

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DATED: November 29, 2018**

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

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

**LATE ARRIVALS:**

**ABSENT:**

President McStowe declared a quorum present

Also present: Jennifer Montesano, Superintendent  
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 Cali, 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:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**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 Joan Cali, seconded by Kathy O'Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:05PM.

Motion by Grace Yeo, seconded by Kathy O'Connell, and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept and approve the regular board meeting minutes.

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O’Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

**Showcase:**

William Kvalheim – Phys Ed Teacher High School/Middle School  
 2018-2019 Life Changer of the Year Nominee  
 Positive impact on students in the classroom and athletics

**Organization Reports:**

Steve Viggiani – Principal Secaucus High School  
 November 13 –Veterans Day Assembly – Veterans spoke of service and respect and Councilman McKeever was honored at event. SGO Spirit week was a success with Lip Sync competition and Voice Competition. The 1-1 initiative has begun with all teachers receiving Chromebooks and will receive training. Baseline testing has progressed in student athletes and he thanked all involved in getting this testing to the district. The Guidance Department hosted a College Planning night which highlighted college visits and scholarships available.

Christine Candela – Principal Secaucus Middle School  
 On October 26, over 40 members of the SGO volunteered at the town event “Haunted Woods”. On November 11 there was an assembly by the Secaucus Coalition and on November 12 Jets player Tony Richardson spoke to the students about bullying. Secaucus Middle School will be hosting their Annual Holiday Movie night on December 12 and their holiday concert will be on December 18.

Robert Valente – Principal Huber Street School  
 On October 26 the Anti Bullying Lip Sync Video was released with a lot of viewings. The students did a flash mob to Michael Jackson’s “Thriller”. Parent / Teacher conferences were done the week of November 19. Don Evanson ran a Shark Tank assembly with the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Huber Street School chorus will be performing at the Town Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 1 and their holiday concert will be on December 11, 2018.

Danielle Garzon – Acting Principal Clarendon School

Many activities in October and November including an assembly with the Secaucus Coalition, Halloween Bazaar, Halloween Parade, and Kindergarten celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> day of school and a culture feast. Parent conferences were done the week of Thanksgiving. Upcoming December events are the chorus singing at the town Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Annual Holiday Bazaar and the Holiday Concert.

**Superintendent Report:**

In reference to the 1-1 initiative Chromebooks have been distributed to the teachers, in January 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be receiving Chromebooks. The district website has been updated as well as introducing a new school logo. The Superintendent, Ms. Montesano, Director of Curriculum, Dr. Riser and Mrs. Smeyers have been invited to present at Techspo '19.

Recommended action on resolutions and motions to be presented under Committee Reports. Ms. Montesano presented the Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB), six month review, findings as reported for the period October 19, 2018 through November 29, 2018.

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

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

**Business Administrator/Board Secretary Report:**

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

**Public Agenda Comments:**

**Committee Reports and New Business**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**1.Human Resources -**

**R1.01**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoints the following individuals, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools (pending criminal history review)

Patricia Balletto Teacher Assistant

**Compensation:** \$32,760\*

**Effective Date:** December 3, 2018

Account Number: 11-120-100-101-000-13-070

UPC: 100.HU.TEAC.05.LTR

\*Prorated

**R1.02**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoints the following coordinator position for the 2018-2019/SY as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Lori Garofalo	Special Education Transitions Coordinator	\$9,000

**R1.03**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby appoints Jennifer Montesano as the district School Safety Specialist for the 2018-2019/SY, with no additional compensation

**R1.04**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to amend the start date for Elisa Tejada, Resolution R1.03 from the October 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting from December 19, 2018, to January 2, 2019

**R1.05**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint Alexis Chisari as the Library Media Specialist for the 2018-19/SY, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, with no additional compensation

**R1.06**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following individuals to present at parent workshop not to exceed \$600 Title III funded as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Name
Georgina Cruzado
Christina Namendorf

**R1.07**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to the following transfer effective January 1, 2019, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Edward Sinisi	Clarendon	Mill Ridge ELC

