

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DATED: April 19, 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, Ms. McFarlane and Ms. Pantoliano

LATE ARRIVALS: Mrs. Hanley

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: Ruby Pantoliano

SECONDED BY: Lance Bartletta

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 Ruby Pantoliano, seconded by Lance Bartletta, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:07pm.

Motion by Joan Cali, seconded by Kathy O’Connell, and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept and approve the regular board meeting minutes of March 15, 2018 and March 28, 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			

Showcase:

Teacher of the Year and Service Professional of the Year

- Clarendon Teacher of the Year – Patricia Smeyers - Supervisor, Danielle Garzon, spoke on behalf of Principal Viggiani and stated Mrs. Smeyers creates a warm, caring and respectful environment. She’s a certified Google Trainer
- Clarendon Educational Service Professional of the Year – Stoyanka Vergieva Supervisor, Danielle Garzon, spoke on behalf of Principal Viggiani and stated Ms Vergieva works with many different teachers and students and is a valuable resource.
- Huber Street Teacher of the Year – Joanie Niemeria - Principal Wilhelm stated that music comes alive under Ms. Niemeria direction and instills a love of music to her students. Her concerts are a delight to listen to and watch.
- Huber Street Educational Service Professional of the Year – Claire Costello – Principal Wilhelm stated that Mrs. Costello fosters a love of reading, is her go to person and her voice of reason. Was also named Teacher of the Year earlier in her career.
- Middle School Teacher of the Year – Zaida Couto – Principal Valente stated that she is a brilliant mathematician, a leader, relies on her daily and does a tremendous job for our school and students. She was previously a math coach and he stole her away to teach at the Middle School.
- High School Teacher of the Year – Diane Quail – Director Riser/Acting High School Principal stated that Ms. Quail has taught in all of our school, she’s a mentor, wonderful storyteller and coaches the high school Challenge team at the High School.

- High School Educational Service Professional of the Year – JoMarie Bennett Director Riser/Acting High School Principal stated that Ms. Bennett goes above and beyond to help out. Has been working in the district for 20 years and manages the indoor greenhouse and outdoor garden.

Organization Reports:

Middle School Principal, Rob Valente shared some of the activities going on: Guidance Counselors, Sarah Sciscilo and Samantha Boczon organized a fundraiser for Leukemia. Students put money in jars where teachers would have to perform some kind of stunt. The winner was Ms. Ali Faro, she was duct taped to the wall in the gym. They raised over \$800. In The Heights was a big success and 2 middle school students, C.J. Martinez and Nick Matos, played major roles in the play, as well as other Middle School students.

Middle School students went to the 9/11 tribute museum and saw the Survivor Tree presentation that was done by teachers in our district. HBO was there and some footage was taken and added to their upcoming documentary on 9/11.

1st Annual Stem night was a huge success with the project being which team could build the highest tower.

An email was received this week from MSNBC regarding a documentary on the Parkland, Florida school shooting. Our “HOPE” video will be included in the documentary.

Huber Street School Principal, Linda Wilhelm spoke on behalf of Clarendon School Principal, Steve Viggiani: He thanked the PTA for the Book Fair, the school is in PARCC testing mode, Arbor Day Celebration would be April 27, 2018 at 9:30am. The 5th Grade Social will take place on April 24, 2018.

Huber Street School Principal, Linda Wilhelm shared some of the activities going on: April 11, 2018 was the Science Fair and she thanked the Board of Education members for coming and judging. A Huber Street School student won a “Blake Science Scholar Award” which is usually given to older students.

On April 12, 2018 AAA came in and taught students how to read maps.

On April 18, 2018 4 and 5th Grade students had a great time at the SGO Social PARCC is running well so far. On April 27, 2018 the 2nd graders will be performing at the Arbor Day Celebration.

On May 29, 2018 will be the 5th grade parent/student dinner.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Jennifer Montesano started by thanking all Teachers of the Year and Professionals of the Year. It is a huge honor and shouldn't be taken lightly. At the Stem Showcase High school Student Ergen Banja and Middle School Student Anya Singh received awards.

Secaucus High School was ranked #4 in the Jersey Journal in SAT Ranking in Hudson County. In The Heights was above and beyond expectations, the plays are great here, been to many play's and the talent at this level doesn't come often and applauded the staff for their dedication for the phenomenal singing and dancing in the play.

