

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DATED: JANUARY 19, 2017**

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

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

LATE ARRIVALS: Mr. Bartletta

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, Vice President Pantoliano, 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. Lewis

SECONDED BY: Mrs. O'Connell

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:

- 1. Confidential Matters per Statue or Court Order
- 2. Impact Rights to Receive Federal Funds
- 3. Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy
- 4. Collective Bargaining
- 5. Acquisition of Real Property or Investment of Funds
- 6. Public Safety Procedures
- 7. Litigation or Contract Matters or Attorney/Client Privilege
- 8. Personnel Matters
- 9. Imposition of Penalties upon an Individual

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

Motion by Mrs. Pantoliano, seconded by Ms. O'Connell and adopted by board members present to accept and approve the minutes of Regular meeting of December 15, 2016 and Special Meeting of December 22, 2016 as follows;

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave			X	
Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X			
Joseph Lewis			12/22/2016	
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

Showcase:

The 2016-2017 Governors' Education of the Year Recipients were presented; namely:

- Maleesa Lamatina
- Barbara Bivin
- Cindy Viera
- Joyce Corcoran
- Toni Ann Palmisano
- Allison Urbanovich
- Helen Bacigalupo

Mr. John Sterling, Girls basketball coach was presented with a plaque for his achieving over 500 wins in his career.

Organization Reports:

Niketani Varanwal, on behalf of the JSA reported on events which recently took place such as the fundraiser for Wounded Warrior, Fall State, and upcoming Winter Congress. There are many new members but the future looks very promising.

Building Principals all reported on events which have taken place since returning from the holiday break which included Geography, Spelling Bees at the Middle School, and Spelling Bee's at the elementary schools in preparation of the Scripts Spelling Bee to be held on February 11, 2017 at the PAC. Inauguration ceremonies will be view in the schools throughout the day. Jeopardy for science is currently underway at Huber, and four students from Clarendon have been selected to attend the Hudson County Stem (Science) Fair.

PARCC

Dr. Hope Blecher, Director of Curriculum provided a very informative review of the results of the 2015-2016 testing scores, and what we hope to achieve this school year.

Superintendent Report:

Recommended action on resolutions and motions to be presented under Committee Reports. Mr. Knops, Interim Superintendent presented the Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB) findings as reported for the period November 17, 2016 to December 15, 2016 which are available at the Administrative Offices for review.

Motion by Mrs. Pantoliano, seconded by Mr. Lewis and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept the HIB report as presented by the Interim Superintendent.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:

Recommended action on resolutions and motions to be presented under Committee Reports. Ms. Yeo reported on the latest test results for lead at the Millridge Early Learning Center, and was pleased to report that the testing was negative.

At this time Ms. Yeo announced that January is recognition of Board Members. She read a Proclamation dedicated to Board Members. She and Mr. Knops presented gifts of appreciation to each of the Board Members.

Public Agenda Comments: None

Committee Reports and New Business

A. Governance Committee

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 Interim Superintendent:

Daniel DiGuglieimo Interim Assistant Principal
Compensation: \$425/day
Account #11-000-240-103-000-14
UPC 240.HS.VPRN.HS.01
Effective Date: 01/20/17

R1.2

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 Interim Superintendent:

Kimberly A. Pascarello School Secretary
Compensation: \$42,177
Account # 11-000-240-105-000-13
UPC 240.HU.SCHS.HU.18
Effective Date: 2/01/17

R1.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma 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
Eunice Calegari	Bus Aide	\$12.22
Sue Jimenez	Bus Aide	\$12.22
Suzanne Macchieraldo	Bus Aide	\$12.22

R1.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following individuals to revise STEM curriculum:

Name	Compensation
Erin Esteves	20/hrs at \$35/per hour
Jessica Franko	20/hrs at \$35/per hour

R1.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following individuals to an Extra-Curricular position for the 2016 - 2017/SY:

Position	School	Name	Stipend
Web-Site Manager	Middle School	Bayu Sutrisno	\$1600*

***ProRated**

R1.6

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the salary increase Michael Makarski salary to \$52,000 retroactive to July 2016

R1.7

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali

SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, to utilize Marshall Principal Performance Rubric for supervisor evaluations for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion 1.1 Approval to post for 1 English and 1 Math teacher for 8 sessions of lunchtime instruction at \$17.50 per half hour, maximum of \$140.00 each.

