

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DATED: May 09, 2019**

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

PRESENT: Messrs: Bartletta, McStowe, Ms. Cali, Ms. Dellafave, Ms. Eccles, Ms. McFarlane, Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Pantoliano, and Dr. Strobert

LATE ARRIVALS:

ABSENT:

President Cali declared a quorum present

Also present: Jennifer Montesano, Superintendent
Grace Yeo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Stephen Fogarty, Board Attorney

President Cali, 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 McStowe, 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 Jersey Journal, and the Bergen Record.

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Jack McStowe

SECONDED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

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:

Motion by Jack McStowe, seconded by Lance Bartletta, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:46PM.

Superintendent Report:

Ms. Montesano congratulated Patricia Smeyers for receiving the NJ Tech and English Association Excellence in Elementary Education Award

Ms. Montesano attended a workshop with the Teachers College Readers & Writers hosted by Lucy Hawkins. The district is currently completing their application to be a part of the Readers & Writers Project through Columbia University. If accepted into the program this will be a wonderful opportunity for the district.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:

The district received a letter from Frank Basile of New Stages. New Stages is looking to offer 2 week long seminars for our students as well as rent the PAC for a performance in July. After a brief discussion there was a vote regarding continuing negotiations with New Stages.

Vote, to determine if the Board was going to deny further negotiations with New Stages:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Mary Eccles	X			
Kathy McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O’Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Dr. Strobert	X			

Committee Reports and New Business

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

1.Personnel -

R1.01

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Jack McStowe

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby reappoint all certificated staff members for the 2019-20/SY as indicated in the annexed list, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

R1.02

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Jack McStowe

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby reappoint all Teacher Assistant staff members for the 2019-20/SY as indicated in the annexed list, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

R1.03

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Jack McStowe

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby reappoints Non-Certificated Staff, including part-time and full-time custodial and secretarial staff for the 2019-20/SY as indicated in the annexed list, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

R1.04

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Jack McStowe

SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to medical leave for the below individual, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Employee ID	School	Date Leave	Date Return
4278	Huber Street	09/01/2019	11/18/2020

1.05

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Jack McStowe

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to extend bonding leave for the below individual, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Employee ID	School	Date Leave	Date Return
4064	Huber Street	09/01/2019	02/03/2020

R1.06

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Jack McStowe

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to revise the 2018-2019 School Calendar to utilize the final inclement weather day on May 28, 2019.

R1.07

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Jack McStowe

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the “Board”) conducted a disciplinary hearing on the continued suspension of a student; and

WHEREAS, the student through his counsel did not contest the evidence presented by the Board in support of the charges; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the preponderance of competent and credible evidence supports the disciplinary charges.

BE IT RESOLVED that due to the nature and severity of the offense the Board hereby imposes the following consequences:

1. The student’s long term suspension shall be continued pending a psychiatric evaluation and participation in any recommended therapeutic counseling before the student may be permitted to return to Secaucus High School.

2. The student shall perform community service by assisting the Technology Department for a minimum of thirty-five (35) hours, performing tasks and responsibilities as assigned by the Supervisor of Technology through December 31, 2019.

3. The student shall deposit his cell phone with the principal each morning upon arrival at Secaucus High School and he shall not be permitted to retrieve it until he leaves the building at the conclusion of the school day through December 31, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the student fails to satisfy any of the requirements set forth in this resolution he shall be subject to further disciplinary action following a hearing before the Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of the student’s suspension, the student shall be provided home instruction pursuant to State law, *N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.2*, that meets the Core Curriculum Standards in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1 et seq.*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the student shall not be present on the Board’s school campus before, during and after the regularly scheduled school day during the period of his suspension, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby determines that the student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board and shall not be present for or attend any Board sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the Secaucus School District is participating in the activities during the period of suspension;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board additionally determines that any further engagement by the student in conduct warranting expulsion pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2*, and/or fails to comply with any of the aforementioned terms and conditions shall constitute a knowing and voluntary waiver of the student’s right to a free public education in the event that a decision to expel the student is made by the Board pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.5*.

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	X4963		
Mary Eccles	X			
Kathy McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O’Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Dr. Strobert	X			

2.Policy- None

3.Shared Services – None

4.Legislation – None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5. Curriculum-

R5.01

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy O’Connell

SECONDED BY: Mary Eccles

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the annexed list of Chaperones for the following field trips:

- May 20, 2019 - 4th Grade - Museum of Natural History
- May 23, 2019 - High School - Great Adventure Trip
- May 24, 2019 - High School Band - Franklin Institute
- June 04, 2019 – 4th Grade – Liberty Hall

R5.02

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy O’Connell

SECONDED BY: Mary Eccles

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

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			
Mary Eccles	X			
Kathy McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O’Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Dr. Strobert	X			

6. Athletics- None

7. School Technology – None

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

8. Finance-

R8.01

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy McFarlane

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to accept a donation of \$ 1,000 for the Middle School Environmental Club on behalf of the Bergen County Audobon Society

R8.02

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Kathy McFarlane

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

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 as annexed to this resolution.

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			
Mary Eccles	X			
Kathy McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O’Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			
Dr. Strobert	X			

9. Safety/Security – Buildings & Grounds- None

10. Technology – None

Board Member Comments-

Adjournment

Motion by Joan Cali, seconded by Kathy O’Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo
Board Secretary