

SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING REGULAR MINUTES
DATED: JANUARY 22, 2015

President Riebesell called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and roll call taken as follows:

PRESENT: Messrs Anderson, Bartletta, Gerbasio, McStowe, Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Pantoliano and Mr. Riebesell

ABSENT: Mr. Lewis

LATE ARRIVALS: Mrs. D'Addetta arrived at 4:30pm

President Riebesell declared a quorum present

Also present: Robert Presuto, CSA
Kristin Kosky, BA/BS
Francelis De Oca Montes
Stephen Fogarty, Esq.

Mr. Lance Bartletta, Board Member, asked everyone to rise and join in the salute to the flag. In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, Mr. 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 being provided to the Secaucus Home News, Jersey Journal, and the Bergen Record.

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. McStowe

SECONDED BY: Mr. Gerbasio

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 4:05PM in order to discuss personnel.

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

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

Motion by Mr. Gerbasio, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept and approve the December 18, 2014 board meeting minutes; with Mrs. D'Addetta abstaining.

Organization Reports/ Principal Reports

Each of the school principals reported on their continued charitable efforts for organizations such as St. Jude, Donor of Shoes, ALS and have also started to collect items for the victims of the recent fire in Edgewater.

Mr. Valente announced the winners of the Spelling Bee and Geography Bee; namely Dustin Ferris and Mr. Innis's Class respectively.

He also announced At Risk Night for parents will be held on February 10th. Mr. Valente also described an interdisciplinary education program taking place based on Alice in Wonderland, which involved the Art and English Departments. Since he did not announce the Middle School Teacher of Year at the last board meeting, he did so now, Chris Innis.

Steve Viggiani reported on the PARCC simulated testing taking place at Clarendon. Candy sales are being conducted to raise money to offset costs of Camp Whompalane.

Mrs. Linda Wilhelm our favorite Giant Football player, Rashad Jennings, paid another visit to Huber Street School encouraging the students to study hard and stay in school. He is an excellent role-model and motivator to the children.

Dr. Berckes reported that Girls Basketball is undefeated at this time. The Jr. Ring ceremony was recently held and we are one of the few schools to keep up this tradition. It appears that very few students purchase a High School Ring. All are welcome to participate in the annual Blood Drive on January 30th at the Upper Lobby of the PAC.

Superintendent Report:

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

Mr. Presuto welcomed everyone back from the Winter Break and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Presuto then announced that January was Board Member appreciation month and presented each of the Board Members present with a token of appreciation. He also urged the public to thank the Board for their volunteerism and dedication.

Mr. Presuto presented the Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB) findings as reported for the period December 19, 2014 through January 21, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Gerbasio, seconded by Ms. O'Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to accept the HIB report, which is available at the Administrative Offices for review.

As required, Mr. Presuto presented the HIB and School Report card for school year 2013-2014

Motion by Mr. Gerbasio, seconded by Ms. O'Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to accept the HIB/Report Card, which is available at the Administrative Offices for review.

Mr. Presuto expressed his appreciation to his Administrative Assistant, Ann Marie Grecco, for her help with the Board Member Appreciation gifts.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:

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

Mrs. Kosky reported that the Construction Bids are on February 24, 2015. Preparation of the 2015-2016 is progressing according to schedule as we continue to review educational, facility and capital needs. We have also applied for an EPA Grant for an additional bus.

Public Agenda Comments:

Mr. Lou Giele - 672 8th Street presented to some pro's and con's regarding moving the School Board Election/Budget from April to November and that money should not be the sole reason for doing so. Board candidates will not be easily recognizable on the ballot especially in a Presidential year, and they may appear to be affiliated with a particular political party. He expressed why the need to rush in. Shouldn't the public be offered the option through a public meeting or referendum? Residents are losing their right to vote, elections are our right!.

Don Evanson – Harmon Cove, he too expressed the pro's and con's of moving the School Board Election/Budget citing percentage of residents, registered voters and who actually comes out to vote. It is hard to see who gains, and who loses, it doesn't see fair to do so.

Tom Troyer – 1033 Garry Terrace questioned the Board as to why this resolution did not appear under policy rather than finance.

