

SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD MEETING REGULAR MINUTES  
DATED: October 16, 2014

President Riebesell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and roll call taken as follows:

PRESENT: Messrs: Anderson, Bartletta, Gerbasio, Lewis, McStowe and Mr. Riebesell, Mrs. D'Addetta, Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Pantoliano

President Riebesell declared a quorum present

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

Vice President Lewis, 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 Lewis, 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. Anderson

**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 5:00PM in order to discuss personnel.

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

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

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Mrs. D'Addetta, and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept and approve the September 18, 2014 board meeting minutes, with Mr. Lewis and Mrs. O'Connell abstaining.

**Organization Reports:**

Mr. Robert Valente reported on the two recent fundraisers held at the Middle School with proceeds donated to the Mark Vogel "Little People" and St. Jude. He also reported working with Don Evanson to hold a Shark Tank for students at Middle School. Mr. Valente reported on upcoming events. He also thanked the Board Members and K&S for their contribution to Iron Horses, an organization Mr. Valente is active with.

Mr. Viggiani reported on Week of Respect and the events taking place at each grade level at Clarendon School. He was happy to announce the field is almost at completion and he thanked the Mayor and Town Council for the field and new playground. In fact, the manufacturer of the new playground, MRC, will be meeting with the children to explain how the playground is assembled and will work with the children in the design of the playground. This is not only a great learning experience, but they are looking forward to the new playground.

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Mrs. Wilhelm reported on Week of Respect at Huber including a visit from Mega Man, which was sponsored by the PTA. In addition, the Sparks Group, students from Bergen Community College, also presented to the students an assembly on Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB). The students themselves had experienced some form of HIB and stressed all the students to be a Friend Not a Bully. Also the school will be visited by NY Giant Rashad Jennings who will speak to students on Literacy. In the hallway a gigantic Pink Ribbon, symbolizing Breast Cancer, will be signed by all the students and staff. In addition, pink wrist bands will be sold and all proceeds will go to Breast Cancer. The Halloween Parade, accompanied by the Secaucus High School Marching Band, will be held at Huber Street School.

**Superintendent Report:**

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

**RS1.1**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**                 **John Gerbasio**

**SECONDED BY:**                 **Robert Anderson**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accept the findings, as reported by the Superintendent, for the period September 19, 2014 through October 15, 2014, and are available at the Administrative Offices for review.

**RS1.2**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**                 **John Gerbasio**

**SECONDED BY:**                 **Robert Anderson**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the Superintendent to submit the NJQSAC Statement of Assurance (SOA) to the County Manager for school year 2014-2015.

The foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted by a roll call vote.

Mr. Presuto reported on the following:

- DEAC met for the first time which consists of teachers, supervisors and directors – the goal is to keep an open mind .....communication with the staff not to the staff
- Served lunch to Huber Students
- We are being proactive to infectious diseases. However, to parents, if your child has a fever and/or cough – keep them home please.
- Follow-Up steps being taken and continue to take to improve the district academic achievement.
- Reported to Maria Galente (who was present at the meeting), that Secaucus High School will remain a member of FEA. In fact, Linda Diemer and he will be the faculty advisors so that those who which to participate can attend various events throughout the year.

Thomas Tufaro, PhD. presented, as required by QSAC, the fall test results (which are actually the results of tests taken in school year 2013-2014) and did a timeline of assessment. He presented a very informative analysis of the last three years from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 11<sup>th</sup> grade, by school, by grade and compared to state results; which also included Special Education and English as a second language students.

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**Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:**

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

Mrs. Kosky reported on the various committee meetings, including Shared Services with the town. In addition, she provided an explanation of to the amending and/or rescinding of a resolution from a previous meeting. She also reported on the budget preparation for school year 2015-2016.

**Public Agenda Comments:**

**Committee Reports and New Business**

**1. School Government**

**R1.1**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**                 **John McStowe**

**SECONDED BY:**                 **John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by appoint as recommended by the Superintendent, Allison Alvarez , Mathematics Teacher (Amanda Trombetta Replacement), High School for the 2014-2015 school year at BA Step 1 \$57,184.00 effective October 17, 2014.