The Clarendon and Huber Street Stem Showcase the projects were fantastic. Projects were impressive for grammar school level.

Wished all Spring Sports teams' good luck.

Wished Mike DalPozza (custodian) good luck in his retirement after 25 years of service.

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 March 15, 2018 through April 18, 2018.

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

	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			

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:

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

Public Agenda Comments:

Tom Troyer - As a past board member, he commented on the nature of the current investigation of 2 administrators and the confidentiality of the process in respecting the process that personnel issues cannot be discussed in public.

Committee Reports and New Business

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

1.Human Resources -

R1.01

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to retroactively appoint the following individuals for the High School Open House at \$35 per hour not to exceed \$490 each.

Name	Name
Doug Depice	Jeanne Keeler
Sharon Kim	Matthew Whitford
Thiago Leite	John Ennis
Dylan Caruso	

R1.02

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to retroactively appoint the following individuals Co-Curricular position for the 2017-2018/SY

Name	Position	Stipend
Jeanette Rodriguez	MS/HS Science Fair Coordinator	\$1,050
Melissa Heintjes	Art Show & Judging	\$950

R1.03

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following Per Diem positions for the 2017-2018/SY

Name	Position	Certificate	Rate
Delia J Camasca	Substitute Teacher	Substitute	\$85/per day
Nina Pesci	Substitute Teacher	Substitute	\$85/per day
Monica V. Savelli	Substitute Teacher	Substitute	\$85/per day
*Manuel Chevres	Bus Driver	N/A	\$20/per day
*Cindy Alba	Bus Driver	N/A	\$20/per hour
Claribel Cheveres	Bus Aide	N/A	\$12.54/per hour

*Driver in training

R1.04

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint an Acting Principal of Secaucus High School (hereinafter referred to as the "Acting Principal"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to appoint Daniela Riser, Ed.D., Director of Curriculum and Instruction, as the Acting Principal from April 19, 2018 through June 30, 2018, unless sooner terminated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Daniela Riser, Ed.D., has agreed to perform the additional responsibilities of Acting Principal for the period from April 19, 2018 through June 30, 2018, unless sooner terminated by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Daniela Riser, Ed.D, as the Acting Principal of Secaucus High School from April 19, 2018 through June 30, 2018 unless sooner terminated by the Board.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted by the Secaucus Board of Education by a majority vote at its duly authorized meeting on April 19, 2018.

R1.05

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools appoint all substitutes with teaching certifications to home instruction for the 2017-2018 school year

R1.06

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to adopt the 2018-2019 School Calendar

R1.07

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") currently employs an Information Technology Manager/Network Systems Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to abolish the position of Information Technology Manager/Network Systems Engineer for reasons of efficiency, effective June 30, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the position of Information Technology Manager/Network Systems Engineer is hereby abolished for reasons of efficiency effective June 30, 2018; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby requested to notify the Human Resources Specialist of the action taken by the Board and the reasons therefore.

R1.08

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

WHEREAS, on or about April 16, 2018, an employee of the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), employee number 4040, whose name is on file with the Superintendent of Schools' Office, was notified by the Superintendent of Schools that said employee was to be suspended with pay pursuant N.J.S.A. 18A:25-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall continue the suspension of the employee with pay pending a further investigation and, thereafter, a determination by the Board as to what further action, if any, shall be taken.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted by the Secaucus Board of Education by a recorded roll call majority vote of its full membership at its duly authorized meeting on April 19, 2018.

R1.09

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

WHEREAS, on or about April 16, 2018, an employee of the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), employee number 4040, whose name is on file with the Superintendent of Schools' Office, was notified by the Superintendent of Schools that said employee was to be suspended with pay pursuant N.J.S.A. 18A:25-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall continue the suspension of the employee with pay pending a further investigation and, thereafter, a determination by the Board as to what further action, if any, shall be taken.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted by the Secaucus Board of Education by a recorded roll call majority vote of its full membership at its duly authorized meeting on April 19, 2018.

