

SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DATED: FEBRUARY 16, 2017

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

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

LATE ARRIVALS: Mr. Bartletta

ABSENT: Mrs. Pantoliano left after Executive Session

President McStowe declared a quorum present

Also present: Kenneth J. Knops, Interim CSA
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, Mr. Joseph 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 website.

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Ms. Cali

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:

7. Litigation or Contract Matters or Attorney/Client Privilege
8. Personnel Matters

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

Motion by Ms. Cali, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:05PM.

Motion by Mr. Bartletta, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept and approve the Reorganization Meeting of January 4, 2017 and Regular Meeting of January 19, 2017 board meeting minutes.

Showcase

The following students were recognized for participating/winning the Scripts annual Spelling Bee:

Khushi Jakhotiya, Aashi Mishra, Salnin Singh, Anshi Agashiwala, Ankia Antala
Simran Bhatla, Janki Bairoliya, Aryan Bhardwaj, Vatsal Dwivedi, Aarya M. Patel

Also recognized were Jiawen Ge and Myron Yang for having achieved perfect SAT Scores.

Presentation:

Dr. Daniela Riser presented summary of “Physics First”. The presentation included as to the method behind the program and comparative results of both math and science from last year to this year. The presentation was very informative and provided an overview of the success of the program with both the teachers and students.

Organization Reports:

Principals, Berckes, Valente, Viggiani and Wilhelm reported on activities and events which were held and/or coming in the near future such as:

- JSA Winter Congress
- Snow Ball
- At Risk Meeting
- Saint Jude Fund Raiser
- Pineapple Initiative (teacher’s visiting other classrooms)
- Report Cards on the portal

In addition, each wished Mrs. Wright congratulations on her retirement. Also Mr. Tom Curry was recently honored by the NY Giants for his success as football coach in Park Ridge. The Principals praised and thanked each of the custodial staff as well as Mr. Mario Cofini for their hard work during the recent snow storm in getting the schools open for the children and staff.

Superintendent Report:

Recommended action on resolutions and motions to be presented under Committee Reports. Mr. Knops thanked Dr. Riser for her excellent presentation. He also announced that this years “Move Up Day” for elementary will take place during the last week of school. Mr. Knops proudly announced that three of our teachers have submitted their application for consideration as Teacher of the Year for Hudson County.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:

Recommended action on resolutions and motions to be presented under Committee Reports. Ms. Yeo requested that we post for a Special Board Meeting to present the 2017-2018 tentative budget.

Motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Cali and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to advertise for a Special Board Meeting on March 16. 2017 at 5pm at the Administrative Offices.

Public Agenda Comments: None

Committee Reports and New Business

1. Governance Committee

Human Resources

R1.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Cali

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following individuals as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools to per diem positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

Name	Position	Rate
Quetsy Morales	Bus Driver	\$16.45/per hour
Ellen M. Juran	Substitute Teaching Certificate	\$85.00/ per day
Bryan S. DiPasquale	Per Diem Security Guard	\$20.00/per hour

R1.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Cali

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to retroactively appoint the following individuals to 8 sessions of Lunchtime Instruction at \$17.50 per half hour with a maximum of \$140 each.

Name	Subject
Anthony Cassese	Math
Maria Brislin	English

R1.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Cali

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following individuals to provide ABA/discrete trial home instruction under the direction of district behaviorist and classroom teacher for Pre K Disabled. At \$30 per hour not to exceed 5 hours per week:

Name
Jenny Bogdan
MaryAnn Meli

R1.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Cali

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves amend Resolution R1.6 from the July 21, 2016 Board of Education Meeting to rescind the appointment of Susan Bartolozzi as Band Director and appoint her as Assistant Band Instructor

R1.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Cali

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves Maternity Leave for the following individuals:

<u>Employee #</u>	<u>Leave Date</u>	<u>Tentative RTW</u>
4941	4/10/17	9/1/2017
4194	4/28/17	11/2017
4411	5/8/17	9/1/2017

R1.6

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Cali

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves amend Resolutions 1.5 from the December 15, 2016 Board of Education Meeting to rescind the appointment of Thomas Reynolds as Assistant Baseball Coach and appoint him to Head Baseball Coach with a stipend of \$6,380 and Kyle Schlemm as Pro Bono Volunteer to Assistant Coach with a stipend of \$3,590

R1.7

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Cali

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves appoint the following individuals to Spring Co-Curricular Coaching positions for 2016/17 SY.