**R1.08**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the following Per Diem Employees for the 2018-2019/SY, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>DAILY PAY</b>
Jamie F. Barmakian	Substitute Teaching Certificate	\$85/per day
Paul T. Daniels	Substitute Teaching Certificate	\$85/per day
William Figueroa	Substitute Teaching Certificate	\$85/per day
Jamie Fisher	Substitute Teaching Certificate	\$85/per day
Fresia Retana	Substitute Teaching Certificate	\$85/per day
Kerin Roche	Substitute Teacher	\$85/per day
Joyce Corcoran	School Nurse Certificate	\$150/per day
Jamie A. Fisher	School Nurse Certificate	\$150/per day

**R1.09**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following Extra-Curricular positions for the 2018-2019/SY, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Oscar Gongora	Elementary Concert Band	Clarendon	\$2575
Kristen Knapp	Character Education	Clarendon	\$1150*
Jolanda Harrsch	Character Education	Clarendon	\$1150*
Anna Falco	Girls Circle	Clarendon	\$1600*
Kristin Backiel	Girls Circle	Clarendon	\$1600*

\*Shared

**R1.10**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint Co-Curricular Winter/Spring Coaches for the 2018-2019/SY as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Donald Somerset	Indoor Track - Asst Coach	\$2999
Evan Pope	Wrestling	Pro Bono
Kerin Roche	Basketball-Asst. Coach (Girls)	\$3,662

**R1.11**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

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

<b>Employee</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Date Leave</b>	<b>Date Return</b>
4064	Huber Street	02/11/2019	06/30/2019

**R1.12**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

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

<b>Employee</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Date Leave</b>	<b>Date Return</b>
4310	High School	09/04/2018	12/24/2018

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

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

**2.Policy-**

**R2.01**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Norma Hanley

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the first reading of the following policy:

5533 - Student Smoking

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

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

**3.Shared Services** – None

**4.Legislation** – None

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**5. Curriculum-**

**R5.01**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, dispose the out dated unused German books

**R5.02**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, the disposal of old, unused technology items

**R5.03**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, the 2018-2019 Nursing Service Plan

**R5.04**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, to revise the Elementary Handbook Uniform Policy to reflect the following:

Shorts All students are permitted to wear knee length shorts from *September through October 31 and from May 1 to the closing of the school year*. Athletic shorts or stretch shorts are not acceptable

**R5.05**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

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

**R5.06**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) has been notified by the Estate of Charlotte J. Podesta, a former Secaucus High School Principal, that The Charlotte J. Podesta Scholarship Fund to Advance Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Scholarship Fund”) has been created; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall receive an annual scholarship award in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be awarded to a Secaucus High School student graduating 12<sup>th</sup> in the class; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall also receive from the Scholarship Fund a yearly stipend of \$2,500 to the Secaucus High School to benefit the students in the areas of Special Education, Art and Social Studies; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to accept, with gratitude, the bequests from the Estate of Charlotte J. Podesta and shall honor the intent with regard to such bequests in accordance with the Scholarship Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby accepts, with gratitude, the Estate of Charlotte J. Podesta’s bequest of an annual scholarship award in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be awarded to a Secaucus High School student graduating 12<sup>th</sup> in the class;

2. The Board hereby accepts, with gratitude the yearly stipend of \$2,500 to the Secaucus High School to benefit the students in the areas of Special Education, Art and Social Studies.

3. The Board President, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Superintendent, who is designated as the Co-Trustee of the Scholarship Fund, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the acceptance of the Estate of Charlotte J. Podesta’s bequests.

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

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lance Bartletta	X			
Joan Cali	X			
Sharon Dellafave	X			
Louis Giele	X			
Norma Hanley	X			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O’Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

**6. Athletics-**

Ms. Pantoliano reported on the following post season honors for the Fall Season:

**Cross Country (Boys):**

Sebastian Flood – First Team All Division

Marcos Zamora – Second Team All Division

Mohammed Alobaidi – Second Team All Division  
Vishwa Naik – Second Team All Division  
Nicholas Munoz – Honorable Mention  
Dylan Mercado – Honorable Mention