Mayor Gonnelli – Thanked the Board Members for their service, he knows how hard they work and the time they put into serving on the board. In reference to moving the date from April to November, Mayor Gonnelli indicated that in Hoboken it was a catastrophe. Board Members could not even be located on the ballot. He feels that this would be real problem due to affiliation with a party, location on the ballot as well as taking away the right to vote from our residents. As Mayor he never asks you to do something, but he feels this is the wrong way to go....taking away the right to vote. As a board you know what my feels are, and you will do the right thing.

Board Members spoke in response to the public concerns:

John Gerbasio stated Hudson County only three schools have an April election. There are over 600+ schools in the State which have moved their election dates to November. Mr. Gerbasio also cited that Secaucus has over 10,000 registered voters of which an average of 1000 voters come to vote, in fact last year the budget was approved by a vote of Yes 689 No 393. As far as an overcrowded ballot, if a resident wants to vote, really vote for someone, they will find them on the ballot. He also disagreed with the notion that the residents/voters would lose control over school spending, in that voters do not vote for a federal, state or municipal budget.

Robert Anderson – Addressing Mr. Troyer, Mr. Anderson responded had you attended last month’s meeting you would have known that this matter was on the agenda to be voted upon tonight. Mr. Anderson also reminded the public that a few years ago the budget was defeated and the Mayor and Town Council reduced the education budget by \$1.2 million and that these funds will never be recouped. In fact the real blame can be placed on Governor Christie who has proven to be a real determinate to the education of our children. As far as the ballot is concerned, voters can stand a couple of extra minutes to find the right candidate.

John McStowe – Admitting to be totally against this movement when it was first introduced in 2012, he has come to realize that it is the right thing to do. The only remaining schools are Weehawken and North Bergen in Hudson County with over 600+ schools moving to the November election in the State. We (the Board of Education) work with a budget less than inflation. We have and will continue to work closely with the Mayor and Town Council to review the budget.

Committee Reports and New Business

1. School Government

R1.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: **John McStowe**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby appoint the following teacher as recommended by the Superintendent, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Aneta J. Kapusnik Social Studies part-time Teacher, M.S./H.S. (Evan Pope replacement)

Account # **11-140-100-101-00-014**

Effective Date: February 2, 2015

Compensation: BA+30, Step 1, \$27,927

R1.2

INTRODUCED BY: **John McStowe**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approves to appoint as recommended by the Superintendent, the following Substitute Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Position	Certification	Rate
Allyson Petrone	Substitute Teacher	Sub Certification	\$75.00/per day
Allyson Petrone	Per Diem Clerk	N/A	\$13.00/per hour
Marjorie R. Pires	Substitute Teacher	CEAS Elementary K-6	\$80/per day

R1.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: **John McStowe**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by appoints as recommended by the Superintendent, the following individuals as Per Diem transportation staff.

- Roseann Kennedy, Bus Aide \$11.25/hour

R1.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: **John McStowe**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve an additional \$250 salary compensation as per the Teacher Assistant contract for the below staff who have acquired 75 undergraduate credits. Salaries will be retroactive to September 1, 2014.

First Name	Last Name
Ivonne	Vera
Rodaina	Sawaged

R1.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: **John McStowe**

SECONDED BY: **Robert Anderson**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve to appoint the following mentors to novice teacher for the 2014-2015 school year with applicable fees paid to the mentee (employee funded and pro-rated for the employment period).

Mentee	Mentor	Certificate	*Fee
Dylan C. Caruso	Debra Demone	CE	1,000.00*
Stephanie L. Ramos	Lana M. Schlemm	CE	1,000.00*
Brittany E. Kramer	MaylingCardenes	CEAS	\$550.00*

R1.6

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve to appoint the following faculty to a Title I Funded, After School Supplemental Support Program at Huber Street School

Name
Cindy Viera
Mayling Cardenas
Dawn Leon
Sharon Holsten
Carolann M. Cocucci
Alyssa M. Grosso
Roxanne E. Hackel
Eilish Viggiani
Lorraine Frank
Sean M. Powers

R1.7

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by appoint as recommended by the Superintendent, the following individuals to co-curricular positions for the 2014-2015 school year.

