

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DATE: February 28, 2013**

President McStowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and roll call taken as follows:

**PRESENT:** Messrs., Anderson, Lewis, Manente, Riebesell, McStowe, Mrs. D'Addetta, Mrs. Snedeker, and Mrs. Weiner

**ABSENT:** Ms. Marra

President McStowe declared a quorum present.

**Also present:** Cynthia Randina, CSA  
H. Ronald Smith, Interim SBA/BS  
Stephen Fogarty

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. Riebesell

**SECONDED BY:** Mrs. Weiner

**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 4:00 PM in order to discuss personnel.

Motion by Mr. Riebesell seconded by, Mr. Lewis and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting at 6:15 PM and proceeded to the Youth Ambassador Reception.

**H. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2013**

Motion by Mr. Manente, seconded by Mrs. Weiner,

<u>Board Member</u>	1-17-13 Executive Session	1-17-13 Regular Meeting
Robert Anderson	X	X
Kelli D'Addena	X	X
Joseph Lewis	X	X
Sal Manente	X	X
Dora Marra	Absent	Absent
Gary Riebesell	X	X
Lisa Snedeker	X	X
MaryAnn Weiner	X	X
Jack McStowe, President	X	X

Correspondence – none



### S.G.O. Report -

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

- SGO Social will be held in April
- SGO Representatives along with the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade had a great time playing games with the Senior Citizens and spending the day.
- There are already plans for a Memorial Day picnic.
- On February 25<sup>th</sup> we had a "Giant" of a day when Kevin Boothe of the Football Giants came to Huber Street School to Kick off Read Across America week. He stressed the importance of reading, getting good grades and character education.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> is Dr. Seuss's Birthday. We will be having approximately 180 parents/guardians/community members coming in to read to our students. My compliments to Mrs. Costello for a job well done.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> is our annual Science Fair. Please stop by to see the student's projects
- This year for grades 2-5 we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day by having an Irish Dance assembly.
- On March 20<sup>th</sup> Huber Street School will be hosting a fundraiser at Cheeseburger in Paradise from 4:00pm-11:00pm. Proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's.
- In March the Pre-K will be having a Trike-a-thon with proceeds also going to St. Jude's.
- Pennies for Patients
- On February 28<sup>th</sup> the Huber Street School PTA had it's annual Founders Day meeting. The First Graders performed by signing and singing. We are so proud of our students and teachers. There were even third graders in attendance who were signing along.

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

- The first edition of the Clarendon Courier has been published and distributed
- Sixth grade students as well as participants from our Peacekeepers Club held a Valentine's breakfast along with over 225 Senior citizen guests fun and games with Mrs. Doering, Mrs. Maloney with help from Ms. Snarski. Entertainment by Drama Club-Mrs. Lamatina and the Clarendon Rock band led by Mr. Sonntag.
- On March 12<sup>th</sup> Clarendon PTA held its annual Founder's Day. Thank you to all the former Clarendon Staff and Principal Mr. Tony Lear for attending.
- PM February 21<sup>st</sup> the Bucket Fillers were treated to fun and games
- March 4<sup>th</sup> is Dr. Seuss's Birthday. There will be school wide activities throughout the week to encourage
- Creat-a-fest will be held at Clarendon.
- Science fair
- Ms. Doering and Ms. Maloney recognized for their National Poster Program.
- Clarendon PTA Talent show @ PAC on 3/1. Thank you to the PTA.

**SMS SGO Secretary Kaitlyn O'Connell and an SGO Representative** gave an update of Activities that took place at SMS including:

- Successful Maschio's Conference. Discussion of salad bar. A lot of students really do enjoy the food provided everyday.
- The Junior Math Club held a math race, teams would race from class to class to solve problems during their lunch period. It was a great success and we hope to do it again in the future.
- Go Green day
- Pi Day- Math activities are planned for this day .
- On March 26<sup>th</sup> the SMS PTA will be sponsoring a Book Fair in Clifton Barnes & Noble.
- PTA Tricky Tray scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Girls Basketball team ended their season with a win and a final record of 7-8. The Boys Basketball team ended their season with a record of 5-12. We are all very proud of them.
- Students excited for upcoming track season
- spoke about the Morning Announcements which includes the Pledge of Allegiance, Quote of the Day, and Student Activities