R1.10

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves bonding leave for the following individual

Employee ID	School	Start Date	Return Date
4747	Middle School	04/27/2018	05/04/2018

R1.11

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to extend bonding leave for the following individual

Employee ID	School	Start Date	Return Date
4155	High School	09/01/2018	09/01/2019

R1.12

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves with regret the retirement of the following individual:

Name	School	Position	Date of Retirement
Michael Dal Pozzo III	Huber Street	Head Custodian	06/30/2018

R1.13

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to accept the District Supervisor of Education Technology (Pre K - 12) Job Description

R1.14

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves leave with pay and benefits, employee 5021 effective April 10, 2018 through June 30, 2018

R1.15

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to accept with regret the resignation of the following individual

Name	School	Position	Date Resignation
Erin Westover	Huber Street/Middle School	Speech Language Pathologist	06/30/2018
Kimberly Huber	Middle School	Special Education	06/30/2018

M1.01 Motion to post for the following positions:

- District Supervisor of Educational Technology
- Special Education Teacher
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Fall and Winter Coaches
- Summer Custodians
- School Psychologist
- Standard Based Report Card

- Three (3) teachers, Grades K-2 - Update report cards, change to trimesters (12 hours each maximum), June 27th - 28th, 2018
- Two (2) teachers, Grade 3 - Create standards based report cards (30 hours each maximum), June 27th-29th, 2018 and July 2nd and 3rd
- Two (2) teachers, Grade 4 - Create standards based report cards (18 hours each maximum), June 27th-29th, 2018
- Two (2) teachers, Grade 5 - Create standards based report cards (18 hours each maximum), June 27th-29th, 2018

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		R1.08 & R1.09	
Louis Giele	X		R1.08 & R1.09	
Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X		R1.08 & R1.09	
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

2.Policy- No Report

3.Shared Services – No Report

4.Legislation – No Report

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5. Curriculum-

R5.01

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy O’Connell

SECONDED BY: Kathy McFarlane

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

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			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O’Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

6. Athletics-

This is a list of the students that received post season honors for the Winter Season:

Bowling:

Chris Ortiz – Second Team All Division
Jessica Gohde – Honorable Mention All Division

Indoor Track & Field:

Adam Khriiss – First Team All Division – 400 Event
First Team All Division – 4x400
Brian O’Connell – First Team All Division – 4x400
Second Team All Division – High Jump
Oscar Martinez – First Team All Division – 4x400
Ming Liang Lin – First Team All Division – 4x400

Wrestling:

Alex Leon – First Team All Division
Derek Fernandez – First Team All Division
Robinson Reyes – First Team All Division
Adam Badarelli – First Team All Division

Luis Pinto – Second Team All Division
Anthony Costantino – Honorable Mention All Division

Basketball (Boys):

Aaron Kashian – First Team All Division
Kerry Mitchell – First Team All Division
Jamling Lama – Second Team All Division
Gabriel Sanchez – Second Team All Division
Patrick Pantoliano – Honorable Mention All Division

Basketball (Girls):

NJIC Liberty Division Champions
North Jersey Interscholastic Conference Champions
Coach of the Year: John Sterling
Lindsey Mack – First Team All Division
Amanda Ulrich – First Team All Division
Damaris Rodriguez – First Team All Division
Amanda Dehnert – First Team All Division
Payton Intindola – First Team All Division
Jasmin Bujari – Honorable Mention All Division

Swimming (Boys):

David Son – Finished 4th Place in the State Meet of Champions for the 100 yard butterfly

First Team All Division – 100 Yard Butterfly
First Team All Division – 500 Yard Freestyle
Second Team All Division – 200 Yard Medley Relay
Second Team All Division – 400 Yard Medley Relay

Matthew Son – First Team All Division – 100 Yard Breaststroke
Second Team All Division – 200 Yard Medley Relay
Second Team All Division – 400 Yard Medley Relay
Honorable Mention All Division – 100 Yard Freestyle

Harris Spahic – Second Team All Division – 200 Yard Medley Relay
Second Team All Division – 400 Yard Medley Relay

Bryan Tran – Second Team All Division – 200 Yard Medley Relay
Second Team All Division – 400 Yard Medley Relay
Honorable Mention All Division – 200 Yard IM
Honorable Mention All Division – 100 Yard Backstroke

Swimming (Girls):

Emma Bowers – First Team All Division – 200 Yard Medley
First Team All Division – 400 Yard Freestyle Relay
Second Team All Division – 200 Yard Medley Relay
Second Team All Division – 500 Yard Freestyle