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

Policy:

R2.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Norma Hanley

SECONDED BY: Lance Bartletta

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

- 1510 Americans with Disabilities
- 3415.30 Title I – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care
- 2418 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – Students
- 5116 Education of Homeless Children
- 5330.4 Administering an Opioid Antidote

The foregoing resolution was 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			

Shared Services

On January 17, 2017 the Buildings & Grounds committee members along with the Business Administrator introduced, Mario Cofini, the newly appointed Buildings & Grounds Supervisor to the Mayor, and DPW Supervisor. The meeting was productive and a spirit of cooperation was established.

B. Education Committee

R3.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

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: Ruby Pantoliano

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent, Elementary Field Trips for Grade Levels Pre-K to 5th grade.

R3.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the attached curriculums.

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			

Mr. Giele commented on the outstanding presentations which were conducted in reference to the approved curriculums. Compliments to the Principals and Supervisors.

Athletics-No Report

School Technology – No Report

C. Operations Committee

R4.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Sharon 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 \$3,183,935.90.

R4.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Sharon Dellafave

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 2016-2017 school year as shown on the annexed report.

R4.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Sharon 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 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.

R4.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Sharon 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
J. McStowe	2/4/2017	Training for Bd. Presidents				
		and Vice Presidents	Montville HS	\$50.00	21.2 x .31 = \$6.57	\$50.00
R. Pantoliano	2/4/2017	Training for Bd. Presidents				
		and Vice Presidents	Montville HS	\$50.00		\$50.00
N. Hanley	2/4/2017	Training for Bd. Presidents	Montville HS	\$50.00		\$50.00
		and Vice Presidents				
N.Rocco	3/1/2017	Practical Strategies to Address Challenges School Nurses	W.Orange	\$245.00	32.4 mi.@.31 = \$10.04	\$255.04
Maria Rodriguez	3/31/2017	Foreign Language Annual Conf.	New Brunswick	\$100.00	66 mi. @.31 =\$20.46 parking \$8, Tolls = \$13	\$141.46
S. Redvanley	4/6 & 4/7/2017	N.J. Music Educators Assoc.				
		Annual Conference	Atlantic City	\$180.00	mileage \$76.26 + tolls = \$16.70	\$272.96

R4.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Sharon Dellafave

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to accept on behalf of SAIL a \$1,000 donation from Allstate Foundation (Rotary)

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis

SECONDED BY: Sharon Dellafave

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to accept a grant for archery equipment from the National Archery in the Schools Program for physical education in the amount of \$1000.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X		4.4	
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X		4.4	
Joseph Lewis	X			
John McStowe	X		4.4	
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X		4.4	

Safety/Security/Buildings & Grounds – No report

Technology – No Report

New Business – No Report

Public General Comments

Mrs. Christine DeLasi congratulated Ms. Palmisano on Teacher of the Year award, having worked with her on several events in the Middle School. She is very dedicated, is there for the children be it early in the morning or later in the afternoon, and attends every event to support each organization.

The reason she is coming before the board tonight is the Science Fair. As a physician and science geek, she very much appreciates the time and effort the children put into their projects. High School Science Academy/AP students are graded on these projects and should have the respect of the judges. Last year, the judges were guests who were not familiar with these sometimes very complex projects. Mrs. DeLasi felt that in years past, science teachers as well as professionals were judges who can relate to the students’ projects and could judge in a fair and equitable manner. She urged the board to consider her concern when inviting individuals to judge this upcoming event.

Board Member Comments

Congratulations were extended by all Board Members to those who were Showcased this evening as well as welcoming Mr. Daniel DiGuglielmo, Interim Assistant Principal. Mr. Bartletta congratulated all named student athletes who achieved “all county”. Mr. Giele, on behalf of the board always welcomes public input; assuring Mrs. DeLasi that the Curriculum Committee would look into the Science Fair. Mr. Lewis, extended congratulations to Coach Sterling for all his achievements and dedication to his sport.

Motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Cali, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,
Board Secretary