

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DATED: September 20, 2018**

President McStowe called the meeting to order at 4:15PM 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 McFarlane

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy 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:

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

Motion by Kathy McFarlane, seconded by Kathy O’Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:00PM.

Motion by Grace Yeo, seconded by Joan Cali, and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept and approve the regular board meeting minutes of 08/23/18.

	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	

### **Standardized Testing Results:**

Presentation made by Director of Curriculum: Daniela Riser

### **Organization Reports:**

JSA Liason - having a bake sale on 09/28/18 and 10/06/18 hosting Voice your Vote

Robert Valente – Principal – Huber Street School

09/05/18 – Back to school night 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 for Kindergarten parents, 09/06/18 was opening day it was a great day and also Back to School night for Pre K parents. A Buddy Bench was donated to Huber Street from the town.

Danielle Garzon- Acting Principal- Clarendon School

Back to School night for Kindergarten, tours were given to Parents. The first day of school on 09/06/18 was a warm, exciting and enjoyable day. Some upcoming events are Back to School night on 09/24/18, Week of Respect the first week in October, and the Book Fair will be 10/08/18-10/10/18. Looking forward to an amazing year.

Christine Candela – Principal- Middle School

09/07/18 Summer Reading Discussions, 09/11/18 assembly, the documentary from HBO was viewed by all students. Excited about Spirit Fridays where all students could wear shirts of their favorite school/town team. Club Fair where all students could learn about all clubs available.

Steve Viggiani – Principal - High School

09/06/18 1<sup>st</sup> day of school was a smooth opening, 09/11/18 ceremony showing HBO documentary, 09/18/18-09/20/18 Activity Fair during lunch showing extra curricular activities available, 09/23/18 Senior Class Tricky Tray, 09/27/18 Bon Fire, and 09/28/18 Fall Pep Rally.

### **Superintendent Report:**

Spoke of a smooth openings at all of our schools. 1<sup>st</sup> ever “Meet the Administrators” was a success. The High School and Middle School students watched the HBO documentary on 9/11 project.

### **Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:**

Ms. Yeo thanked Rocky Sinisi for filling in for Buildings and Grounds Supervisor and then welcomed back Sal Cioffi.

Ms. Yeo added 5 new resolutions:

R1.21 Resignation of Christopher Panepinto

R1.22 Transfer of Danielle Roesing to Middle School Math

R1.23 Transfer of Mary Aquino to Middle School Math

R1.24 Appoint Leilani Carson to Basic Skills English – High School

R1.25 Appoint Student Teachers : Noelle Mironis

Arnesa Baldemaj

Charday Miranda

Richard Larcara

Crystal Sepulveda

Michelle DeLuccio

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

**Public Agenda Comments:** None

**Committee Reports and New Business**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**1.Human Resources -**

**R1.01**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools (pending criminal history review)

Natalee Phemsint                      .5 Pre K Teacher  
**Compensation:** \$29479.50  
**Effective Date:** 10/08/2018  
Account Number: 11-105-100-101-000-13-070  
UPC: 100.HU.TEAC.PK.00.05

**R1.02**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

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

Sean Buckley                      English Teacher  
**Compensation:** \$62,654  
**Effective Date:** 09/24/2018  
Account Number: 11-140-100-101-000-14-050  
UPC: 100.HS.ENGL.HS.03

**R1.03**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools (pending criminal history review)

Tatiana Cruzado                      LTR Guidance Counselor  
**Compensation:** \$62,654\*  
**Effective Date:** 09/24/2018 through 2/8/2019  
Account Number: 11-000-218-104-000-15-080  
UPC: 218.MS.GUID.MS.LTR  
\*prorated based on employment period

**R1.04**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools (pending criminal history review)

Elise Lennon

Guidance Counselor

**Compensation:** 62,854

**Effective Date:** 09/24/2018

Account Number: 11-000-218-104-000-14-050

UPC: 218.HS.GUID.HS.02

**R1.05**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools (pending criminal history review)

Daniel J. Catalano

Physical Education Teacher

**Compensation:** \$58,959

**Effective Date:** 09/24/2018

Account Number: 11-130-100-101-000-15-080

11-140-100-101-000-14-050

UPC: 100.HS.PHYS.HS.04

**R1.07**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby amend the start date for Erika Dimase, Resolution R1.06 from the August 23, 2018 Board of Education Meeting from September 1, 2018 to September 10, 2018

**R1.08**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby amend the start date for Melissa Koslowe, Resolution R1.09 from the August 23, 2018 Board of Education Meeting from September 1, 2018 to September 13, 2018

**R1.09**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby amend Resolution R1.21 from the August 23, 2018 Board of Education Meeting for Class Advisor 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to be shared between Megan Maddalena and Cathy Taylor

