

SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DATED: January 18, 2018

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

PRESENT: Messrs: Bartletta, Giele, McStowe, Ms. Cali, Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Dellafave, Mrs. Hanley Ms. McFarlane and Ms. Pantoliano

LATE ARRIVALS:

ABSENT:

President McStowe declared a quorum present

Also present: Jennifer Montesano, Superintendent
Grace Yeo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Stephen Fogarty, Board Attorney

President McStowe, 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 Cali, 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 Jersey Journal, and the Bergen Record.

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy O'Connell

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act allows for the exclusion from discussion as the public portion of a meeting certain matters as outlined below, and

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education wishes to discuss such matters made and will make such discussion public when a proper conclusion has been reached:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education will hold a Closed Executive Session on this date, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (1), (2), (6), (7) and (8) for the purpose(s) as outlined and described below. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies:

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

Motion by Kathy O'Connell, seconded by Ruby Pantoliano, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:07PM.

Showcase: The following students were recognized for participating/winning the Scripps Spelling Bee and the Geography Bee: Ankita Antala, Andrew Liu, Shrikha Akuraju, Evan Papadopoulos, Ivan Hernandez, William Worman, Shshwath Inamadar, Smirth Chopra, Rebeca Soler, Mlak Hassan.

Also receiving a Recognition Award were the music teachers in the district: Mr. Fournier, Mr. Gongora, Mr. Siafakis, Mr. Sonnett, Ms.Niemiera, and Ms. Redvanly

Organization Reports: Building principals congratulated Mr. McStowe and Ms. Cali for being voted President and Vice President. They all welcomed Kathleen McFarlane as a new board of education member and wished her well.

Mr. Viggiani announced a St. Jude fundraiser at the Secaucus Ice Rink and wished Julian Zane good luck at the STEM Showcase.

Ms. Wilhelm wished her students luck at the STEM Showcase. She commented on the students art work hanging in the hallways of Huber Street School.

Mr. Valente announced that the middle school literary magazine was ranked excellent and mentioned that only high school magazines receive this honor. The rock band was going to be performing on Friday, January 19, 2018 for the senior citizens of Secaucus.

Mr. Berckes thanked the mayor and town council, Ms. Yeo, NBC, Ms. D. Gerbasio, and the DPW for televisions in the high school atrium and cafeteria.

As correspondence, Ms. Yeo read a thank you card from Fran Bialkowski thanking them for her retirement gift.

Superintendent Report:

Recommended action on resolutions and motions to be presented under Committee Reports. Ms. Montesano presented the Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB), six month review, findings as reported for the period December 22, 2017 through January 18, 2018.

Motion by Ms. Cali, seconded by Ms. O’Connell and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to accept the report; which is available at the Administrative Offices for review.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:

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

Ms. Yeo read a Board Member Proclamation in honor of Board Member Recognition month.

Public Agenda Comments:

Committee Reports and New Business

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

1.Human Resources

R1.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Carriann Malanga Devito Director of Special Services
Compensation: \$121,268
Account #11-000-219-104-000-17
UPC # 240.CO.DIR.CO.03
Effective Date: 04/01/2018

R1.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following Co-Curricular positions for the 2017-18/SY:

Name	Positions	Stipend
William Kvalheim	BASEBALL- ASST. COACH	\$3,590

R1.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to amend R.1.1 from the December 22, 2017 Board of Education Meeting appointing Michelle Eckert start date from January 16, 2018 to January 15, 2018

R1.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to approve Maternity/FMLA/Bonding leave for:

Employee ID	School	Leave Date	Expected RTW
4177	High School	04/09/18	6/30/18

R1.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools the appointment of Pasquale Sinisi as the Acting Buildings and Grounds Supervisor effective immediately with a stipend of \$2000 a month prevalent for any shorter period.

M1.1 Motion to post for the following positions:

- Greenhouse
- 6th Grade Advisor
- 7th Grade Advisor
- 8th Grade Advisor
- MS/HS Science Fair Coordinator
- Long Term Leave Replacement English Teacher

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele	X			

Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

2. Policy - No Report

3. Shared Services – Ms. Yeo spoke about meeting today about the town hiring vendors such as, HVAC, Electrician, Plumber and Carpenter to share with the district. She greatly appreciated the collaborative effort. Also, the Memorandum of Agreement between the police and fire department would be signed on Friday, January 19, 2018.