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**Dr. Berckes** gave an update of Activities that took place at Secaucus High School including:

- Princeton review
- AP Physics took Gold Medal in the Science Fair
- True leaders who helped a fellow student.
- Sprucing up the Faculty room received a \$1,000 donation from Bob's Furniture and a Fridge from Home Depot.
- Attended a conference at Eastwick College with Mr. Viggiani, Ms. Cali, & Mrs. Miller.
- HSPA/NIPASS update
- Senior Multicultural Day
- Career Day
- St. Patrick's Day /Honor Society
- On March 22<sup>nd</sup> the Junior Prom will be held at the Empire Club
- Congratulations to Mr. Gehm for recognition of the JSA as Youth Ambassadors.

**Mr. Gehm** presented Mr. McStowe with the Resolution presented to the JSA from the State of New Jersey. Mr. Smith Read the Resolution to the meeting.

**Superintendent's Report**

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

Mrs. Radina discussed among other items:

• **HIB District Report**

As per District Policy #5512, incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying for the time period of January 17, through February 28, 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	2 reports	1	1
• Secaucus MS	2 reports	1	1
• 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.

- On October 18, 2012, Secaucus High School was honored by a visit from 136 Japanese students that traveled here to express their gratitude for the massive relief effort following the devastating earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan on March 11, 2011. These efforts was spear-headed by our local chapter of the Junior States of America (JSA); Operation Japan. It was an experience that our students will forever remember as a highlight of their high school years. We can honestly say that we couldn't be prouder of our students, and proud to be associated with the Junior States of America Organization. Immediately after the March 11th Tsunami, our students reached out to their advisor, Mr. Gehm regarding Operation Japan. With his approval they began reaching out to community organizations, other JSA chapters, and contacting state and local officials for assistance. They collected and organized four truck loads of material to be sent to Japan in less than 2 months time. As a result of this effort, Japanese Students visited Secaucus High School in October.

A week after the Japanese students departed, representatives from the Laurasian Institution, The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnerships and Mr. Kigure



(Keegure), the Consul Cultural Attaché of Japan, in New York, contacted Mr. Ghem to express just how impressed they were with how Secaucus, the school district, the JSA and the High School treated them during their visit. The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, in conjunction with the Japanese government, offered 23 participants (and two chaperones) from eight (8) schools in the United States to participate in a study tour of Japan from March 3-16. All transportation, lodging, meals, and entrance fees will be most generously covered by the Japanese government. Secaucus High School was asked to be one of the eight (8) selected schools, due to our students support for their country during their time of need.

- At this time I would like to recognize our distinguished guests of honor, faculty and students.

Mr. Fumio Iwai from the Japanese Consul addressed the meeting.

- Extended well wishes to the JSA students and chaperones on their travels.
- Their visit will matter greatly to the youth of Japan.
- His hope is for everyone to learn from their experience.
- Spoke of his experience as a Foreign Exchange student.
- Spoke of the Kizuna Project with the Japan Foundation.
- Building bonds of Friendship.
- So amazingly touched by the kind words.

Mrs. Randina presented a Plaque and tokens of appreciation to the Japanese Consul and the Japan Foundation.

Recognized Mr. Ghem with a certificate of appreciation as well as the Chaperones. Each student traveling was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a Secaucus lapel pin.

- **JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA WINTER CONGRESS 2013 RESULTS** The Secaucus High School Junior State of America Chapter submitted 10 congressional bills for this year's Winter Congress. Six of our bills were selected to be placed on the congressional docket. Out of the six bills, three of the bills made it through both the House and the Senate. Of those three bills, one made it through congressional vote and was passed into "law."

