner	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Cory	Roesing	Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach
Nicole	Degenhardt	Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach
Daniel	Farinola	Head Boys Soccer Coach
Edward	Roesing	Assistant Football Coach
Jenna	Totaro	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Monica	Moskal	Assistant Cheerleading Coach
Stanley	Fryczynski	Head Cross Country Coach
Steven	Ricciardi	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
Peter	Naumowicz	Boys Middle School Basketball Coach
Joseph	Trotter	Head Boys Bowling Coach

R1.21

INTRODUCED BY: Gary Riebesell

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve the following staff to participate in the 2013 Summer Curriculum Writing Teachers for elementary science and social studies at \$35/hour:

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Last Name	First Name
Grosso	Alyssa
Bonin	Allan
Hackel	Roxanne
Stamm	Kerri
McKenna	Denise
Rodriguez	Jeanette

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson				X
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

R1.22

INTRODUCED BY: Gary Riebesell

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education execute a three (3) year employment contract with Robert Presuto, Superintendent, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent, effective July 1, 2013 at a salary of \$157,500 for school year 2013-2014

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson				X
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio			X	
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker			X	
Jack McStowe, President	X			

M1.1 Motion by Mr. Riebesell, seconded by Mrs. O'Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to post for Attendance/Truancy Officer position for school year 2013/2014.

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2. Curriculum

R2.1

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Lisa Snedeker

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approved the 2013 Anti-Bullying of Rights Self Assessments for the district.

R2.2

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Lisa Snedeker

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve the 2011-2012 Special Education Public Report.

R2.3

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Lisa Snedeker

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education to rename the High School course from Introduction of Justice Class to History of American Justice and course description at the High School office.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson				X
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

M2.1 Motion by, Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Snedeker, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to renew the High School STEM My-College Options for school year 2013-2014.

3. Finance

R3.1

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves for payment the Bill List as per annexed in the amount of \$4,600,098.28.

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R3.2

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secretary is hereby authorized to make transfers for the months of April and May within the various appropriations for the 2012-2013 school year as shown on the annexed report.

R3.2

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

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 April and May 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

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorizes the President and Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the contract for Blackboard engage (webhosting services) in the amount of \$4251.91 for the District for school year 2013-2014.

R3.5

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorizes the President and Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary with Renaissance Learning software in the amount of \$16,220.68 for school year 2013-2014 for the following:

STAR Early Literacy
STAR Reading
STAR Math

R3.6

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the President to execute a contract with Trinitas Healthcare Corporation, Licensed Physical Therapist to provide required physical therapy to in-district students; and

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the President to execute a contract with Trinitas Healthcare Corporation, Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistants to provide required occupational therapy to in-district students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PT/OT contract shall not exceed a cost of \$75,000.00 for school year 2013-2014.

R3.7

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

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

<u>School</u>		<u>Tuition Amount</u>
Windsor Learning Center,	BC	\$60,015.90
Reed Academy	PH	\$99,750.00
Willowglen Academy	DB	\$77,414.40, plus
	Extraordinary service	<u>\$18,900.00</u>
		\$96,314.00
Cerebral Palsy of NJ	RD	\$71,852.60 plus
	Extraordinary service	<u>\$29,007.30</u>
		\$100,839.90
North Hudson Academy	JS	\$42,724.50

R3.8

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve, as recommended by Superintendent the annexed out of district travel as of July 18, 2013

Employee Name	Date(s) of Event	Title of Event	Location	Registration Fee	Estimated Tolls and Mileage	Total Cost
R. Presuto	8/13/2013	Hudson Cty NCLB	HCST		7.5 mi. X .31	\$2.33
		Training				
T.Tufaro	8/13/2013	Hudson Cty NCLB	HCST		7.5 mi. X .31	\$2.33
		Training				
G.Yeo	8/29/2013	Public Records &	Parsippany	\$329.00		\$329.00
		Open Meetings				
F.Bialkowski	8/29/2013	Public Records &	Parsippany	\$229.00		\$229.00
		Open Meetings				

R3.9

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Secaucus Board of Education (“the Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Consent Order and Decree between the Board, the New Jersey Division

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on Civil Rights and the Parents of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent's office, which is annexed to this Resolution, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board President and Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Consent Order and Decree, and any other documents necessary to effectuate this agreement.

R3.10

INTRODUCED BY: **Joseph Lewis**

SECONDED BY: **John Gerbasio**

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") is desirous of clearing title to the approximately 1.153 acres (50,208± square feet) of State claimed tidelands which were filled beginning in 1974 in connection with the construction of the Secaucus High School and located in Block 226, Lots 17.01 and 17.02 on the tax map of the Town of Secaucus, Hudson County, New Jersey, commonly known as 11 Mill Ridge Road, Secaucus, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 25, 2004, the Board filed an Application of Upland Owner on Tidal Water for a grant of Riparian Land (hereinafter referred to as the "Tidelands Grant Application"); and

WHEREAS, on or about December 7, 2011, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Tidelands Resource Council (TRC) voted to issue a Tidelands grant of the claimed lands, consisting of approximately 1.153 acres (50,208± square feet), subject to the Board's payment of the fair market value of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the TRC has proposed to issue the Tidelands Grant by way of a instrument substantially in the form attached hereto, upon payment of \$75,312, representing the fair market value of the parcel as determined by the TRC; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of accepting the fair market value determination made by the TRC and the issuance of the Tidelands Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes payment to the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$75,312 representing the fair market value of the Tidelands Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to release the sum of \$75,312 to be held in escrow by the Board Attorney until such time as a fully executed Tidelands Grant is issued by the Office of the Attorney General. The Acting School Business Administrator and the Board President are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

R3.11

INTRODUCED BY: **Joseph Lewis**

SECONDED BY: **John Gerbasio**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the contract with Meadowlands Hospital and Medical Center for physician services for school year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$30,000.00, pending Board Attorney final review.

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

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Robert Anderson				X
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

4. Safety/Security/Buildings & Grounds

R4.1

INTRODUCED BY: **John Gerbasio**

SECONDED BY: **Gary Riebesell**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve the in-district and out of district Special Service transportation routes for the 2013-2014 school year as annexed.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson				X
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

Motion 4.1 to approve the auction of vehicles was withdrawn.

5. Technology Committee - No Report

6. Policy Committee

R6.1

INTRODUCED BY: **Dora Marra**

SECONDED BY: **John Gerbasio**

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

- 5120- Assignments of Pupil
- 5300- Automated External Defibrillators (Regulation)

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5533- Pupil Smoking
7434- Smoking in School Buildings & on School Grounds
3232- Tutoring Services
7522- School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff Members
7523- School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils
2468- Independent Educational Evaluations
3230- Outside Activities
4281- Inappropriate Staff Conduct

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson				X
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

7. Athletic Liaison - No Report

8. Shared Services Report - A meeting with Mayor and Town Council was recently held, as reported by, Mrs. D'Addetta, and a follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

9. Legislative Report - No Report

10. New Business - None

11. Public General Comments

Don Evanson updated the board members of the community musical play which will be held at the Performing Arts Center on November 16, 2013.

12. Board Member Comments

All of the board members expressed support and congratulations to Robert Presuto and are confident he will be an excellent Superintendent. Again they urged him to present his slide show to the students of the district. Everyone wished those in attendance a fun and great summer.

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: **Mr. Riebesell**

SECONDED BY: **Mrs. D'Addetta**

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Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

Motion by Mr. Riebesell, seconded by Ms. D'Addetta and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Mr. Gerbasio, seconded by Mrs. Snedeker, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35PM

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,
Acting Board Secretary