**R1.2**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

**SECONDED BY:**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by appoint as recommended by the Superintendent, the following individuals as Special Education Technology Coordinators at a stipend of \$7,500 that will be shared equally and pro-rated based on start date of October 17, 2014.

- Erin Westhover - Huber Street
- Diorchinie Ortiz - Clarendon
- Nancy Jaber - Middle School
- Fury Baker – High School

**R1.4**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**                 **John McStowe**

**SECONDED BY:**

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

- Christopher Garcia - Substitute Certificate \$75/day
- Mary C. O'Keefe – Substitute Certificate \$75/day
- Mary Ann Pollio – Standard Certificate \$80/day

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**R1.5**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** John McStowe

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**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.

- Juan Cabezas – Bus Driver \$15/hour
- Edith Bolanos – Bus Aide \$11/hour
- Debra D’Amore – Bus Aide \$11/hour

**R1.6**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** John McStowe

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by appoint as recommended by the Superintendent, Patricia Valente as a Per Diem clerk for the 2014-2015 school year at \$20/hr effective October 20, 2014.

**R1.7**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** John McStowe

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approve to appoint as recommended by the Superintendent, Erik G. Schlemm as a co-curricular Volleyball Coach (Volunteer) pro-bono for the 2014-2015 fall season.

**R1.8**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** John McStowe

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approve to appoint the following mentors to novice teachers for the 2014-2015 school year with applicable fees paid to the mentor.

<b>Mentee</b>	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>*Fee</b>
Danielle Giunta	Mary Amato	\$550.00
Padraig Mara	Michael Kelly	\$550.00
Aneta Kapusnik	Michael Gehm	\$550.00
Kerri Korycinski	Connie Boruch	\$550.00
Stephen Mastro	Karen Barna	\$550.00
Colleen Orlando	Roxanne Hackel	\$550.00
Jillian Olson	Cindy Viera	\$550.00
Allison Alvarez	Anna Marie Picariello	\$550.00
Christina Sielski	Allan Bonin	\$550.00
Renee L. Glick	Michael Vitulano	\$1,000.00

*\*Pro-rated based on employment status in district (F/T/P/T/Multi Year)*

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**R1.9****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** John McStowe

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**WHEREAS**, the Secaucus Board of Education adopted resolution R1.26 dated August 21, 2014, appointing Maleesa Lamatina to Creative Dance Club with a \$1200 stipend; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the appointment of the above individual is to be appointed with a \$1500 stipend for school year 2014-2015.

**R1.10****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** John McStowe

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED:** rescind resolution R1.5 dated September 18, 2014 board meeting appointing Per Diem transportation staff Luis Arroyo-Roque – Bus Driver (\$15/hour).

**R1.11****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** John McStowe

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**WHEREAS**, the Secaucus Board of Education adopted resolution R1.16 dated September 18, 2014, appointing Nicole Hernandez to Elementary Dance Club with a \$1500 shared stipend; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the appointment of the above individual is rescinded for school 2014-2015

**R1.12****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** John McStowe

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approve the salary increases for Board Office staff for the 2014-2015 fiscal year retroactive July 1, 2014

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>FY15 Salary</u>
Bialkowski	Frances	69,454
Calhoun	Richard	90,000
Cioffi	Salvatore	103,945
Estruch	Adam	41,882
Grecco	Ann Marie	42,511
Losurdo	Eileen	54,453
Melendez	Veronica	43,036
Montes de Oca	Francelis	75,000
Nicolich	Lea Ann	42,781
Tobia	Alfonse	57,688
Toledo	Rene	96,851

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**R1.13****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**            **John McStowe**

**SECONDED BY:**            **John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approves the transfer as recommended by the Superintendent, of the following staff members effective October 20, 2014:

- Teresa Mongiello, Elementary Teacher, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, from Clarendon to Huber Street as ESL/Basic Skills Teacher.
- Georgina Cruzado, ESL Teacher, from Huber Street to Clarendon/Middle/High School (Shared).

**R1.14****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**            **John McStowe**

**SECONDED BY:**            **John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approves paid bonding leave for Keith Schneider, High School, Social Studies Teacher from October 27, 2014 – October 31, 2014

**R1.15****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**            **John McStowe**

**SECONDED BY:**            **John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approve paid medical leave for Lucille B. Ramirez, Teacher Assistant, retroactive October 8, 2014 through December 3, 2014.