Position	Name	Stipend
Baseball - Volunteer	Anthony Cassese	Pro Bono

R1.8

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Cali

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves terminate employee number 4095 effective 02/13/2017.

R1.9

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. Cali

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves sidebar agreement between the SEA and the Board of Education regarding Middle Extra Curricular Concert Band/Rock Band stipends.

M1.1 Motion to post for Summer Orton Gillingham Training, compensation of college credits only

M1.2 Motion to accept with regret the retirement of Lucille Wright, Huber Street Technology Teacher

The foregoing resolutions and motions 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			
Joseph Lewis			R1.6	
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell				
Ruby Pantoliano				X

Policy

R2.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mrs. Hanley

SECONDED BY: Ms. Cali

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

- 1510 American with Disabilities
- 2415.30 Title I – Education Stability for Children in Foster Care
- 2418 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – Students
- 5116 Education of Homeless Children
- 5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote

R2.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mrs. Hanley

SECONDED BY: Ms. Cali

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

- 3283 Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students
- 4283 Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members and Students

The foregoing resolutions 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			
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano				X

2. Education Committee
Curriculum

R3.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. O'Connell

SECONDED BY: Ms. Cali

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

R3.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. O'Connell

SECONDED BY: Ms. Cali

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the revised High School Program of Studies

R3.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ms. O'Connell

SECONDED BY: Ms. Cali

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent, the 2016-2019 Technology Plan

The foregoing resolutions 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			
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano				X

Athletics:

Mr. Giele reported on the current status of winter sports which included:

- Bowling Team 6th place
- Swim Team going to County meet at the end of February
- Girls basketball first place with Lindsey Mack scoring over 1000 points this year

- Wrestling standing
- Cheerleading continues to compete
- In-door track's Adam Krisp picked for all county

R4.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Giele

SECONDED BY: Mr. Lewis

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) recognizes booster clubs that support and benefit the school district and has established guidelines in order to ensure that their activities assist in the attainment of District goals and objectives as described in Board Policy 9191; and

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Patriots Athletic Club has been incorporated as a nonprofit organization and has met all of the requirements of Board Policy 9191.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby determines that the Secaucus Patriots Athletic Club has met all of the requirements in Board Policy 9191; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby recognizes the Secaucus Patriots Athletic Club as a booster club that is authorized to undertake those activities that support and benefit the school district in the attainment of District goals and objectives as described in Board Policy 9191.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele			X	
Norma Hanley	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O’Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano				X

3. Operations Committee
Finance

R5.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Dellafave

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 \$2,882,430.41.

R5.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Dellafave

BE IT RESOLVED: the Report of Transfers submitted by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the month of December within the various appropriations for the 2016-2017 school year as shown on the annexed report.

R5.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Dellafave

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 December 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.

R5.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Dellafave

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator and Board President to execute an out of district contract as follows:

North Hudson Academy	Student ID #14908	\$22,153.04
NJ Elks Developmental	Student ID #15887	\$30,728.80*
NJ Elks Developmental	Student ID #15888	\$30,728.80*

*Approximate as start dates have not yet been established

R5.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Dellafave

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.

Employee Name	Date(s) of Event	Title of Event	Location	Registration Fee	Estimated Tolls and Mileage	Total Cost
D.Segro	2/27 & 2/28	NJASPERD	Long Branch	\$150.00	107.6 mi X .31=\$66.71	
					Tolls = \$13.30	\$230.01
D.Riser	3/28 - 3/30	DOE Ask 4 Item Review	Robbinsville	\$0.00		\$0.00
G.Yeo	3/31/307	Aalyzing & Constructing				
		Salary Guides	W.Trenton	\$149.00	135mi X .31= \$41.79	
					tolls = \$15.10	\$205.89
R.Pantoliano	3/31/2017	Analyzing & Constructing	W. Trenton	\$149.00	135mi X .31= \$41.79	
		Salary Guides			tolls = \$15.10	\$205.89
J.Cali	3/31/2017	Analyzing & Constructing	W,Trenton	\$149.00	135mi X .31 = \$41.79	
		Salary Guides			tolls = \$15.10	\$205.89
M.Cofini	3/15/2017	NJSBGA Expo	Atlantic City	\$200.00	122 X .31 = 75.64	
					Tolls = \$22.15	\$297.79
R.Sinisi	3/15/2017	Integrated Pest Mangmt.	Somerset	\$0.00	43.5 X .31 = 26.98	
M.Amato	3/15/2017	Integrated Pest Mangmt	Somerset	\$0.00	43.5 X .31 = 26.98	
E. Castelli	3/15/2017	Integrated Pest Mangmt	Somerset	\$0.00	43.5 X .31 = 26.98	
E.Sinisi	3/15/2017	Integrated Pest Mangmt	Somerset	\$0.00	43.5 X .31 = 26.98	