**R1.10**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the Superintends Merit Goals for the 2018-2019/SY WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and Jennifer Montesano (hereinafter referred to as the "Superintendent") are parties to an Employment Agreement for the period from on or before December, 2017 through June 30, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, annual non-pensionable merit bonuses may be awarded on the basis of the Superintendent achieving quantitative and qualitative merit criteria established in accordance with the District goals. The merit bonuses may not exceed 3.33% of annual salary for each quantitative merit criterion achieved and 2.5% of annual salary for each qualitative merit criterion; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(e) (10) (ii) requires the Interim Executive County Superintendent to approve the selection of quantitative merit and/or qualitative merit criteria and the data that forms the basis of measuring the achievement of quantitative merit and/or qualitative merit criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has proposed the following one (1) quantitative merit criteria and one (1) qualitative merit criteria and the data that forms the basis of measuring the achievement thereof:

**Goal 1 Qualitative**

**To ensure the success of transition in the Secaucus Public Schools, our new staff will be offered and participate in a New Teacher Orientation Program throughout the year. This newly created program will include a New Teacher Orientation, trainings on various topics and periodic check-ins with administration.**

**Goal 1 Quantitative**

**To further enhance communication among the district and its stakeholders, (10) parent and community group meetings and forums will be conducted throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Topics will include, but not be limited to, standard based report cards, technology initiatives, Orton Gillingham, special education and security.**

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and approves the one (1) quantitative merit criteria and one (1) qualitative merit criteria proposed by the Superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year, together with the data that forms the basis of measuring the achievement thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the one (1) quantitative merit criteria and one (1) qualitative merit criteria proposed by the Superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year, together with the data that forms the basis of measuring the achievement thereof, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit same to the Interim Executive County Superintendent for her approval.

**R1.11**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the 2018/2019 District Goals:

- Successful transition within the new instructional leadership team including : Superintendent, Director of Special Education, Director of Curriculum , Principals and Supervisors
- Oversee and provide support in the area of Special Education in order to deliver appropriate assessment and IEP programming for students as well as to ensure the district is complying with federal statues
- Improve student achievement in grades K-2 in literacy, through the use of the Orton Gillingham program
- Continue to assess and revise the District Security plan for each school

**R1.12**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to retroactively appoint the following presenters at \$ 40 per hour not to exceed \$2,700 from Title IIA Funds

<b>Name</b>
Thiago Leite
Dylan Caruso
Pasquale Cocucci
Sharon Kim
Patricia Smeyers

**R1.13**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following school based Affirmative Action Officers

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Jaime Viggiani	Huber Street School
Dawn Doering	Clarendon School
Pasquale Cocucci	Middle School
Elise Lennon	High School

**R1.14**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to salary increment for the following staff member who have acquired advanced degrees and/or additional credits retroactive to September 1, 2018 (based on the 2018-2019/SY salary guide)

Name	Step	2018-2019 Salary
Kerri Korycinski	MA/Step 5	\$63,4549

**R1.15**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following Per Diem Employees for the 2018-2019/SY

NAME	CERTIFICATION	DAILY PAY
Margaret J. Inglese	Standard Certificate Teacher of English	\$90/per day
Mona Khalil	Substitute Teaching Certificate	\$85/per day
Carol Huyen-Diey Nguyen	Substitute Teaching Certificate	\$85/per day

\* pending criminal history approval and medical clearance

**R1.16**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**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 beginning on September 10, 2018 to the following positions for the 2018-2019/SY

\* pending criminal history approval and medical clearance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Allison Alvarez	PM Detention Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Denise Edmunds	PM Detention Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Danielle Roberto	PM Detention Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Jeanne Keeler	PM Detention Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Allison Urbanovich	PM Detention Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Martha Rodriguez	PM Detention Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Bill Kavalheim	PM Detention Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Sharon Kim	PM Detention Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Denise Edmunds	AM Library/Media Center Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Allsion Urbanovich	AM Library/Media Center Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Melissa Heintjes	AM Library/Media Center Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Denielle Roberto	AM Library/Media Center Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Eddie Roesing	Cafeteria Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Victoria Bennett	Cafeteria Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Allison Alvarez	Cafeteria Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Cathy Taylor	Cafeteria Duty	Middle School	\$35/per hour
Toni Ann Palmisano	Cafeteria Duty	Middle School	\$35/per hour
Pasquale Cocucci	Cafeteria Duty	Middle School	\$35/per hour
Donald Somerset	Cafeteria Duty	Middle School	\$35/per hour
Corey Roesing	Cafeteria Duty	Middle School	\$35/per hour
Alexandra Faro	PM Detention Duty	Middle School	\$35/per hour
Marissa Capobianco	PM Detention Duty	Middle School	\$35/per hour
William Kvalheim	PM Detention Duty	Middle School	\$35/per hour
Karen Marchione	PM Detention Duty	Middle School	\$35/per hour

**R1.17**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools appoint the following Extra-Curricular Positions for the 2018-2019/SY

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Nicole Hernandez	Activity Fund Treasurer	Middle School	\$1900



Julia Moore	Theater Club	Middle School	\$900
Megan Miller	Environmental Trip Assistant	Middle School	\$700
Thiago Leite	National English Honor Society	High School	\$1500

**R1.18**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to appoint Salvatore Cioffi, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds to the following positions for the 2018-2019/SY

<b>Positions</b>
Designated AHERA Compliance Office
Designated Right to Know Officer
Designated Integrated Pest Management Coordinator
Designated Safety & Health

