

President McStowe called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM and roll call taken as follows:

PRESENT: Messrs., Anderson, Gerbasio, Lewis, McStowe, Riebesell, Ms. Marra, and Mrs. O'Connell

ABSENT: Mrs. D'Addetta and Mrs. Snedeker

President McStowe declared a quorum present.

Also present: Robert Presuto, Interim Superintendent
Grace Yeo, Acting SBA/BS
Vittorio LaPira

Vice President Riebesell, asked everyone to rise and join in the salute to the flag. In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, Board Member, Mr. Riebesell, 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 Secaucus Home News, Jersey Journal, and The Bergen Record.

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Riebesell

WHEREAS, it shall be necessary for the Secaucus Board of Education to discuss subjects concerning personnel matters;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subject will be discussed in closed Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, and that such deliberations thereto will be made available to the public as soon as the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education went into Executive Session at 4:12 PM in order to discuss personnel.

Motion by Mr. McStowe seconded by, Mr. Riebesell and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting at 7:03 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 2013
Motion by Mr. Riebesell, seconded by Mr. Lewis

Board Member	4-25-13 Executive Session	4-25-13 Regular Meeting	4-25-13 Reorganization Meeting
Robert Anderson	X	X	X
Kelli D'Addetta	absent	absent	absent
John Gerbasio	n/a	n/a	X
Joseph Lewis	X	X	X
Dora Marra	X	X	X
Kathy O'Connell	n/a	n/a	X
Gary Riebesell	X	X	X
Lisa Snedeker	absent	absent	absent
Jack McStowe, President	X	X	X

Correspondence – none

S.G.O. Report-

Mrs. Wilhelm gave an update of Activities that took place at Huber Street School including:

- Huber Street School "Goes West" SGO Social was a success
- Pennies for Patients
- May 3rd Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon
- May 9th & 10th PTA Mother's Day Sale
- Ms. Boscarino's Class created the entire legal script for their Mock Trial
- June 6th Take Over day
- Mrs. Allen supervised "Thinking of you on Thursdays" money collected to send lunches to teachers and staff of Sandy Hook School.
- NJASK Testing
- 6th Grade Orientation
- Camp Wapalanne
- 6th Grade dinner for parents and students
- Character Education assembly at the PAC for both Elementary Schools

Mr. Cocucci gave an update of Activities that took place at Clarendon School including:

- Arbor Day
- 6th Grade cleanup of the Clarendon Courtyard
- Green Garden to donate tomatoes to the homeless
- Dance and Drama Clubs at the PAC
- Thank you to everyone for attending the Clarendon PTA Beefsteak dinner.
- May 10th PTA Mother's Day Sale
- Successful Roundtable held with parents on "How to De-Stress homework?" organized by Dr. Hanley, Ms. Maloney, and Ms. Jaramillo
- 5th Grade creative writing project with Mr. Don Evanson published in his paper.
- May 21st is special night for 6th grade parents held in Clarendon by Mr. Cocucci and Ms. Diemer to discuss the student's upcoming move to the Middle School
- May 28th will be Move up Day where students visit the next grade. Also a Kickball Tournament.
- On May 29th Spring concert in the PAC
- Teacher Appreciation Week.- Can't say enough about the district teachers.
- St. Jude's raised the most ever \$26,000 thank you to Ms. Bartletta, Ortiz, & Falco. The parents and businesses for their contributions. There is no bigger joy than seeing a smile on a child's face when they are doing for others.
- Sparky is the name chosen for our seeing eye dog born on April 19th.

Ms. Diemer gave an update of Activities that took place at SMS including:

- Thank you to the teachers and staff for all of their hard work and dedication especially during NJASK. A special Thank you to Ms. Cali.
- Jackie Robinson "42" movie field trip
- The Environmental club planted bird houses and went on various educational field trips
- The Drama Club performance showed the fabulous talent of our students
- PTA Tricky Tray was a huge success.
- The 8th Grade Dinner Dance will be held on May 10th
- Memorial Day Parade

Dr. Berckes gave an update of Activities that took place at SHS including:

- Social Studies/History Timeline stretched on the walls in the High School beginning with FDR and continuing through present.
- Over 400 students were in attendance to show their support.
- SATs wcc this past Saturday
- AP Exams will take place both this and next week
- Great Adventure is scheduled for next week
- On May 23rd the SGO & JSA will "Take Over" Town Hall.
- On May 24th a Memorial Day service will be held to honor a fallen soldier from Secaucus High School.
- Nancy Lynch was honored last week during a teacher luncheon.
- SHS is busy preparing for Middle States next April

- Thank you to Mr. Cocucci for the Little Mermaid performance. The PAC is Multi-purpose facility for everyone.
- Annie dvd's are available from Debbie Gerbasio for \$5. Watching it felt like a Broadway show.
- May 29th is "Walk at Work" Day.
- Congratulations to all of our Sports teams

Superintendent's Report -

Recommended action on Motions and Resolutions would be presented under Committee Reports and New Business.