**R1.16****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**            **John McStowe**

**SECONDED BY:**            **John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by accept the resignation of Kaleena Calicchio, Per Diem Bus Aide appointed at the September 18, 2014 board meeting.

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**R1.17****RESOLUTION****INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe****SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does here by approve as recommended by the Superintendent, the 2014-2015 Organizational Chart for the Secaucus Board of Education.

**R1.18****RESOLUTION****INTRODUCED BY: John McStowe****SECONDED BY: John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education does hereby approve the salary increases for Custodial, School Secretarial and Teacher Assistant staff, for SY 2014-2015.

<b>TEACHER ASSISTANTS</b>	
Jenny Bogdan	\$28,360
Lucille Ramirez	\$28,360
Patricia Daddetto	\$29,790
Linda Hansen	\$29,790
Denise Imperator	\$29,790
MaryAnn Meli	\$29,790
Stoyandka Vergieva	\$29,790
Donna Waiver	\$29,790
Mary Aquino	\$30,600
JoMarie Bennett	\$30,600
Patricia Brown	\$30,600
Graceann Hurtuk	\$30,600
Rodaina Swaged	\$30,600
Ivone Vera	\$30,600
Maria Wraga	\$30,600

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>New Salary</b>
PESCI	PHILOMENA	Clerical/Secretarial	41,277
DALESSIO	JOAN	Clerical/Secretarial	65,300
SANTANIELLO	COLLEEN	Clerical/Secretarial	42,772
VOLI	SHARON	Clerical/Secretarial	42,772
KALOGERA	JANET	Clerical/Secretarial	64,775
KELLENBERGER	SUSAN	Clerical/Secretarial	66,500
SINISI	MARILYN	Clerical/Secretarial	41,747
TESTA	MARY ANN	Clerical/Secretarial	43,082
COSTANTINO	DEBRA	Clerical/Secretarial	41,077
DOWD	GERALDINE	Clerical/Secretarial	64,775
GIAMBONA	VALERIE	Clerical/Secretarial	64,775
NAPPO	VICKIE	Clerical/Secretarial	47,394
SCHEINER	CAROL ANN	Clerical/Secretarial	43,082
SPIEGEL	DOREEN	Clerical/Secretarial	43,082
TOTARO	BARBARA	Clerical/Secretarial	64,775
ALIGO	ANNETTE	Clerical/Secretarial	41,747
PREINFALK	JUDITH	Clerical/Secretarial	42,772

Includes longevity where applicable

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Last Name	First Name	TOTAL COMP.
GULINO	VINCENT	32,354
CASTELLI*	ENZO	80,690
DEGELMANN	KEITH	78,690
SINISI*	EDWARD	77,815
LANDOLFO	COSIMO	32,353
PINTO	LU ANN	27,895
SEGRO	DAVID	32,353
FUARDO	JOSEPH	64,707
AMATO	MICHELE	77,815
SINISI*	PASQUALE	80,690
GIAMBONA	JOSEPH	28,000
HEANEY	WILLIAM	56,209
AMATO	ARCANGELA	32,353
BAGEORGOS	SOFIA	28,465
BILBAO	ROBERT	77,152
LABIANCO	JOSEPH	32,353
McCARTHY III	GEORGE	28,104
PAPATHANASIOU	MARGARITA	32,353
PESCI	JOHN	64,707
TOSCANO	JASON	28,465
VIZANIARIS	NIKI	28,465
OCUMAREZ	JOSEFINA	56,154
ECKERT	THOMAS	77,815
MONIELLO*	ANGELO	80,690
DALPOZZO	MICHAEL	81,215

Longevity Included  
where applicable  
\* Stipend Included

**M1.1** Motion to post for the following positions:

- Elementary Teacher, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Clarendon for 2014-2015 school year (Teresa Mongiello replacement)
- BSI Math Teacher MS/HS (posted 10/7/2014 per Board President approval replacement for Allison Alvaraz (NCLB title 1 – funded position))

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Robert Anderson	X			
Lance Bartletta			X	
Kelli D'Addetta	X			
John Gerbasio	X			
Joseph Lewis	X	R1.17		
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Gary Riebesell, President	X			



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**2. Curriculum**

**R2.1**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Robert Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

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

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

	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:** Joseph Lewis

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education approves for payment the Bill List as per annexed in the amount of \$2,435,147.74.