**R1.19**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to compensate Leah Wang \$35 for participating in Huber Street Schools Back to School Night

**R1.20**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools bonding leave for the following individual

<b>Employee</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Date Leave</b>	<b>Date Return</b>
4285	Huber Street	10/15/2018	02/11/2019

**R1.21**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to accept the resignation of Christopher Panepinto effective 9/17/2018

**R1.22**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to transfer Danielle Roesing from Middle School Basic Skills to Middle School Math as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

**R1.23**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to share Teacher Assistant Mary Aquino between the from Middle School Basic Skills to Middle School Math as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

**R1.24**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools (pending criminal history review)

Leilani Carson	Basic Skills English
	<b>Compensation:</b> \$62,654
	<b>Effective Date:</b> 11/19/2018
	Account Number: 20-231-100-101-000-14
	20-231-100-101-000-15
	UPC: 100.HS.ENGL.HS.16

**R1.25**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoints the following student teachers, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools (pending criminal history review)

Noelle Mironis  
Arnesa Baldemaj

Charday Miranda  
 Richard Larcara  
 Crystal Sepulveda  
 Michelle DeLuccio

	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-**

**R2.01**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Norma Hanley**

**SECONDED BY: Joan Cali**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the first reading of the following policy:

- 1550 – Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination
- 2431 – Athletic Competition
- 2431.2 – Medical Examination Prior to Participation
- 2431.8 - Varsity Letters
- 5350 – Student Suicide Prevention
- 5533 - Student Smoking
- 5561 – Use of Physical Restraints
- 8462 – Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children
- 8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition
- 1613 – Disclosure and review of Applicants Employment History

**R2.02**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Norma Hanley**

**SECONDED BY: Joan Cali**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the second reading of the following policy:

- 2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports Related Concussions and Head Injuries
- 5512 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

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			

**3.Shared Services** – None

**4.Legislation** – None

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**5. Curriculum-**

**R5.01**

**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, to adopt the revised Secaucus Middle School Handbook

**R5.02**

**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, to adopt the following Curriculum

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- PSI Biology
- PSI Chemistry

**R5.03**

**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, to revise ESL Student Grading K-12

**R5.04**

**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.

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

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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-** None

**7. School Technology** – None

**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 \$1,097,565.70

**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 July within the various appropriations for the 2018-2019 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 July 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 the Business Administrator and President to execute contracts for out of district placement tuition for the 2018-2019 school year for:

<u>Student ID</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Amount</u>
13802	Brownstone School	\$ 61,560.00
14655	Washington Elementary School	\$ 82,620.00
14438	North Jersey Elks	\$ 72,440.45
16458	North Jersey Elks	\$ 81,838.13
16458	North Jersey Elks - Extraordinary Aid	\$ 26,862.77
16245	Bergen County Special Service	\$ 60,660.00
2659	Northern Hills Academy	\$ 61,241.00
11646	Bayada Home Health Care, Inc	\$ 56,700.00
11723	Professional Education Services, Inc	\$ 720.00

**R8.05**

**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.

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

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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-**

**R9.01**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Kathy McFarlane**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to dispose of miscellaneous marching band instruments.

**R9.02**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Kathy McFarlane**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the annual Statement of Assurance that testing for school year 2017-2018 for lead in drinking water has been completed for the Secaucus School District.

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

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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** – None

**Public General Comments** -

Donna Barabas – started by saying board members Dellafave, Giele and McFarlane were exempt from her comments. NJ Magazine ranked the high school in 2016 # 107 and in 2017 was # 71 and then in 2018 went to #139. Ms. Barabas suggested that Dr. Berckes was responsible for the rise in the ranking and suggested that Superintendent Montesano and the Board of Education were responsible for the fall in the ranking. She questioned how Superintendent Montesano was hired. She asked out of the 29 possible candidates, how did the board appoint Montesano based on only a K-8 background and lack of experience. She also questioned why she was give the maximum salary allowed. It was arrogant and a rash decision to suspend Dr. Berckes without board of education back up. This current situation is a scandal, very expensive and is a black eye on us throughout the state. Ms. Barabas asked Board President McStowe the cost of this investigation and to date did Dr. Riser receive additional monies for being Acting High School Principal in Dr. Berckes absence. Ms. Barabas also questioned Dr. Riser’s qualifications since Steve Viggiani was named High School Principal. President McStowe and other members of the board of education have offered no clarity of the situation. Ms. Barabas asked board attorney Stephen Fogarty, for an estimate for his services so far and asked how should could obtain the amount. She is concerned about the financial impact to the school budget and how it has affected the spending on the students.

**Board Member Comments-**

All board members thanked custodians, secretarial staff and central office staff for their work in the summer in getting the new school open. All board members welcomed back all of the

students, faculty and staff. Several board members went to the 9/11 assembly at the PAC and were impressed by the HBO documentary on 9/11 events.

Jack McStowe – addressed a comment made during Public Comments and explained the rankings to the public that the High School rankings are not in real time. The rankings are 2 years behind and the new Superintendent has nothing to do with the current rankings.

Motion by Joan Cali, seconded by Kathy O’Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,  
Board Secretary