HIB District Report

As per District Policy #5512, incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying for the time period of April 25, 2013 through May 9, 2013 are as follows:

<i>School</i>	<i>Total Reports</i>	<i>Confirmed HIB</i>	<i>Not HIB/ Other</i>
• Clarendon	0 reports	0	0
• Huber Street	3 report	2	1
• Secaucus MS	1 reports	1	0
• Secaucus HS	0 reports	0	0

A thorough and complete investigation was conducted for the report of an alleged incident of harassment, intimidation or bullying by the principal or the principal's designee within one school day of the verbal report of the incident.

The investigation was completed and the written findings submitted to the principal as soon as possible, but not later than 10 school days from the date of the written report of the alleged incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

The Building principal, in accordance with the code of student conduct, determined appropriate disciplinary action to be taken, based on the investigation findings.

Mr. Presuto – Interim Superintendent also commented on the following:

School Performances

I attended several school productions the past few weeks and in a word, all I can say is: WOW. We have some incredibly talented students and staff and I encourage everyone to attend these performances – you will not be disappointed.

Last week I attended the Clarendon School Drama Club which performed The Little Mermaid. As I watched the children I had to remind myself that these were elementary-aged students – they were all outstanding. The HS Drama Club presentation this past Tuesday night was awesome. I can honestly say that I have not seen that many acoustic guitars in one night since Bearfest down the road at the Crowne Plaza Meadowlands Hotel. The Middle School Drama Club show Wednesday was great – I was particularly in awe of those students who sang solo numbers. I am definitely NOT that talented or brave. I'd like to thank Debbie Gerbasio who was there every night filming and also our in-house sound "guys" Rene & Adam.

And lastly I'd like to wish all the Moms a Happy Mother's Day.

Teacher of the Year:

At this time I would like to turn the meeting over to our Principals to honor our Teachers of the Year. Presentations of Plaques and flowers were given by respective building principals.

Nancy Lynch – High School

Sharon Curola – Middle School

Lisa Bartlotta – Clarendon School

Sheila Rivera – Huber Street School and District Teacher of the year

Report by the Acting Secretary of the Board – None**Public Comments on Agenda Items – None****1. School Government:**

Motion by Mr. Riebesell, seconded by Ms. Marra, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve and adopt motions R1.1 through R1.14, as described below: Recommended Board Action for the following:

R1.1 Approval of Child Rearing Leave (extension) for Lisa Smith-Bonin, Elementary Teacher at Clarendon School from September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

R1.2 Approval of Child Rearing Leave (extension) for Tiffany Meyer, Health and Physical Education Teacher at Secaucus High School from September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

R1.3 Approval to appoint the following Substitute Teacher:
Gina Mazza

R1.4 Approval to appoint Ronald J. Kocerha as a Part-Time Network IT Technician at \$16.00 per hour on a as needed basis.

R1.5 Approval to appoint the following Per-Diem Bus Drivers at \$15.00 per hour on a as needed basis:
Thelma Mahvan

R1.6 Approval to accept the retirement of Daitre Scherban, Kindergarten Teacher at Clarendon School effective July 1, 2013.

R1.7 Approval to accept the retirement of Mary Ann Pollio, Elementary Teacher at Clarendon School effective July 1, 2013.

R1.8 Approval to accept the resignation of Edward Roesing, Per Diem Bus Driver effective April 30, 2013.

R1.9 Approval to post for Kindergarten Teacher for the 2013-2014 school year.

R1.10 Approval to post for Replacement Elementary Teachers for the 2013-2014 school year.

R1.11 Approval to post for Elementary Teachers for the 2013-2014 School year.

R1.12 Approval to post for the following Coaching positions for the 2013-2014 School Year at Secaucus High School and Secaucus Middle School:

Middle School Boys Soccer Coach \$2,700

Middle School Girls Soccer Coach \$2,700

R1.13 Approval to post the following positions for Summer Employment:

- Secaucus Middle & High School Curriculum Workshops (July 1st. - August 15th. 20Hrs. Max):
 - Science Teachers
 - Math Teachers
 - Language Arts Teachers
 - Social Studies Teachers



- Art Teachers
- World Language Teachers
- Business Teachers
- Music Teachers

- Huber & Clarendon School
Kindergarten Screening Program (July 1st - August 31st)
Teachers (30 Hrs Max.)
- Middle School & High School
Music Program
Music Teachers

R1.14 Approval to appoint the following Per-Diem Bus Drivers at \$15.00 per hour on a as needed basis:

