

SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DATED: JULY 20, 2017

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

PRESENT: Messrs: Bartletta, Giele, Lewis, McStowe, Ms. Cali, Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Dellafave, Mrs. Hanley and Ms. Pantoliano

President McStowe declared a quorum present

Also present: Kenneth J. Knops, Interim CSA  
Grace Yeo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Stephen Fogarty, Board Attorney

President McStowe, 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 Pantoliano, 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:** Ruby Pantoliano

**SECONDED BY:** Joan Cali

**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), (2), (6), (7) and (8) 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:

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

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

**Organization Reports:** No Reports

**Superintendent Report:**

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

Interim Superintendent announced that 31 teachers have participated and are now certified in Multi-Sensory. The teachers have concluded this week long training after school had ended.

Also, this summer teachers are redesigning the K-2 Standard Based Report Cards which will be effective this September. Grades 3-5 will be completed for school year 2018-2019. Also, he announced that the first days of September, Professional Development programs will be provided to all teaching and support staff.

Mr. Knops presented the Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB), findings as reported for the period March 21, 2017 to June 19, 2017.

Motion by Mrs. Pantoliano, seconded by Mr. Lewis and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to accept the report; which is available at the Administrative Offices for review.

**Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:** No Report

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

**Public Agenda Comments:** None

**Committee Reports and New Business**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. McStowe announced that the following resolutions are tabled for this meeting; namely, Resolutions R1.2, R1.3 and R1.4 and called for any other comments.

The following are synopsis of comments made by Board Members:

Mr. Giele indicated that he does not agree with R1.16 which is the appointment of the Superintendent. Mr. Giele does not feel that the company the board hired to search for a Superintendent, did not provide a good pool of candidates, and he is recommending that the board reopen the search. The pool of candidates were representative of the company and really did not scratch the surface of finding the right Superintendent for the students of the district. He indicated that this action is not in the best interest of the district and community.

Ms. Dellafave also indicated that the Superintendent search has been plagued by imperfections. She urged the board to reopen the search, we have the time and the resources to do so. This is critical to ensure that the right Superintendent is in place for the students of the district.

Mr. McStowe provided those in the audience a time table of how the search was conducted starting in November and the hiring of the search company in January. He indicated 29 candidates were presented to the board, the board chose to interview (nine) 9. In some instances candidates were interviewed not once, twice, three sometimes four. It was narrowed down to two. The board has done their due diligence. At this time, he thanked Mr. Knops and Ms. Yeo for their participation in this process.

Mrs. Pantoliano also informed the audience that board members attended the candidate's current board meetings and spoke with the community of which there were only positive comments concerning the candidate.

Mrs. Hanley also reiterated that the board did not rush into making this decision. We, who are parents of children sitting on the board are very satisfied.

Ms. Jennifer Montesano then addressed both the board and members of the audience. Admitting that this was a very long process and felt the board did a very thorough job and thanked them for your diligence. She stated she is thrilled to be "home" (having driven through the community several times to get a feel for it). Secaucus has facilities and programs second to none and is happy to become a member of the Secaucus family. Regardless of the size of the district, parents want and demand the best for their children and we will continue to provide the high standards of education.

**1.Human Resources**

**R1.1**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** **Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY:** **Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent:

Shelbey Manthrope                      Elementary Teacher Huber Street

**Compensation:** \$61,879  
**Account #**11-120-100-101-000-13  
**UPC #** 100.HU.SPED.HU.01  
**Effective Date:** 09/01/2017

R1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 Tabled

**R1.5**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent:

Philomena S Pesci                      Accounts Payable Specialist  
**Compensation:** \$43,750  
**Account #** 11-000-251-100-000-11  
**UPC #** 230.CO.APY.NA.01  
**Effective Date:** 8/14/2017

**R1.6**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to retroactively appoint Robert Fournier to the Summer Music Program

**R1.7**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following Per Diem for the 2017-18/SY

| Name            | Position         | Rate          |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Michael Dragone | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |

**R1.8**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to retroactively appoint the following Summer Per Diems

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Rate</b>   |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Dylan Segro      | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Lucas Klopping   | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Eskarlin Sanchez | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Aleksandra Mikic | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Ralph Mundo      | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Avnish Patel     | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Ajay Patel       | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Joseph LaCap     | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Rayna Mehta      | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Kalsang Sherpa   | Summer Custodian | \$13/per hour |
| Daniel Bivin     | Summer IT        | \$13/per hour |
| Lennard Ramirez  | Summer IT        | \$13/per hour |
| Jarrod Smeyers   | Summer IT        | \$13/per hour |

**R1.9**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY:**           **Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to compensate Speech Therapist for ESY Evaluations for up to 20 hours at \$40 per hour.

