

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DATED: April 29, 2019**

President Cali called the meeting to order at 7PM and roll call taken as follows:

**PRESENT:** Messrs: Bartletta, McStowe, Ms. Cali, Ms. Dellafave, Ms. Eccles, Ms. McFarlane, Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Pantoliano, and Dr. Strobert

**LATE ARRIVALS:**

**ABSENT:**

President Cali declared a quorum present

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

President Cali 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 McStowe, 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.

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET:**

The 2019-2020 School Year Budget was presented by Superintendent Jennifer Montesano, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Grace Yeo, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Daniela Riser. Superintendent Montesano discussed Board of Education Goals, School District Goals, Mr. Yeo spoke about budget procedures, strategies and figures and Dr. Riser spoke of the many accomplishments in the district.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**8. Finance-**

**R1.01**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Mary Eccles

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator have reviewed and approved the 2019-2020 tentative budget adopted by the board on March 21, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secaucus Board of Education has concluded the required Public Hearing; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2019-2020 be adopted as follows:

	GENERAL	SPECIAL	DEBT	
	FUND	REVENUES	SERVICE	TOTAL
2019-2020 Total Expenditures	\$40,065,847	\$1,049,833	\$2,174,875	\$43,290,555
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$3,997,863	\$1,049,833	\$640,416	\$5,688,112
Taxes to be Raised	\$36,067,984	-	\$1,534,459	\$37,602,443

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			
Mary Eccles	X			
Kathy McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Dr. Strobert	X			

**Public General Comments** - None

**Board Member Comments-**

All Board members thanked Business Administrator Grace Yeo for her hard work on the budget, and Superintendent Montesano and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Riser for their hard work and input on the budget presentation.

Ms. Dellafave stated that she thought the high school is under represented. She continued saying this administration must do a lot more for our high school, thinks that the standards should be raised. Ms. Dellafave said she means these comments to be constructive and being that this is a small district she is confident that these concerns are clearly in our reach.

Ms. McFarlane was impressed that Ms. Yeo did such a great job on the budget. Ms. McFarlane said that it is vital to strive to obtain goals. She commended the 1-1 initiative that has begun in the middle and high school but suggested a back up plan in case internet connection is ever lost.

Dr. Strobert called Grace Yeo a Wonder of the World with her work that she did with the budget. She is impressed with the staff and that they all do amazing work. She sees the staff always trying to get better with things like Orton Gillingham Training, Ted Talks all being done simultaneously. Dr Strobert also commended the administrative team for working so well together.

Ms. Pantoliano thanked all for their work on the budget. She stated that as a parent she chose to keep her children in this district, her family loves it and we should keep doing what we are doing.

Mr. McStowe stated that Ms. Yeo did a great job on the budget. Mr. McStowe stated he was impressed that in one year with all the new additions and incentives we are advancing at an incredible rate.

Ms. Cali stated that she couldn't give enough praise to Grace Yeo for her work on the budget. She spoke of Ms. Montesano's wonderful strives she's made so far. She also thanked the staff at the Board of Education office.

Motion by Jack McStowe, seconded by Kathy O'Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo  
Board Secretary