Angelina Moncrieffe – First Team All Division – 100 Yard Freestyle
First Team All Division – 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

Second Team All Division – 200 Yard Medley Relay
 Second Team All Division – 100 Yard Backstroke
 Carlee Sanchez-Hegarty – Participated in the State Meet of Championships
 for the 2nd consecutive year
 First Team All Division – 200 Yard IM
 First Team All Division – 100 Yard Butterfly
 First Team All Division – 400 Yard Freestyle Relay
 Second Team All Division – 200 Yard Medley Relay
 Grace Bowers – First Team All Division – 400 Yard Freestyle Relay
 Vanessa Buckwalter – Second Team All Division – 200 Yard Medley Relay

Congratulations to **David Son** for placing 4th in the state of New Jersey in Meet of Champions in the 100 Butterfly - his time was a 50.43!

NJIC Wrestling - Division 4

FIRST TEAM

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>School</u>
126	Alex Leon	10	Secaucus
160	Derek Fernandez	11	Secaucus
170	Robinson Reyes	12	Secaucus
195	Adam Badarelli	12	Secaucus

SECOND TEAM

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>School</u>
120	Carlos Triana	9	Secaucus
138	Louie Pinto	12	Secaucus

HONORABLE MENTION (1 per team)

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>School</u>
132	Anthony Costantino	10	Secaucus

Kashian, Lama, Mitchell lead Secaucus boys basketball past Hoboken for first state win since 2007 (with Photos): For the full article please visit NJ.com.

NJSIAA District 12 Wrestling Tournament: On Saturday, the Secaucus High School wrestling team walked away with multiple wins after traveling to Livingston High School for the NJSIAA District 12 Wrestling Tournament. While they competed against some strong, dominant teams, including Warren Hills, North Bergen, Randolph, Chatham, Cliffside Park, Whippany Park, Madison, and Livingston, they focused on their performance and took on every challenge that came their way. For the full article visit: [eSecaucus](#).

Swimming Hudson County Results

Girls 2nd Place / Boys 6th Place
Records and Medal winners:

- 200 Medley Relay

Girls: record 1:59.38 (Angelina Moncrieffe, Emma Bowers, Carlee Sanchez-Hegarty, Grace Bowers)

Boys: 2nd place 1:49.20 (Harris Spahic, Bryan Tran, David Son, Robert Grewe)

- 200 Freestyle - 1st place Emma Bowers 2:08.03
- 200 IM - David Son 1:57.77 (Broke his own record!)
- 100 Fly

2nd place Carlee Sanchez-Hegarty 58.95

2nd place Bryan Tran 55.45

- 100 Free - 3rd place Angelina Moncrieffe 57.47
- 100 Free - David Son 48.99 (Broke the record!)
- 500 Free - 2nd place Emma Bowers 5:44.77
- 100 Backstroke - 2nd place Angelina Moncrieffe 1:00.08
- 100 Breaststroke

Carlee Sanchez- Hegarty 1:09.43 (Broke her own record!)

3rd place Bryan Tran 1:05.23

- 400 Yard Relay

Girls: (Broke the record!) Angelina Moncrieffe, Grace Bowers, Emma Bowers, Carlee Sanchez-Hegarty 3:56.28 (Had a great comeback to win the race.)

Boys: 3rd place 3:34.92 - Harris Spahic, Robert Grewe, Bryan Tran, David Son

Adam Kriss placed 3rd in the Group 1 Track and Field State Championships today, February 17, 2018.

Seniors Commit to Playing Sports at Different Colleges

Secaucus High School Senior Tristan Paine has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Pictured below (from left to right): Tristan's father Christopher, brother Lucas, Tristan and Mom Patricia.

Secaucus High School Senior Lindsey Mack has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Pictured below (from left to right): Lindsey's parents Ken and Kimberly Mack, Lindsey and SHS Varsity Girls Basketball Coach John Sterling.

Secaucus High School Senior Ariel Concepcion has committed to play softball at Penn State University – Brandywine Campus. Pictured below (from left to right): Ariel's father, Jose Concepcion, Ariel and her mother, Judlissa Concepcion.

7. School Technology –

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

8. Finance-

R8.01

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

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 \$4,572,375.18

R8.02

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

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

R8.03

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

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 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.