**106A: A BILL TO AUDIT THE FEDERAL RESERVE**

House: PASS

Senate: PASS

**PASSED FULL HOUSE AND SENATE AND PASSED INTO "LAW"**

**208B: A BILL TO ALTER EMPLOYEE CREDIT QUALIFICATIONS**

House : PASS w/ Amendment

Senate : PASS w/ Amendment

**906I: A BILL TO PLACE A TWO CONSECUTIVE TERM LIMIT ON ALL ELECTED CONGRESSIONAL POSITIONS**

House : PASS w/ Amendment

Senate : PASS w/ Amendment

- The Hudson County Science Fair was held at Liberty Science Center this Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Based on our enrollment, the district was allotted 7 total spots at the fair this year. However, we managed to enter 9 student projects; 6 from Clarendon, 2 from Huber Street, and 1 from the high school. Elementary level results will be released within the next few days. Our one high school entrant, The Senior Science Academy and Dr. Ertis' AP Physics C class, represented by Shaun Sengupta, won a gold medal for their project 'Storm Busters; The Impact of Saltier Sinks on Ocean Surface Water Cooling'. This is the first time that Secaucus High School has ever won a Gold Medal in a high school project at this science fair. Shaun went on to 'Super Judging' this Wednesday to compete for a chance to be a Hudson County delegate at the prestigious Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Ariz., in May. All of the projects that were featured at this fair will be on display at our own Middle/High School Science Fair held in the high school gym on April 10, 2013.

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- At this time I would like to recognize our distinguished guests of honor, faculty and students.  
One of our students recently had a medical episode during class and due to the quick thinking and team work of his teacher and classmates they were able to contact the nurse, inform the principal who then contacted 911 and the student's mother.  
This situation was handled with great professionalism as well as the support, by his teacher Mr. Michael Vitulano, and his classmates especially Carmela Losurdo, Nicholas Maticolo, Jason Mitchell, and Kevin Mancada. These individuals along with the entire team of educators should be commended for their quick response, diligence in this matter.

**Report by the Secretary of the Board**

Interim Board/ Secretary Business Administrator, Ron Smith reported on the preparation of the 2013-2014 Budget. Same State Aid received this year. Tentative budget to be adopted on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be my last meeting so Thank you to all the Board Members, Superintendent and Staff, especially Sal Cioffi and Grace Yeo.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items - NONE**

**1. School Government**

**Motion by Mr. Richesell, seconded by Mr. Manente, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions RI.1 through RI.9, as described below: Recommended Board Action for the following:**

**RI.1 Approval** of Maternity Leave request for Jolanda Harrisch, Elementary Teacher at Clarendon from April 15, 2013 to June 30, 2013.

**RI.2 Approval** of Family Medical Leave request for Kathy Gerbasio, School Nurse at Secaucus High School from February 27, 2013 to April 10, 2013.

**RI.3 Approval** of extension of Family Medical Leave request for George McCarthy, Part-Time Custodial Worker at Secaucus High School from February 4, 2013 to March 4, 2013.

**RI.4 Approval** to appoint Grace Yeo to Acting School Business Administrator effective March 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013 in place of H. Ronald Smith. A \$10,000 Stipend will be compensated to her current salary.

**RI.5 Approval** to appoint Lucrezia Troia to Per Diem Bus Aide at \$11.00 per hour effective March 1, 2013.

**RI.6 Approval** to appoint the following Substitute Teachers:

Emily Marti  
Adrienne E. Cozzi  
Lakiesha C. Worrell  
Britt L. Boegershausen

**RI.7 Approval** for additional hours for Janice Bunis, Speech & Language Therapist Consultant for up to 8 additional hours as needed per week at \$75.00 per hour.

**RI.8 Approval** of job posting for Interim Staff Accountant position in The School Business Office from February 7, 2013 to February 20, 2013 (Job Posting Period).