**R3.2**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secretary is hereby authorized to make transfers for the month of August within the various appropriations for the 2014-2015 school year as shown on the annexed report.

**R3.3**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joseph Lewis

**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 August 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

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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:**           **Joseph Lewis**

**SECONDED BY:**           **John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve, as recommended by Superintendent out of district travel as of October 16, 2014.

Employee Name	Date(s) of Event	Title of Event	Location	Registration Fee	Estimated Tolls and Mileage	Total Cost
S.Smahl	10/15/2014	Transition Coordinators	Middlesex	\$20.00	58 mi. @ .31 Tolls 12.20	\$30.18
	1/21/2015	Leisure Activities	County	\$20.00		\$30.18
	5/20/2015	What's Working in Community	College	\$20.00		\$30.18
S.Smahl	11/21/2014	IV Tests of Achievement	New Providence	\$235.00	51.60 @ .31 Tolls 1.75	\$252.75
K. Parham	11/21/2014	IV Tests of Achievement	New Providence	\$235.00		\$252.75
N. Jaber	11/21/2014	IV Tests of Achievement	New Providence	\$235.00		\$252.75
D.Doering	11/14/2014	Section 504 Compliance	Oceanport	\$75.00	69.5 @.31	\$96.55
J.Viggiano	11/14/2014	Section 504 Compliance	Oceanport	\$75.00	69.5 @.31	\$96.55
T.Tufaro	1/29 & 1/30/2015	Techspo	Atlantic City	395*	272 mi @.31 Tolls 20.31	\$589.66
					*Overnight Stay Meal Expense \$80/\$10 other	
C. Candela	12/8/2014	Lawfully Managing Student	Atlantic City	\$299.99		\$299.00
		Records without violating				
		Privacy Rights				

**R3.5****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **Joseph Lewis**

**SECONDED BY:**           **John Gerbasio**

**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 2014-2015 school year for:

<u>School</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Regional Day Schools	DL	\$79,764.00
North Jersey Elks Developmental*	JDLR	\$66,996.62

\*Effective 10/1/2014 pro-rated

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R3.6

**RESOLUTION****INTRODUCED BY:** Joseph Lewis**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the IDEA Final Report for 2014

R3.7

**RESOLUTION****INTRODUCED BY:** Joseph Lewis**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the NCLB Report for 2014

R3.8

**RESOLUTION****INTRODUCED BY:** Joseph Lewis**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to execute a contract for Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. located at 90 Main Street, Suite 100 Hackensack, NJ 07601 providing in-school nursing care of student MB, not to exceed \$60,000.00.

R3.9

**RESOLUTION****INTRODUCED BY:** Joseph Lewis**SECONDED BY:** John Gerbasio

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to execute an agreement with Drug Screen, LLC, located at 2-26 Grunauer Place, Fair Lawn, NJ to provide random drug testing for students for school year 2014-2015 not to exceed \$8,000.00

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**R3.10****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **Joseph Lewis**

**SECONDED BY:**           **John Gerbasio**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Council of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcements, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youths and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorizes the use of the Secaucus Board of Education facilities for community activities approved in the Secaucus Municipal Alliance Grant. The grant has been awarded to the Town of Secaucus and all expenses for the grant will be reimbursed through the Town of Secaucus for school year 2014-2015.

**R3.11****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **Joseph Lewis**

**SECONDED BY:**           **John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to contract for professional services with Industrial Appraisal Company to update Property Record Report (Fixed Assets) for school year 2014-2015 at a cost of \$340.

