SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DATED: August 3, 2026

President Kelli D'Addetta called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and roll call taken as follows:

PRESENT: Messrs**:** Lance Bartletta, Alexander de Hombre, Joseph Lewis, Gerald Lyons, Ms.: Kelli D'Addetta, Christina DeBari, Mary Eccles, Tatiana Geller, Melissa Howard

ABSENT: Dr. Mark Toback, Interim Superintendent, Pasquale Cocucci, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary

President D'Addetta declared a quorum present

Also present: Grace Yeo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Vittorio LaPira, Board Attorney (Virtual)

President D'Addetta 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 Bartletta, 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 posted on the district website.

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Christina DeBari

SECONDED BY: Joseph Lewis

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), 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:

Motion by Joseph Lewis, Seconded by Lance Bartletta, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume regular meeting at 6:20pm

Business Adminstrator Report –
Under Governance we will be adding two resolutions:

R3.01 Approval to appoint the following individual recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools: Dawn Auerbach as Interim Chief Academic Officer, compensation of $600 per day effective August 5, 2026.

R3.02 Approval to appoint the following individual recommended by the Interim Superintendent of Schools: Victoria Hennessey as a Non-Instructional School Nurse, compensation of $62,600 (BA Step 1) effective September 1, 2026.

A. 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.

B. 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 Middle School parent asked for clarification regarding elective changes. Ms. D'Addetta said she will have the Middle School Principal reach out to answer her questions as Dr. Toback in unavailable.

Committee Reports and New Business

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Curriculum –

R1.01

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kelli A'Addetta

SECONDED BY: Joseph Lewis

Approval of Varsity Cheerleading Camp Field Trip from August 19, 2026, through August 22, 2026, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
Christina DeBari	X			
Alexander de Hombre	X			
Mary Eccles	X			
Tatiana Geller	X			
Melissa Howard	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Gerald Lyons	X			

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

2. Finance-

R2.01

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kelli D'Addetta

SECONDED BY: Joseph Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approves recommendation of employee #5739 to attend AP training for US History

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
Christina DeBari	X			
Alexander de Hombre	X			
Mary Eccles	X			
Tatiana Geller	X			
Melissa Howard	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Gerald Lyons	X			

Public General Comments -

Board Member Comments-

Motion by Kelli D'Addetta, seconded by Joseph Lewis, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo
Board Secretary