**RI.9 Approval** to post the following clubs at the Middle School/High School from March 1, 2013 to March 10, 2013 for in-district employees to apply:

REBEL CLUB (\$750.00 Stipend)  
GSA CLUB (\$750.00 Stipend)  
Chess CLUB (\$750.00 Stipend)

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Kelli D'Addeta	X			



Joseph Lewis	X			
Sal Manente	X			
Dora Marra				X
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
MaryAnn Weiner	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

2. **Curriculum:**

**Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. D'Addetta, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion R2.1 through R2.2 as described below. Recommended Board Action for the following:**

R2.1 Approval of Field Trips

R2.2 Approval to approve update of Curriculum Courses of Study

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Sal Manente	X			
Dora Marra				X
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
MaryAnn Weiner	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

3. **Finance**

**Motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Snedeker, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions R3.1 through R3.9, as described below. Recommended Board Action for the following:**

R3.1 Approval of Bills List

R3.2 Approval of Budgetary Transfer Reports

R3.3 Approval of Financial Reports

R3.4 Approval of Out of District Travel

R3.5 Approval to accept the EB4NJ 13-C003 Supplemental Grant award of \$14,360

R3.6 Approval to adopt the Multidimensional Principal Performance Rubric Evaluation program

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby adopt the Multidimensional Principal Performance Rubric Evaluation program for the evaluation of school administrators in the amount \$540.00 for the 2013-2014 school year.

R3.7 Approval of NCLB/Title I Grant Salary Allocation

**BE IT RESOLVED**: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve Four-Fifths (\$48,543.20) the salary of Debra Demone to be allocated to the NCLB/Title I Grant.

R3.8 Approval of NCLB/Title I Grant Salary Allocation

**BE IT RESOLVED**: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve 5% of Award (\$13,566.00) the salary of Robert Presuto to be allocated to the NCLB/Title I Grant

R3.9 Approval to enter into contract with Speech Unlimited (Yichien Su) for one Mandarin Speech Evaluation, as per Special Education requirements for a student who has been referred as a pre-school child with a disability. The cost for the evaluation will be approximately \$500 including travel expenses. (Pending Criminal History Clearance Letter)

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Robert Anderson	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Sal Manente	X			
Dora Marra				X
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
MaryAnn Weiner	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

**4. Safety/Security/Buildings & Grounds**

**Motion by Mr. Manente, seconded by Mrs. Weiner, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions R4.1 through R4.3 Recommended Board Action for the following:**

**R4.1 Approval to proceed with the initial steps of Building Addition and Interior Renovations at Secaucus High School**

Whereas, The Board of Education of Secaucus in the County of Hudson, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

BUILDING ADDITION AND INTERIOR RENOVATIONS  
AT SECAUCUS HIGH SCHOOL

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SECAUCUS IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Educational Specifications prepared in connection with the project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. The Board further authorizes the submission of the Schematic Plans to the Municipal planning board for its review.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 4. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as set forth in Section 3(d) of P.L. 2000, c72 in connection with receipt of debt service aid with respect to the proposed Project.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**R4.2 Approval to proceed with the initial steps of Building Addition and Interior Renovations at Secaucus Middle School**

Whereas, The Board of Education of Secaucus in the County of Hudson, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

BUILDING ADDITION AND INTERIOR RENOVATIONS  
AT SECAUCUS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SECAUCUS IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Educational Specifications prepared in connection with the project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. The Board further authorizes the submission of the Schematic Plans to the Municipal planning board for its review.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 4. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as set forth in Section 5(d) of P.L. 2000, c72 in connection with receipt of debt service aid with respect to the proposed Project.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**R4.3 Approval to proceed with the initial steps of New Administration Building at the Secaucus Middle High School**

Whereas, The Board of Education of Secaucus in the County of Hudson, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

**NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT THE  
SECAUCUS MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SECAUCUS IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Educational Specifications prepared in connection with the project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. The Board further authorizes the submission of the Schematic Plans to the Municipal planning board for its review.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 4. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as set forth in Section 5(d) of P.L. 2000, c72 in connection with receipt of a grant with respect to the proposed Project.