Name	Co-Curricular	Curricular	Activity Location	Stipend
Kyle Schlemm	BASEBALL	VOLUNTEER	High School	Pro-bono

R1.8

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by appoint as recommended by the Superintendent, the following athletic event positions and workers for the 2014-2015 school year.

Events	Rates Per Event
JV/Varsity Basketball Clock and Announcer	\$140.00
Wrestling Clock and Announcer	\$70.00
M. S. Basketball Clock	\$50.00
Site Manager	\$105.00
Security/County & State Games	\$105.00
Swim Official	\$105.00

Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name
Richard L. Korycinski	Cherryl A. Bott-Melfa	Amber L. Butler	Stanley Fryczynski
Claire McAndrew	Tiffany A. Meyer	Robert J. Acerra	Nancy Lynch

David J. Segro	Edward R. Roesing	Keith T. Schneider	Thomas Reynolds
Michael L. Vitulano	Amanda Jones		

R1.9

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to rescind resolution R1.26 from the August 21, 2014 board meeting appointing John Cuozzo as H.S. Play Music Director/Conductor with a stipend of \$2,200 and appoint John Cuozzo and Ilene Greenbaum as Musical Director/Conductors with a shared stipend of \$2,200 (\$1,100 each).

R1.10

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by appoint the extra-curricular position for the 2014-2015 school year

Name	Position	Effective Date	Rate
Maria K. Brislin	METAMORPHOSIS	1/23/15	\$1,775/pro rated
Kerri A. Stamm	ELEMENTARY ANNUAL	3/2/15	\$1,000

R1.11

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) and the Directors have negotiated a successor Collective Negotiations Agreement for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Association has, by a majority vote of its membership, ratified the Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby ratifies and approves the terms of the Agreement for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute on behalf of the Board, the Agreement by and between the Board and the Association.

R1.12

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve the retroactive pay for Per Diem Bus Drivers and Per Diem Bus Aides from 7/1/14-11/15/14.at a rate of 35¢/per hour for Per Diem Bus Drivers and 25¢/per hour for Per Diem Bus Aides.

R1.13

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

WHEREAS, an employee whose name is on file in the Board office was suspended with pay on or about January 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, said employee has an individual employment contract with a sixty (60) day notice provision; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended that the Board invoke the sixty (60) day notice provision to terminate said employee's individual employment contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby invokes the sixty (60) day notice provision of the above referenced employee's individual employment contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said employee shall not be required to continue to perform her duties during the period between the giving of notice and the date of termination of her employment on March 23, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator shall provide the employee with notice of the Board's action as set forth in this Resolution forthwith

R1.14

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve payment for Connie M. Boruch for facilitating the HIB, Anti-Bullying and Discipline Procedure training for Clarendon Lunch Aides, at \$200.00 as per SEA Contract.

R1.15

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accepts, with regret, letter of retirement from Susan Montone effective February 27, 2015.

R1.16

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accepts Susan Montone’s resignation from Mentoring Coordinator and Extra Curricular Wee Deliver, effective February 27, 2015.

R1.17

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approve unpaid medical leave request for:

Name	Position	School	Type of Leave	From	To	RTW
Zahava Pianko	School Psychologist	Huber Street	Unpaid Medical Leave	01/05/15	01/26/15	01/27/15

R1.18

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approve Bonding leave extension for:

Name	Position	School	Type of Leave	From	To	RTW
Nicole Hernandez	5 th Grade	Huber Street	Bonding Leave	03/02/15	04/03/15	04/06/14

R1.19

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe

SECONDED BY: Robert Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does here approve as recommended by the Superintendent, to extend Christine Sielski, Elementary Teacher, 5th Grade, Huber Street Leave Replacement (Nicole Hernandez) through April 3, 2015, account number 11-120-100-101-000-13.