A.Moniello	3/15/2017	Integrated Pest Mangmt	Somerset	\$0.00	43.5 X .31 = 26.98	
					tolls = 19.40	\$46.38
R.Bilbao	3/15/2017	Integrated Pest Mangmt	Somerset	\$0.00	43.5 X .31 = 26.98	
M.DalPozzo	3/15/2017	Integrated Pest Mangmt	Somerset	\$0.00	43.5 X .31 = 26.98	
					tolls = 19.40	\$46.38
M.Amato	2/24/2017	Indoor Air Quality	Mahway	\$0.00	25.6 X.31 = 15.88	\$15.88
M.DalPozzo	2/24/2017	Indoor Air Quality	Mahway	\$0.00	25.6 X.31 = 15.88	\$15.88
E.Castelli	2/24/2017	Indoor Air Quality	Mahway	\$0.00	25.6 X.31 = 15.88	\$15.88
R.Sinsi	2/24/2017	Indoor Air Quality	Mahway	\$0.00	25.6 X.31 = 15.88	\$15.88
E.Sinsi	2/24/2017	Indoor Air Quality	Mahway	\$0.00	25.6 X.31 = 15.88	\$15.88
A.Moniello	2/24/2017	Indoor Air Quality	Mahway	\$0.00	25.6 X.31 = 15.88	\$15.88
R.Bilbao	2/24/2017	Indoor Air Quality	Mahway	\$0.00	25.6 X.31 = 15.88	\$15.88

R5.6

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Dellafave

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the 2017 NCLB Consolidated application to the New Jersey Department of Education.

R5.7

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Dellafave

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the acceptance of a \$10,000.00 donation from the Secaucus Youth Alliance, Inc. for the benefit of the annual spring musical.

The foregoing resolutions 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			
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano				X

Safety, Security/Buildings & Grounds

Although there is no action to be taken, the Committee wished to thank Mario Cofini, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, and acknowledge the great job he and the custodial staff did in dealing with a very difficult snow storm on February 9, 2017. They worked through the weekend in order to have the schools ready for opening on Monday. Great job!

9. New Business - None

Public General Comments

Jennifer Marin addressed the Board concerning Camp Wampalane. Ms. Marin wanted the Board to clarify why they have reduced the number of days from three (3) to (1). At the meeting which was held on Monday, the field trip advisor did not have the answer to parent's questions and suggested they address the Board directly at the regular meeting. Mr. McStowe responded that the "field trip to Camp Wampalane was approved in October and why is it now being questioned. Ms. Marin indicated that the parents were being asked to pay for the three days, even though the children was going on Saturday morning and returning on Sunday.

Not satisfied with this explanation, Ms. Marin pressed the Board to change the trip back to three days. Mr. McStowe suggested that Ms. Marin and parents meet with the Middle School Principal, Robert Valente, to discuss the matter. Mr. Valente indicated he would be happy to meet and will contact her to set up the meeting.

Allyson Ianuale on behalf of the newly organized Secaucus Patriots Athletic Club thanked the Board for the opportunity to re-establish this club in order to provide athletic scholarships to graduating seniors.

Board Member Comments

Each of the Board Members expressed their congratulations to the students who were showcased this evening, as well as to Dr. Riser for her excellent presentation. In addition, they all wished Lucille Wright well in her retirement.

Norma Hanley, thanked Mr. Gehm for his meeting with the JSA parents and for another successful winter congress. Mr. Bartletta wished the Secaucus Patriots Athletic Club good luck in their fund raising efforts. Mrs. Dallefave commented on the students who participated in the Sr. Citizens breakfast at Clarendon School. Ms. O'Connell expressed her condolences to the family of Domenick Ferrara who recently passed away. She also congratulated Lindsey Mack for scoring 1000 points as a Jr., what will she do as a Senior! Mr. McStowe thanked Mrs. Michelle Wurst on a great spelling bee competition. Also reminded to complete the on-line Superintendent Search questionnaire.

Before adjourning the Board wished Joe Lewis a very Happy Birthday.

Motion by Ms. Cali, seconded by Mrs. Dellafave, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22PM

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,
Board Secretary