**R3.12****RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **Joseph Lewis**

**SECONDED BY:**           **John Gerbasio**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve the Budget Calendar for school year 2015-2016

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

	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			

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

**R4.1**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **John Gerbasio**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education authorize the Transportation Coordinator to submit the annexed School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for Clarendon Elementary, Huber Street Elementary, Early Learning Center, Secaucus Middle School, and Secaucus High School, the first of two for school year 2014-2015

**R4.2**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **John Gerbasio**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education approve the submission of the annexed M1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the district for school year 2015-2016

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

	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**

**R6.1**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**           **Kathy O'Connell**

**SECONDED BY:**           **Robert Anderson**

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the following policies:

1. 5305-Health Services – Revised
2. 5308-Student Health Records- Mandatory Revised
3. 5310-Health Services – Mandatory Revised
4. 5339-Screening for Dyslexia – Mandatory –**New**
5. 5530-Substance Abuse – Mandatory Revised
6. 5600-Student Discipline/Code of Conduct – Mandatory Revised
7. 5756-Transgender Student – **New**
8. 8505-Wellness/Nutrient Standards for Meals & Other Foods-Mandatory Revised
9. 5511- Dress Code Update

**R6.2**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**                 **Kathy O’Connell**

**SECONDED BY:**                 **Robert Anderson**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby abolishes policy 1522 – School Level Planning, N.J.A.C. 6A:32:12.2 which has been repealed because the Quality Annual Assurance Report is no longer used by the New Jersey Department of Education to evaluate school districts as the evaluation system has been replaced by New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC).

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

	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			

**7. Athletic Liaison** – Mrs. D’Addetta reported on the standings of the fall sport teams which are quickly approaching end of season. Varsity Girls Volleyball are currently in first place and will move on to playoffs – schedule to be announced shortly.

**8. Shared Services** – Mrs. D’Addetta reported that the committee continues to meet with the Town.

**9. New Business - None**

**Public General Comments**

Mr. John Young, 10 Arn Terrace – Relayed to those present an incident which he recently experienced concerning his children and the truant officer. He stated that it was clear that he and his family were not at home (Columbus Day weekend), blinds drawn, cars in driveway, mail and newspapers visible. His concern was that the truant officer, who is a retired police officer, chose to leave his business card in the mail box with his cell and business numbers. How is this checking on the well being of the children? In addition, Mr. Young called the cell and business

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numbers, left a message, but had yet to receive a return call. Mr. Young inquired if there is a policy and/or procedure for this situation. Mr. Presuto responded that the truant officer reports to Dr. Tufaro and the incident will be addressed. He thanked Mr. Young for bringing the incident to our attention.

Tom Troyer-Inquired if the reward for reporting non-residency was still in effect. He had been approached by a resident who wished to report a non-residency issue. The resident was suppose to appear before the board, but obviously chose not to come to the meeting. If he gives the information to the board, will he be entitled to a report and reward? Also can he have a receipt for the information? Mr. Presuto requested he provide Dr. Tufaro with the information.  
Note: Mr. Troyer immediately left the meeting.

Jena Winter, 104 Central Lane, presented to the board a proposal for a project she is involved in Random Acts of Kindness. It is appropriate for all grades and is being done in districts in California and Denver. Mr. Presuto requested that the information be given to Ms. Linda Diemer, Director of Curriculum for review.

**Board Member Comments**

Robert Anderson complimented Dr. Tufaro in his presentation, great job!

Mr. Bartletta – no comment at this time.

Ruby Pantoliano – Encouraged everyone to support your football team by coming out to the games, it is a lot of fun and a great family night out. Congratulations to Colleen Young and Patrick Pantoliano, President and Vice President respectively, of the Huber School SGO.

John McStowe – At the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting he requested a report on the “Flipping the Class” concept. The report he did receive was very confusing, and handed to him just before the board meeting. He would like to get more clarification on the report and will meet with Dr. Tufaro

Kelly D’Addetta – complimented and thanked the building principals for reporting on all the everyday projects/programs that take place in our schools. Mrs. D’Addetta also complimented Dr. Tufaro for his presentation on test assessments and appreciates the information.

Kathy O’Connell – Loved the idea that the playground manufacturer is going to allow the children’s input in the design of the playground. In addition, Mrs. O’Connell commented on Mr. Troyer’s inquiries, then immediately departing the meeting. All he had to do was give the information to the board office. Mr. Troyer needs to stop wasting the board’s time.

Messrs. Gerbasio, Lewis and Riebesell, thanked everyone for coming, as always appreciate your taking the time to attend.

Motion by Mr. McStowe, seconded by Mr. Gerbasio, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kosky,  
Board Secretary