R8.04

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

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.

R8.05

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator execute the contract to participate in the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) for Natural Gas Supply Service Contract with Direct Energy Business Marketing.

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from

natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

R8.06

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023 hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

R8.07

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to accept on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, a bottle refill station to be located in the Secaucus Middle School.

R8.08

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to accept on behalf of the Junior State of America, a tree to be planted on Middle School grounds.

R8.09

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator and President to execute a transportation parental agreement with student # 13802 for school year 2017-2018.

M8.01 Motion to advertise for the 2018-2019 Student Transportation Services, and submit to county for approval.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X		R8.04	
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X		R8.04	

Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

9. Safety/Security – Buildings & Grounds-

R9.01

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy McFarlane

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

WHEREAS, Dobco was awarded the Bid for General Contractor at Secaucus High School/Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Dobco has encountered changed circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Legacy Construction Management, DiCara/Rubino, Architects, and Dobco have agreed that the Change Order(s) listed below are appropriate for the changed circumstances:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following change orders be approved in for the (net) amounts as listed in accordance with annexed documentation:

<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
95	Original Change Order Request	<u>\$ 75,890.87</u>
	A. Back charge for electrical usage in Phase 1 areas. This is per Dobco's PCO#00152 dated May 4, 2017.	- \$ 8,000.00
	B. Credit for elimination of (2) New Electrical Handholes shown on contract drawing E1.4. This is per Dobco's PCO#00153 dated May	- \$ 723.93

- 4, 2017.
- C. Credit for Delete new floor boxes in their entirely in existing Gymnasium floor, as approved by John Scheiner. This is per Dobco's PCO#00154 dated May 4, 2017. - \$ 504.74
 - D. Credit for substituting different size man-holes and using PVC boots in lieu of details shown on contract drawings. This is per Dobco's PCO#00155 dated May 5, 2017. - \$ 1,800.00
 - E. Credit for deleting WAGS valve. This is per Dobco's PCO#00156 dated May 5, 2017. - \$ 250.00
 - F. Credit for drawing A14.6 Delete VCT 1 & 1A at existing Girls Locker Room. This is Per Dobco's PCO#00158 dated May 5, 2017. -\$ 168.00
 - G. Credit the unused Allowance for Fees or Charges by Utility Company for Temporary Electric Service to the site. This leaves \$0.00 in the allowance. -\$ 18,773.95
 - H. Back charge the cost for the Owner to repair the soffit in the Wrestling Room damaged by the roof leak. -\$ 2,239.00

Net - \$ 32,459.62

Total: \$ 43,431.25

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

10. Technology –

Public General Comments -

Madison Fearon – Secaucus High School Senior/Girl Scout

She is working on a project for her Girl Scout Gold Award and working with Antonio Quinlan (in attendance) who works with Bees at the High Tech High School. He keeps a Bee House and teaches entrepreneurship at High Tech High School and helped Madison on her project for Girl Scouts with the Bee project. One of his students Eleonor (in attendance) from Weehawken High School spoke about the importance of this projects and she is a senior and mentors freshman students on this project.

Christine DeIasi – Meadow Lane Secaucus

Proud graduate of Secaucus High School

Spoke of the rumors around about recent suspension of High School Principal and Vice Principal:

It is an important decision for our district to make, parents are now wondering if they want to keep their students in SHS because of potential instability in the school. Problems in the past with faculty and staff have been dealt with dignity. Colleagues must be treated with dignity and respect. There has been disruption with administration in the past and it is upsetting that both faculty members were removed at the same time and hopes for due process. Dr. Bob has been a proud member of the community and whatever has happened, she hopes that this is not the defining moment of his career. She cares a lot about what is going to happen at the high school because he always had the best interest of the students.

Board Member Comments-

All board members congratulated all teachers and professionals of the year, loved the In The Heights Play, wished Mike DalPozzo luck in his retirement, were proud of our SAT scores and being ranked 4th in Hudson County. Congratulated all participants in the Stem Showcases, and all the athletes that received awards for the fall sports season.

Some commented on the recent suspension issue at the high school and hoped that the outcome would be in the best interest of the students.

Motion by Joan Cali, seconded by Kathy O'Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,
Board Secretary