Motion by Mr. McStowe, seconded by Mr. Anderson to post for the following:

- M.S. Special Education Mathematics/Language Arts Teacher
- Elementary Basic Skills Teacher, Clarendon School (Susan Montone: retroactive 01/13/15).
- PARCC/CCSS Teacher-Led Parent Seminars, Title I Funded (retroactive January 20, 2015).
- Stipend Positions (pro rated):
- Mentoring Coordinator, Clarendon School (Susan Montone Replacement)
- Wee Deliver, Clarendon School (Susan Montone Replacement)

The foregoing resolutions and motions were adopted by a roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis				
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Gary Riebesell, President	X			

2. Curriculum

R2.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve the annexed Field Trips in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 53 – Fiscal Accountability Measures: Subchapter 5, Subsection 5.8.

Note: The following Field Trips were tabled:
Meadowlands Environmental Ctr., Lyndhurst
Woodrow Willson, Weehawken
Washington Middle School, Harrison

R2.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education here by approves development of an integrated Regular Ed/Pre-School class designed for 3 year old students in the 2015/2016 school year.

R2.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education here by approves the development of a JSA Course the 2015/2016 school year.

R2.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Anderson

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education here by approves the Progress Target Action Plans/action item for SY 2014/15

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by a roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis				X
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Gary Riebesell, President	X			

3. Finance

R3.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

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 \$2,987,702.54.

R3.2

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED: the Report of Transfers submitted by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the month of December within the various appropriations for the 2014-2015 school year as shown on the annexed report.

R3.3

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

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 November 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.

R3.4

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve, as recommended by Superintendent the annexed out of district travel as of January 22, 2015

Employee Name	Date(s) of Event	Title of Event	Location	Registration Fee	Estimated Tolls and Mileage	Total Cost
C. Taylor	1/29/2015	NGSS 5E's of Science	MSU	\$130.00	11 X \$.31	\$133.41
		Instruction			\$3.41	
D.Riser	1/29/2015	NGSS 5E's of Science	MSU	\$130.00	11 X \$.31	\$133.41
		Instruction			\$3.41	
D.Segro	2/23 & 2/24	NJAPHERD	Long Branch	\$150.00	54.63 X 4 X \$.31 & Tolls	\$232.24
A.Grecco	3/12/2015	HR w/Newly Assigned				
		HR Responsibilities	Saddle Brook	\$149.00	23.8 X \$.31 = \$7.38	\$156.38
Sal Cioffi	2/11/2015	OSHA	Freehold, NJ	\$199.00		\$199.00
		Compliance Training				
Sal Cioffi	3/16/2015	NJSBGA	Atlantic City	\$175.00	Bally's Tower Hotel - \$64/night (includes room, tourism & assessment Taxes) \$82.96 x 2 =	\$165.92
	3/17/2015	New Jersey School			Meals - as per gsa.gov (1st & last day of travel) 3/16 & 3/18 = \$34.50/day (full day) 3/17 = \$46	\$115.00
	3/18/2015	Building & Grounds				
		Association			Milage (R/T)	\$78.12
		Annual Conference/Expo			Tolls	\$14.90

R3.5

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into an Agreement of Understanding and re-enrollment packet to Molina Medicaid Solutions to be submitted to the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services.

R3.6

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise Requests for Proposals for Auditor professional services for the school year audit of 2014-2015.

R3.7

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education has been selected, by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, to participate in the National Clean Diesel Rebate School Bus Replacement Funding Program; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorizes the Transportation Supervisor and Business Administrator to execute required documents to be submitted to the EPA.

R3.8

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the annexed Addendum to the Agreement Between the Secaucus Board of Education and Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch, Inc. be executed by the President and Business Administrator

R3.9

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

WHEREAS, PL.2011, c. 202 authorizes changing the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a school district or the municipality or municipalities constituting such district, as set forth in P.L. 2011, c. 202; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that the change to a November election remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.202 eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are elected at the General Elections;

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to P.L., 2011, c. 202 the Secaucus Board of Education changes the annual election date for school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the November General Election, beginning in 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to P.L. 2011, c.202, the annual organization meeting of the Secaucus Board of Education will take place in the first week of January 2016 following the November General Election, and that the board of education's next organization meeting take place in the first week of January 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 , members of the Secaucus Board of Education who terms would have expired by May 2015 will continue to serve in office until the January 2016 organization meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to the Hudson County Clerk, the Hudson County Board of Elections and/or Superintendent of Elections; the Secaucus Municipal Clerk and School Board Secretary; the Executive County Superintendent; and the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Loan Government Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution also be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by a roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis				X
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Gary Riebesell, President	X			