**R1.10**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY:**           **Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to transfer Ivonne Vera from the Middle School to the Millridge ELC effective 9/1/17

**R1.11**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY:**           **Kathy O’Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to rescind Resolution 1.19 to appoint Toni Ann Palmisano to Unico Club and appoint JoMarie Bennett.

**R1.12**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to amend salaries for Resolution R1.4, R1.5, R1.8. and R1.9 from the June 15, 2017 Board Meeting from \$63,049 to \$61,879.

**R1.13**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves of Maternity/FMLA/Bonding request

| Employee ID | School      | Leave Date | Expected RTW |
|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 4155        | High School | 09/29/17   | 9/1/18       |

**R1.14**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves accept with regret the retirement of the following individual

| Name        | School         | Position                      | Date of Retirement |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Susan Smahl | Central Office | Director of Special Education | 10/1/17            |

**R1.15**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent:

Jerome H. Kaiser, PhD      Supervisor 6-12 Science, Family Consumer Science,  
Art and Business  
**Compensation:** \$90,500  
**Doctorate Degree Stipend** \$2,000  
**Account #** 11-000-240-104-000-14  
**UPC #** 240.HS.SUPV.HS.02  
**Effective Date:** 08/01/2017

**R1.16**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") appoints Jennifer Montesano (hereinafter referred to as "Montesano") as the Superintendent of Schools for the Secaucus School District for the period beginning on or before December 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2021; and

**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 Montesano for the position of Superintendent of Schools 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 and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Montesano.

M1.1 To post for the following positions:

- .5 Pre-K Teacher
- LTR Guidance Counselor
- Director of Special Education
- School Secretary
- Night time Supervisor (custodian)
- One full time custodian

The foregoing motion and resolutions were adopted by the following roll call vote:

|                  | Yes | No    | Abstain | Absent |
|------------------|-----|-------|---------|--------|
| Lance Bartletta  | X   |       | R1.16   |        |
| Joan Cali        | X   |       |         |        |
| Sharon Dellafave | X   | R1.16 |         |        |
| Louis Giele      | X   | R1.16 |         |        |
| Norma Hanley     | X   |       |         |        |
| Joseph Lewis     | X   |       | R1.16   |        |
| John McStowe     | X   |       |         |        |
| Kathy O'Connell  | X   |       |         |        |
| Ruby Pantoliano  | X   |       |         |        |

**2.Policy**

**R2.1**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Norma Hanley

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent, the first reading of the following policies:

- 1511 Board of Education Website Accessibility
- 3126 District mentoring Program
- 3240 Professional Development for Teachers & School Leaders
- 5610 Suspension
- 5620 Expulsion
- 8505 Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals & Other Foods
- 8550 Unpaid Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Charges

The foregoing resolution was adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

|                  | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Lance Bartletta  | X   |    |         |        |
| Joan Cali        | X   |    |         |        |
| Sharon Dellafave | X   |    |         |        |
| Louis Giele      | X   |    |         |        |
| Norma Hanley     | X   |    |         |        |
| Joseph Lewis     | X   |    |         |        |
| John McStowe     | X   |    |         |        |
| Kathy O'Connell  | X   |    |         |        |
| Ruby Pantoliano  | X   |    |         |        |

3.Shared Services – Mr. McStowe indicated that the committee met on July 1, 2017 to discuss transportation issues.

4.Legislation – No Report

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

#### 5. Curriculum

**R5.1**

#### RESOLUTION

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Joan Cali

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent, the annexed Field Trips.

**R5.2**

#### RESOLUTION

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Joan Cali

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves Elementary Standards-Based Report Cards for grades K-2.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

|                  | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Lance Bartletta  | X   |    |         |        |
| Joan Cali        | X   |    |         |        |
| Sharon Dellafave | X   |    |         |        |
| Louis Giele      | X   |    |         |        |
| Norma Hanley     | X   |    |         |        |
| Joseph Lewis     | X   |    |         |        |
| John McStowe     | X   |    |         |        |
| Kathy O'Connell  | X   |    |         |        |
| Ruby Pantoliano  | X   |    |         |        |

6. Athletics – No Report

7. School Technology – No Report

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**8. Finance**

**R8.1**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**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 \$2,817,839.01.

**R8.2**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**BE IT RESOLVED:** the Report of Transfers submitted by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the month of May within the various appropriations for the 2016-2017 school year as shown on the annexed report.

**R8.3**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**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 May 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.

