

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
UPDATED**

**DATED: September 17, 2026**

**Mission Statement:**

*The Secaucus School District, in cooperation with our diverse community, is committed to a safe, nurturing environment that upholds a tradition of engaging instruction, innovative curricula, challenging academics, and expansive co-curricular programs, thereby providing our students with a comprehensive education that cultivates potential, encourages fair play, inspires creativity, and fosters multifaceted life skills necessary to brave the challenges of the future.*

**Quote: “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”  
Helen Keller – Quote provided by Dawn Auerbach**

- A. Call to Order – Mrs. Kelli D’Addetta, President, at 5:00 PM**
- B. Open Public Meeting Act Statement – Mrs. Christina De Bari, Vice President**
- C. Roll Call**
- D. Executive Session**

**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 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. matter which, by express provision of federal law, State statute, or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of subsection a. of this section;
- 2. matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States;
- 3. material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance, and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual

admitted to or served by an institution or program, including but not limited to, information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress, or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or an incapacitated individual, the individual's guardian) shall request in writing that the material be disclosed publicly;

4. collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body;
5. matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates, or investment of public funds, if it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of the matters were disclosed;
6. tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair that protection, or investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;
7. pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b. (4) herein in which the public body is, or may become, a party, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer;
8. matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms, and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee, or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that the matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting; or
9. deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

**E. Regular Meeting– Mrs. Kelli D’Addetta, President, at 7:00 PM**

**F. Open Public Meeting Act Statement – Mrs. Christina De Bari, Vice President**

**G. Flag Salute**

**H. Roll Call**

**I. President's Message**

**J. Student Representatives**

**K. Correspondence**

**L. Interim Superintendent Report/Mandated Reporting:**

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

- New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)

- Student Safety Data System Reporting (SSDS)

**Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_,  
Motion to accept the Student Safety Data System Reporting by the Acting  
Superintendent SSDS (Student Safety Data System) Reporting for Period 2 –  
January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026**

**M. Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report**

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

**N. Public Forum regarding Agenda Items**

This meeting is open to the public for the purpose of addressing items listed for approval on this agenda only. Residents wishing to speak on such items must sign the register provided for this purpose, and are required to state their names, addresses, and subject matter. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person. The Board may (or may not) respond to issues raised by members of the public at the time they are raised, but will provide a response if and when appropriate.

The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Please note that the Board will not respond to comments regarding students or board employees in light of the privacy rights held by those individuals. Moreover, the Board discourages comments about such individuals and will not be responsible for such comments. Members of the public who choose to speak during this public session should carefully consider their comments, since they could be held personally liable for any statements they make.

Finally, please note that in accordance with District Policy No. 1100, the Board will not officially comment or respond to any matter mentioned unless it can confirm that the matter has first been brought to the attention of the appropriate school personnel in an attempt to resolve the issue.

**O. Public Forum – General**

This meeting is open to the public for the purpose of addressing any subject matter that is pertinent to and/or directly related to the operation of the Secaucus Public School District. Residents wishing to speak on such items must sign the register provided for this purpose and are required to state their names, addresses, and subject matter. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person. The Board may (or may not) respond to issues raised by members of the public at the time they are raised, but will provide a response if and when appropriate.

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**A. Governance Committee:**

**1. Personnel:**

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve and adopt Resolutions R1.01 through R1.17 as described below for the following:

**R1.01 Approval of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Employment Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") appoints Grace Yeo (hereinafter referred to as "Yeo"), as the Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective on July 1, 2026 and expiring in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreement between the Board and Yeo.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board approves the Employment Agreement with Yeo for the position of Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the foregoing period of appointment, which Employment Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Yeo.

**R1.02 Approval to** amend resolution R1.06 from the August 20, 2026, Board of Education meeting to revise the start date for Donna Przychodzki to August 31, 2026, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools.

**R1.03 Approval to** amend resolution R1.04 from the August 20, 2026, Board of Education meeting to revise the end date for Nerea Paz to December 18, 2026, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools.

**R1.04 Approval of** the salary increment for the following staff members who have acquired advanced degrees and/or additional credits, effective September 1, 2026 (based on the 2023-2026 SEA Contract), as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools:

| First  | Last   | School           | From  | To    | Salary   |
|--------|--------|------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Sonia  | Swami  | High School      | MA    | MA+15 | \$67,665 |
| Andrea | Podest | High School      | MA    | MA+15 | \$67,665 |
| Edmund | Towle  | Clarendon School | BA+30 | MA    | \$66,495 |

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|-----------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Jacquelyn | Guidi | Huber Street School | MA+15 | MA+26 | \$75,910 |
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**R1.05 Approval to** compensate the following individuals for attending IEP meetings:

| Name           | Duration | Not to Exceed |
|----------------|----------|---------------|
| Sheila Rivera  | 1 Hour   | \$40          |
| Lisa Bartletta | 1 Hour   | \$40          |
| Lauren Franks  | 8 Hours  | \$320         |
| Anna Leppin    | 4 Hour   | \$160         |

**R1.06 Approval to** compensate Lisa Blanchard at her per diem rate for 10 hours of IEP meetings beyond contractual time not to exceed \$486.75.