4. Safety, Security Buildings & Grounds

R4.1

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Lance Bartletta

SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorizes the Architect of Record, DiCaro/Rubino submit to Department of Education the following project:

Clarendon School New Interior Vestibule
Project #4730-065-15-1000

The foregoing resolution was adopted by a roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta	X			
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis				X
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Gary Riebesell, President	X			

5. Technology No Report

6. Policy – No Report

7. Athletic Liaison

Mrs. D'Addetta provided the standings of the fall/winter sports now in progress and announcing Girls Basketball is currently in first place; while the Boys are in fourth.

8. Shared Services – No Report

9. New Business - None

Public General Comments

Tom Troyer – Addressed the board saying you made a big mistake in moving the election to November. He further stated that four years from now, “you will go back”.

Mr. Troyer also inquired as to the status of the Residency Issue he brought to the attention of the Superintendent and inquired if he was going to get a check. Mr. Presuto responded that we cannot respond publicly due to confidentiality (as a former Board Member) he should realize the matter is not for public discussion. In addition, each time Mr. Troyer inquires as to the status implies (public perception) that we do not take these matters seriously, and we are not doing our job.

Mr. Riebesell apologized to Maria Gigante in that she should have reported during the Organization Reports. Ms. Gigante, on behalf of JSA, reported that the organization is feverously preparing for Winter Congress in Washington DC. Parents will be attending pre-Winter Congress presentations, and the Board are all invited to attend on February 10th.

Joan Cali – On behalf of the SEA and its members thanked the Board Members for their time and commitment.

Fred Vogel – Reported that his daughter is making progress (see minutes from December 18, 2018). He again thanked Rob Valente, Tara Tavaras and the Board for their diligence in the handling of this HIB incident. Mr. Vogel continues to research the concept of bullying and what it is all about, the fact that 1 of 3 students are bullied and we are in an epidemic. Also this is not an educational issue and that nationally more and more bullying incidents are leading towards suicides, while 25% can be prevented. He inquired if we have a Safety Committee which can work to prevent these incidents, as well as provide mental health for repeat offenders. He would like to get involved and volunteer in any way to set up programs, mentorship and work in conjunction with the Town to bring the numbers down. In addition, ZERO tolerance should be incorporated in the Code of Conduct and strictly enforced. Mr. Vogel called for the Board to take action tonight to work towards stopping this epidemic.

Mr. Presuto thanked Mr. Vogel for his kind words of thanks and for your suggestions. Further, Mr. Presuto stated that he didn't know if we could move forward tonight, but we will take him up on his offer to include him and work with the Town to provide additional awareness to this problem.

Board Member Comments

Mr. McStowe informed Mr. Vogel and the audience that there is a Co-Safety Committee which meets with members of law enforcement, substance abuse professionals, town officials and we will try to schedule a meeting in the near future.

Mr. Riebesell reported that the Board meets with members of the Town's Shared Services Committee monthly and we continue to work together.

Mrs. O'Connell acknowledged Mr. Vogel's courage to speak on behalf of his daughter in a public forum. "What can be done will be done and know that we have your back."

Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Pantoliano also expressed their support to Mr. Vogel.

Mrs. O'Connell inquired to the Superintendent if Mr. Troyer went directly to the board office would he be able to obtain the information he is requesting. Mr. Presuto responded that asking these questions at the Board Meeting is not the venue, and it is the questions he is asking.

Mrs. O'Connell thanked Mr. Presuto and Mrs. Kosky for acknowledging Board Members and for the gift. She also thanked Mrs. Montone for her years of service.

Mr. Gerbasio – Thanked everyone for coming and also supported Mr. Vogel.

Mr. Bartletta stated that there is no place in our schools for bullying. Wished the very best to Mrs. Montone as well as acknowledging the drive to help the fire victims of Edgewater.

Mr. Riebesell thanked both Mrs. DellaFave and Mrs. Montone for their years of service and wished them well in their retirement.

Motion by, Lance Bartletta seconded by Kathy O'Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kosky,
Board Secretary