**R8.4**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator and President to execute contracts for out of district placement tuition for the 2017-2018 school year for:

| Student ID# | School                       | Amount       | Notes       |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 14476       | A.Harry Moore                | \$ 6,825.00  | ESY         |
| 15631       | A.Harry Moore                | \$ 6,825.00  | ESY         |
| 10891       | Bergen Cty Technical/Special | \$ 5,000.00  | ESY         |
|             | one-on-one assistant         | \$ 4,800.00  | ESY         |
| 10891       | State of NJ Human Services   | \$ 4,500.00  | 17-18       |
| 14438       | NJ Elks Developmental        | \$ 81,038.88 | ESY & 17-18 |
| 13644       | Windsor Learning Center      | \$ 64,050.00 | ESY & 17-18 |
| 11678       | YCS-Sawtelle Learning Center | \$ 60,316.90 | ESY & 17-18 |
| 13482       | Windsor Learning Center      | \$ 54,900.00 | 17-18       |
| 13802       | YCS-George Washington School | \$ 56,116.01 | 17-18       |
| 14908       | North Hudson Academy         | \$ 46,735.78 | 17-18       |



|       |                             |              |             |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 15318 | Windsor Learning Center     | \$ 73,500.00 | ESY & 17-18 |
| 15867 | Bergen Cty Special Services |              |             |
|       | PT for 2016-17              | \$ 750.00    |             |
|       | Speech Therapy 2016-2017    | \$750.00     |             |
|       | OT for 2016-17              | \$ 750.00    |             |
| 15868 | Bergen Cty Special Services |              |             |
|       | PT for 2016-17              | \$ 750.00    |             |
|       | OT for 2016-17              | \$ 750.00    |             |
|       | Speech Therapy 2016-2017    | \$ 750.00    |             |
|       |                             |              |             |

\$ 469,107.57

**R8.5**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the out of district travel for employees/board member as annexed to this resolution.

| Employee Name | Date(s) of Event | Title of Event              | Location  | Registration Fee | Estimated Tolls and Mileage | Total Cost |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Angel Perez   | 7/19/2017        | Leadership Lessons Learned  | Montville | \$0.00           |                             | \$0.00     |
| Mario Cofini  | 7/25/2017        | Osha, Asbestos, Playground, |           |                  |                             |            |
|               |                  | Safety Issues               | Sparta HS | \$0.00           | 45.2 mi. X .31 = 18.02      | \$18.02    |
| Rocky Sinisi  | 7/25/2017        | Osha, Asbestos, Playground, | Sparta HS | \$0.00           | 45.2 mi. X .31 = 18.02      | \$18.02    |
|               |                  | Safety Issues               |           |                  |                             |            |
| Enzo Castelli | 7/25/2017        | Osha, Asbestos, Playground, | Sparta HS | \$0.00           | 45.2 mi. X .31 = 18.02      | \$18.02    |
|               |                  | Safety Issues               |           |                  |                             |            |
| M.DalPozzo    | 7/25/2017        | Osha, Asbestos, Playground, | Sparta HS | \$0.00           | 45.2 mi. X .31 = 18.02      | \$18.02    |
|               |                  |                             |           |                  |                             |            |
| L.Nicolich    | 7/25/2017        | Osha, Asbestos, Playground, | Sparta HS | \$0.00           | 45.2 mi. X .31 = 18.02      | \$18.02    |

**R8.6**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute a contract with Epic Health Services for one-on-one nursing services for a student # 15278 at a rate of \$50/hr. for the school year 2017-2018.

**R8.7**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute a contract for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy for students within the district for school year 2017-2018 at a rate of \$86/hr. not to exceed \$130,000.

**R8.8**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the submission of the IDEA Grant for 2017-2018 to Department of Education for approval.

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

|                  | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Lance Bartletta  | X   |    |         |        |
| Joan Cali        | X   |    |         |        |
| Sharon Dellafave | X   |    |         |        |
| Louis Giele      | X   |    |         |        |
| Norma Hanley     | X   |    |         |        |
| Joseph Lewis     | X   |    |         |        |
| John McStowe     | X   |    |         |        |
| Kathy O'Connell  | X   |    |         |        |
| Ruby Pantoliano  | X   |    |         |        |

**9. Safety/Security – Buildings & Grounds**

**R9.1**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**SECONDED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes an additional out-of-district route for school year 2017-2018 for a student to be transported to YCS George Washington School in Hackensack.