**R1.07 Approval to** compensate the following individual for teaching a 7th period in the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools:

| Name              | Class       | Compensation       |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Emanuela Andolina | Italian III | \$58.33/per period |

**R1.08 Approval to** appoint Michael Dragone as acting Huber Street School Head Custodian effective August 31, 2026, as per the Secaucus Education Association Agreement with a prorated stipend of \$2,500, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools.

**R1.09 Approval of** sidebar agreement between the Secaucus Board of Education and the Secaucus Education Association to reimburse an employee for obtaining their certified school nurse certification, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools.

**R1.10 Approval to** appoint the following student teachers for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools:

| Name            |
|-----------------|
| Tammy Minervini |
| Amber Maurin    |

**R1.11 Approval to** appoint the following per diem for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools:

| Name                    | Position | Salary       |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Leticia Almonte Liriano | Bus Aide | \$20.17/hour |

**R1.12 Approval to** amend resolution R1.18 from the August 20, 2026, Board of Education meeting to appoint Ricci DiGirolamo as District Science Fair Coordinator to Huber Street School Elementary Science Fair Coordinator with compensation of \$1,050, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools.

**R1.13 Approval to** appoint the following High School extracurricular positions for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools:

| Name               | Club               | Stipend   |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Jarred Semelmacher | SATURDAY DETENTION | \$35/hour |
| Andrea Podest      | SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB | \$1,400   |

**R1.14 Approval to** amend the return date for employee 5372, Resolution 1.25 from the August 20, 2026, Board of Education from September 10, 2026, to August 26, 2026.

**R1.15 Approval of** medical leave for the following employee:

| Employee ID | From       | Return     |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| 4487        | 08/20/2026 | 11/30/2026 |

**R1.16 Approval of** maternity/bonding leave for the following employee:

| Employee ID | From       | Return     |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| 4980        | 01/04/2027 | 06/01/2027 |

**R1.17 Approval to** accept with regret the retirement of the following employee:

| Name        | Position          | Effective Date |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Ivonne Vera | Teacher Assistant | 10/01/2026     |

## 2. Policy/Regulations:

**Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve and adopt Resolution R2.01 through R2.02 as described below for the following:**

**R2.01 Approval of** the first reading of the following policies, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools:

- P 5561                      Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M) (Revised)
- R 5600                      Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M) (Revised)

**R2.02 Approval of** the second reading of the following policies, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools:

- P 2361                      Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computer and Resources (M)
- P 2411                      Career Education and Academic Counseling (M) (Revised)
- R 2411                      Guidance Counseling (M) (Abolished)
- P 5460                      High School Graduation (M) (Revised)
- P 8561                      Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)
- P 0132                      Executive Authority
- P 0144                      Board Member Orientation and Training
- P 0154                      Annual Motions and Designations
- P 0155                      Board Committees
- P 0157                      Board of Education Website

## **B. Education Committee:**

### 3. Curriculum:

**Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve and adopt Resolution R3.01 through R3.02 as described below for the following:**

**R3.01 Approval of** the following curricular update, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools:

- Fiber Arts Full Year Curriculum

**R3.02 Approval to** appoint Jason Leppin, Sarah Veloz, and Ava Krajewski as the Board of Education Student Representatives for the 2026-2027 school year.

### **C. Operations Committee:**

#### **4. Finance:**

**Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve and adopt Resolutions R4.01 through R4.11 as described below for the following:**

**R4.01 Approval of** Check Register – September 2026.

**R4.02 Approval of** Preliminary Budgetary Transfers – June 2026.

**R4.03 Approval of** Preliminary Financial Reports – June 2026.

**R4.04 Approval of** Out of District Tuition.

**R4.05 Approval of** Out of District Travel.

**R4.06 Approval of** fee schedule agreement with Gohewec Healthcare Providers Connect, Inc for nursing services for a student whose name is on file at the Business Office for the 2026-2027 school year.

**R4.07 Approval of** contract between Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division and Secaucus Board of Education School District, for teacher of the deaf services for a student whose name is on file in the Business Office for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed \$13,600.00.

**R4.08 Approval of** contract between Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division and Secaucus Board of Education School District, for teacher of the deaf services for a student whose name is on file in the Business Office for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed \$20,400.00.

**R4.09 Approval to** rescind Resolution R4.06 from July 16, 2026, agenda to enter into a lease and finance agreement with American Capital / US Bancorp for a 4-year lease period, not to exceed \$230,000 for a new phone system.

**R4.10 Approval to** enter into a lease and finance agreement with Dexter Capital for a 4 Year lease period, not to exceed \$230,583.92 for a new phone system.

**R4.11 Approval to accept grant award from the New Jersey Department of Education for the FY2027 Teach STEM classes in nonpublic schools.**

**5. Safety/Security/Buildings & Grounds: None**

**6. Motion to move and approve all agenda items:**

**Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve and adopt Resolutions R1.01 through R4.11**

**D. Ad Hoc:**

**7. Shared Services: No Meeting**

**8. Legislation: No Meeting**

**9. Athletics: No Meeting**

**10. Technology/Communications: No Meeting**

**11. Visions: No Meeting**

**12. Negotiations: No Meeting**

**13. Policy Special Committee: No Meeting**

**Board Member Comments**

**Adjournment**