4. Legislation – Superintendent Jennifer Montesano stated that the new Governor was sworn in and promised to fully fund schools.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5. Curriculum

R5.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy O'Connell

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the annexed Field Trips.

R5.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy O'Connell

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, accept the revisions to the High School Program of Studies

R5.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy O'Connell

SECONDED BY: Ruby Panotoliano

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, adding the following High School Courses

- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science Principles w/ Pre-Calculus
- Calculus III
- Amending Personal Financial Literacy and Advanced Business
- Spanish for Native Speakers

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			

Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X	R5.1		
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

6. Athletics – No Report

7. School Technology – No Report

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

8. Finance

R8.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

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 \$ 2,817,466.95

R8.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

BE IT RESOLVED: the Report of Transfers submitted by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the month of November within the various appropriations for the 2017-2018 school year as shown on the annexed report.

R8.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

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 November 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.

R8.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

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 2017-2018 school year for:

Student ID #	Placement	Amount
15867	Bergen County Special Services Speech Services	\$ 500.00
14655	All Star Speech Therapy	\$ 600.00

R8.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the out of district travel for employees as annexed to this resolution.

REQUEST FOR OUT OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE/WORKSHOPS

Employee Name	Date(s) of Event	Title of Event	Location	Registration Fee	Estimated Tolls and Mileage	Total Cost
Georgina Cruzado	5/30/2018	NJ TESOI SPRING CONF	N. Brunswick	\$234.00	\$23.26	\$257.26
Diorchinie Ortiz	5/30/2018	NJ TESOI SPRING CONF	N. Brunswick	\$234.00		\$234.00
Christina Namendorf	5/30/2018	NJ TESOI SPRING CONF	N. Brunswick	\$234.00	\$20.46	\$254.46
Angel Perez	2/28/2018	PARCC Training	Whippany		\$28.00	\$43.00
AJ Tobia	2/28/2018	PARCC Training	Whippany		\$21.00	\$21.00
Michelle Primavera	4/21/2018	Exceptional Children Conf	Long Branch	\$30.00		\$30.00
Anna Falco	4/21/2018	Exceptional Children Conf	Long Branch	\$30.00		\$30.00
Allison Candusso	4/21/2018	Exceptional Children Conf	Long Branch	\$30.00		\$30.00
Kristen Sectaram	4/21/2018	Exceptional Children Conf	Long Branch	\$30.00		\$30.00
Lisa Bartletta	4/21/2018	Exceptional Children Conf	Long Branch	\$30.00		\$30.00
Diorchinie Ortiz	4/21/2018	Exceptional Children Conf	Long Branch	\$30.00		\$30.00
Kerry Goldsack	4/21/2018	Exceptional Children Conf	Long Branch	\$30.00		\$30.00
Janet Colamarino	4/21/2018	Exceptional Children Conf	Long Branch	\$30.00		\$30.00
Grace Yeo	2/9/2018	Finance Conference	W. Windsor	\$99.00		\$99.00
Jack McStowe	2/9/2018	Finance Conference	W. Windsor	\$99.00		\$99.00
Joan Cali	2/9/2018	Finance Conference	W. Windsor	\$99.00		\$99.00

R8.6

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to award a contract with Allegro Sanitation Corp located at 278 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ for the district for solid waste disposal for a 3 year period with option to renew for one year commencing January 19, 2018.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

9. Safety/Security – Buildings & Grounds

Introduced by Sharon Dellafave, seconded by Ruby Panotoliano, to accept the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve Motion 9.1 as described below for the following:

M9.1 Approval to dispose of PS Mailers 3000 (report card folding machine) which is obsolete.

10. Technology –

Public General Comments -

Board Member Comments

All board members congratulated Mr. McStowe and Ms. Cali on being elected President and Vice President. They all welcomed Kathleen McFarlane and wished her well. They thanked the central office staff for the gift for Board Member Recognition Month. They congratulated all the students and faculty that were honored during the showcase. They also thanked all of the custodians for a great clean up from our recent snow storm.

Ms. McFarlane said it was an honor and a privilege to be elected to the board of education. Ms. Hanley expressed that Ms. Montesano is doing good work with her focus being technology and communication.

Motion by Kathy O'Connell, seconded by Ruby Pantoliano, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:56PM

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,
Board Secretary