**R9.2**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**SECONDED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education here approves the in-district regular education routes for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

Clarendon School – Grades K through 5: To and From Osprey Cove  
 To and From Harmon Cove  
 To and From Harmon Cove Towers  
 To and From Huber Street District (overflow)

Huber Street School – Grades K through 5: To and From County Avenue  
 To and From XChange @ Secaucus Junction  
 To and From Roosevelt Avenue Section  
 To and From Liberty Court  
 To and From Riverside Court (Agreement)  
 To and From Creekside Manor (Town Contract Only)

Middle School – Grades 6 through 8  
& High School – Grades 9 through 12:

- To and From Osprey Cove
- To and From Harmon Cove
- To and From Harmon Cove Towers
- To and From County Avenue
- To and From XChange at Secaucus Junction
- To and From Roosevelt Avenue Section
- To and From Riverside Court

All schools have late buses for bus students only. **Middle School and High School will have separate buses. The Middle School bus will load from the Middle School entrance and depart at 3:40 PM. The High School bus will load from the High School entrance and also depart at 3:40 PM.** Elementary school buses depart at 3:45 PM.

**R9.3**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joseph Lewis**

**SECONDED BY: Sharon Dellafave**

**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 Board Offices at Clarendon Elementary School – E Pod

**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 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 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. This project is designated “Other Capital” and the Board is not seeking state funding.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 3. 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 applicable to the proposed Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**M9.1** Approval to dispose of irreparable and/or obsolete technology equipment within the district.

**M9.2** Approval to dispose of the 2000 Dodge Caravan, mileage 205,631, VIN 284GP25GOYR84715 which is no longer operable and not cost efficient to repair

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

|                  | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Lance Bartletta  | X   |    |         |        |
| Joan Cali        | X   |    |         |        |
| Sharon Dellafave | X   |    |         |        |
| Louis Giele      | X   |    |         |        |
| Norma Hanley     | X   |    |         |        |
| Joseph Lewis     | X   |    |         |        |
| John McStowe     | X   |    |         |        |
| Kathy O’Connell  | X   |    |         |        |
| Ruby Pantoliano  | X   |    |         |        |

### **Public Forum - General**

The following parents addressed the board inquiring as to the status of their request to the Athletic Director several months ago allowing the district enter into a Co-op for an Ice Hockey Team for High School Students.

- Cory Robinson
- John T. Banks
- John Maurin
- Colette Robinson

It was explained that once children reach the age of 14 and/or enter into their freshman year of high school they are no longer eligible to play recreational ice hockey. Secaucus has a very rich history of ice hockey, but not at the high school level. Children who wish to play are more than likely to attend a private or catholic high school (which does provide an ice hockey team). The Town has a state of the art ice rink, but not for our high school. Within the state, 62 other schools participate in a co-op. In fact, Weehawken joined so that one (1) student could participate.

Each of the parents provided many examples of the benefits of having the team. Most impressive was the presentation of student Richard Robinson, playing since he was four (4) years old, who suffers from ADHD, and hockey has given him the confidence and has come a long way academically as a result. Richard sincerely pleaded with the board to address the possibility of joining as soon as possible as he is now a freshman and he wishes to play and represent SHS. It was also brought to the attention of the board, that the cost is very little. Parents transport the children to practice and to games, uniforms and protective gear is low maintenance as well.

Mr. McStowe, responded to the parents that the board would address the issue with Mr. Voorhees as soon as possible and will get back to them. The parents also volunteered to sit with Mr. Voorhees to assist in any way to get this done.

Tom Troyer indicated he was delighted to have a new Superintendent, and that the Board provided the resolution and contract, and praised the Board for having a very good attorney (Stephen Fogarty). He also expressed he was glad both Sharon Dellafave and Louis Giele had decided to vote no on the hiring of the new Superintendent. Addressing the entire board, he reminded them you still have a say and don't be afraid to speak up. At this point Mr. Troyer accused Kathy O'Connell and Jack McStowe as "mouth pieces" for the Mayor, and indicated that Ms. Yeo had aged right before his eyes since she returned to the district. Before leaving the podium, he wished Ms. Montesano good luck.

John Gerbasio stood before his former board members and congratulated Ms. Montesano. He also wanted to thank Mr. Knops for his service. He came into the district with a new set of ideas and standards. Thank you for all you did, and I consider you a friend. Mr. Knops graciously thanked Mr. Gerbasio for his kind words.

### **Board Member Comments**

Ms. O'Connell, Mrs. Pantoliano, Ms. Cali, Mrs. Hanley, Mr. Bartletta, Mr. Lewis all expressed their congratulations and warm welcome to the "Secaucus Family" to Ms. Montesano. All are looking forward to working together to continue to the high expectations of our academic goals and objectives. In addition, they thanked the parents for coming tonight and wished everyone a good summer.

Ms. Cali and Mr. McStowe congratulated Ms. Smahl on her retirement. Ms. Dellafave thanked the hockey parents and welcomed the new staff members.

Motion by Joseph Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Pantoliano, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,  
Board Secretary