Section 5. This project is being funded as an "other capital project" and will not require state funding and the District is not seeking a Grant.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Sal Manente	X			
Dora Marra				X
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
MaryAnn Weiner	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

5. **Technology Committee** The Board will be "Going Green" by using a Secure Online Board Portal.
6. **Policy Committee**  
Motion by Mrs. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Manente, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions R6.1 through R6.2



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- R6.1 Approval of the 2nd reading for the following policy: 0168 – Recording Board Meetings**  
**R6.2 Approval of the 2nd reading for the following policy: 8467 - Weapons**

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
Joseph Lewis	X			
Sal Manente	X			
Dora Marra				X
Gary Riebesell	X			
Lisa Snedeker	X			
MaryAnn Weiner	X			
Jack McStowe, President	X			

7. **Athletic Committee** – Mr. Riebesell gave an update on recent sports events and accomplishments.
8. **Shared Services Report** Mrs. D'Addetta update on recent meeting where energy audit and security issues were discussed.
9. **Legislative Report**-None
10. **New Business** -None
11. **Public Forum – General Comments:**

Mr. Tom Troyer questioned:

- Congratulations to the Youth Ambassadors.
- Congratulations to Superintendent Randina for another fine program.
- Announced that he will be running for the Board of Education.
- How far are we with choosing a Superintendent? Mr. McStowe answered that Consultants were interviewed in Executive Session.
- Will the Superintendent be a part of the interview process? Mr. McStowe answered that no decision has been made yet.

Ms. Joan Cali:

- On Behalf of the SEA we wish the JSA Youth Ambassadors and Chaperones a safe and enjoyable trip.
- Well wishes to Ron Smith on your next adventure.

**12. Board Member Comments**

**Mr. Anderson-** Congratulations to the JSA students some of whom I had in fourth and sixth grade. Good luck and have fun. The next meeting will be videotaped. Thank you to Ron Smith and good luck to Grace Yeo.

**Mrs. D'Addetta-** So proud of our JSA members and chaperones. Congratulations to all sports teams. It was my pleasure to attend the Valentines Breakfast put together by Lisa, mingle with Senior Citizens and amazing job by Mrs. Lamatina and the Drama Club as well as Mr. Sonnet and the Rock Band. Congratulations to Sean Sengupta who earned a Gold Medal in the County Science Fair. Thank you to those who stepped in to help a fellow student in need, especially Carmela Losurdo who I entrust with my own son. Thank you to Ron Smith. I know Grace will do a good job.

**Mrs. Snedeker-** Well wishes to Ron Smith, you will be missed. Congratulations to the JSA who makes us so proud. Congratulations to Sean for earning a Gold Medal in the County Science Fair. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to Mr. Cocucci and the Clarendon community for the Valentine's Senior event. The Rock Band and Drama club were incredible.

**Mr. Lewis-** Congratulations to the JSA, have a safe and enjoyable trip. Thank you to Ron Smith for the tremendous experience. All the best. We are left in great hands with Grace.

**Mrs. Weiner** –Amazed how school has grown in 3 years on the Board. Students are amazing. Announced candidacy. To the students, you are amazing, you are Secaucus, do us proud. Thank you to the group of students and staff that helped to save a fellow student.

**Mr. Manente** - Thank you to our guests from the Japanese Consulate and Japan Foundation. Congratulations to the students, Mr. Gehm, and Chaperones. Will be reading



at Huber Street School for "Cat in the Hat Day. Attended Clarendon's Valentine's Day celebration as well as Huber Street School's Founder's Day. Will also be a judge for the Science fair at Huber Street School. Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team. Thank you to Ron.

**Mr. Riebesell** -Gave update on Security-review of School Safety with Secaucus Police Department. We will have more cameras that will be hooked up directly to the police department for 24hour surveillance. More lighting will be installed outside of schools. Discussed the hiring of retired police officers with the importance of safety and security for our children in mind. Congratulations to the JSA. Thank you to the Japanese Consul and the Japan Foundation. Thank you to Ron Smith for stepping in, you were a great asset to our district.

**Mr. McStowe** This is a truly special night for the district and the community. Congratulations to the JSA. Thank you to our special guests. Attended PTA Founder's Day at Clarendon, the Rock Band and Drama Club were phenomenal. Also, attended the morning performance of the Huber Street School first graders. They were incredible signing the Star Spangled Banner. Thank you to Ron Smith - I have worked the closest with you for two years and have learned a lot from you as a Business Administrator as well as a Board of Education President. Grace could not have had a better teacher.

**13. Adjournment:**

Motion by Mr. McStowe seconded by Mrs. Riebesell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:18PM

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo  
Acting Board Secretary and Business Administrator