Jorge Guerrero

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Kelli D'Addetta				X
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker				X
Jack McStowe, President	X			

2. Curriculum:

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve and adopt motion R2.1 through R2.11 as described below. Recommended Board Action for the following:

- R2.1** Approval of Field Trips
- R2.2** Approval to add Pre School Disabled Class
- R2.3** Approval to add High School Health/Physical Education Teacher
- R2.4** Approval for Kindergarten Screening
- R2.5** Approval of Middle School/High School Summer Music Program
- R2.6** Approval of 2013/2014 School Calendar
- R2.7** Approval to add Middle School Cycle Classes for
 - Music
 - World Culture
 - Poetry
- R2.8** Approval to add 8th Grade Honors Language Arts Curriculum
- R2.9** Approval for Curriculum Writing for the following areas:
 - Science
 - Math
 - Language Arts
 - Social Studies
 - Art
 - World Language
 - Business
 - History
 - Music Cycle



- World Culture Cycle
- Poetry Cycle
- Art Cycle

R2.10 Approval to Update Curriculum/Pacing Guide/Benchmark for the following:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Language
- Art
- Business

R2.11 Approval of High School Graduation on the 180th day, Monday, June 24, 2013

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Kelli D'Addetta				X
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker				X
Jack McStowe, President	X			

3. Finance

Motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Riebesell, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve and adopt motions R3.1 through R3.5, as described below. Recommended Board Action for the following:

R3.1 Approval of Bills List

R3.2 Approval of Out of District Travel

R3.3 Resolution to reappoint Board Attorney, Fogarty & Hara

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby appoint the law firm of Fogarty and Hara to be the Secaucus Board of Education School Board Attorney for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the services of the law firm shall be charged to the Secaucus Board of Education at the rates listed below:

Partner	\$165.00/hour
Associate	\$145.00/hour
Paralegal	- 0 -

R3.4 Resolution to approve the Award of Educational Data Service Bid Vendors

R3.5 Approval to create six (6) Security Officer positions which will provide security in each of the district's schools following the passage of the budget and 2nd Question.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Kelli D'Addetta				X
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker				X
Jack McStowe, President	X			

4. Safety/Security/Buildings & Grounds- No Report
 5. Technology Committee – No Report
 6. Policy Committee
 Motion by Ms. Marra, seconded by Mr. Gerbasio, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve and adopt motions R6.1 through R6.3 Recommended Board Action for the following:

R6.1 Approval of the 2nd reading of the following policies:

Policy 2431 (revised) -Athletic Competition
 Regulation- 2431.1
 Regulation- 2431.2

R6.2 Approval of the 2nd reading of the following policies:

Policy 0142 (revised) - Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited Acts, & Code of Ethics (Mandated)

R6.3 Approval of the 1st reading of the following policies:

Policy 3212 A (new) - Administrator Attendance

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Kelli D'Addetta				X
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Dora Marra	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker				X
Jack McStowe, President	X			

7. Athletic Committee – Mr. Riebesell gave an update on recent sports events and accomplishments.
 8. Shared Services Report – No Report
 9. Legislative Report-No Report
 10. New Business None
 11. Public Forum – General Comments: None

12. Board Member Comments

Mr. Lewis- Congratulations to all of our Teachers of the year who are role models for the district. This week is to honor all teachers who should be honored each year, many teachers wrk day is not 7am – 3pm. To Ms. Sherban and Ms. Pollio enjoy your retirement, you will be missed by staff and students.

Mr. Anderson- Congratulations to our Teachers of the Year and retirees. Best of luck to Mr. Roseing. The Little Mermaid show was great. Congratulations on the \$26,000 raised by Clarendon for St. Jude's.

Ms. Marra - Happy Birthday to Lisa Snedeker. Tonight is our first paperless meeting, laptops are provided in Executive scsion and this will save money for the district. Best of luck to the retirees. Happy Mother's Day. Thank you to the Teachers' of the Year for coming.

Mrs. O'Connell – Congratulations to the Teachers' of the Year, being a teacher myself, you are making a difference. The Middle School and Clarendon Drama Club performances were amazing. Had a nice time at the Middle School Tricky Tray and won.

Mr. Gerbasio - Thank you to our School Nurses on Nurse's Day and Congratulations to the Teachers' of the Year. Attended the Middle School Drama Club performance and enjoyed it immensely.

Mr. Riebesell - Congratulations to all of the Retirees and the Teachers' of the Year. Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. McStowe – Congratulations and Thank you to the Teachers' of the Year and the Retirees for your hard work everyday. Happy Mother's Day.



13. Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. McStowe seconded by Mr. Riebesell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grace Yeo".

Grace Yeo
Acting Board Secretary and Business Administrator