### **Cross Country (Girls):**

Alexandra Molta – Second Team All Division  
Kirsten Williams – Honorable Mention All Division  
Megan Williams – Honorable Mention All Division

### **Football:**

Alex Tejada – First Team All Division – Offensive Line  
AJ Kirvin – First Team All Division – Wide Receiver  
Julian Rocco – First Team All Division – Utility Player  
AJ Perez – Second Team All Division – Defensive Line  
Hunter Pein – Second Team All Division – Defensive Line  
Kosei Hayashida – Second Team All Division – Utility Player  
Robert Schaffer – Honorable Mention All Division  
Thomas Schaffer – Honorable Mention All Division  
Derek Fernandez – Honorable Mention All Division

### **Soccer Boys:**

Gabriel Chaves – First Team All Division – Forward  
Amjad Alkabaz – Honorable Mention All Division

### **Soccer (Girls):**

Damaris Rodriguez – First Team All Division - Midfield  
Mackenzie Szabo – First Team All Division - Goalkeeper  
Joan Banks – Second Team All Division – Defender  
Paige Quinones – Honorable Mention All Division

### **Tennis (Girls):**

Reetu Parikh – Honorable Mention All Division

### **Volleyball:**

Payton Intindola – First Team All Division

Gabby Pimentel – First Team All Division  
Natalie Kashian – First Team All Division  
Mayelin Martinez – Second Team All Division  
Alexandra Ianuale – Second Team All Division  
Alyssa Perez – Honorable Mention All Division

**7. School Technology –**

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**8. Finance-**

**R8.01**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O’Connell

**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 \$3,482,266.26.

**R8.02**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O’Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED:** the Report of Transfers submitted by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the month of September within the various appropriations for the 2018-2019 school year as shown on the annexed report.

**R8.03**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O’Connell

**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 September 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.

**R8.04**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**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.

**REQUEST FOR OUT OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE/WORKSHOPS**

DATE :					<b>PART A</b>	
Employee Name	Date(s) of Event	Title of Event	Location	Registration Fee	Estimated Tolls and Mileage	Total Cost
Maria Rodriguez	12/18/2018	Practical Strategies for Maintaining 90% Target Language	West Orange	\$269.00	\$11.30	\$280.30
Patricia Smeyers	12/5/2018	NJ State Board of Education Meeting	Trenton	\$0.00	\$55.53	\$55.53
Jennifer Montesano	12/5/2018	NJ State Board of Education Meeting	Trenton	\$0.00	\$55.53	\$55.53
Karen Marchione	12/12/2018	Motivating and Managing Hard to Reach, Uninterested and Disruptive Students	Saddlebrook	\$238.00	\$7.38	\$245.38
Julia Moore	12/12/2018	Motivating and Managing Hard to Reach, Uninterested and Disruptive Students	Saddlebrook	\$238.00	\$7.38	\$245.38
Jill Preis	12/6/2018	Dating Abuse Training and Assistance	Mahwah	\$0.00	\$15.38	\$15.38
Edward Sommer	12/13/2018	Google Workshop	Kearny	\$0.00	\$7.85	\$7.85
Jerome Kaiser	12/13/2018	Google Workshop	Kearny	\$0.00	\$5.33	\$5.33
Antonia Riccardi	12/13/2018	Google Workshop	Kearny	\$0.00	\$5.33	\$5.33
Vickie Nappo	12/3/2018	Employment Certificate and Working Papers	Trenton	\$0.00	\$50.20	\$50.20
Debbie Zapoluch	12/13/2018	Employment Certificate and Working Papers	Trenton	\$0.00	\$50.20	\$50.20
Daniela Riser	3/7/2019	NJPSA Legal One : Att, Res, and Homeless	Monroe	\$0.00	\$40.60	\$40.60
Martha Rodriguez	12/18/2018	Practical Strategies for Maintaining 90% Target Language	West Orange	\$269.00	\$11.30	\$280.30
Sal Cioffi	12/10/2019	Using Schools as Shelters during Crisis	Sayreville	0.00	29.58	29.58
Sal Cioffi	2/1/2019	IAQ Training	Mahwah	0.00	16.30	16.30
Rocky Sinisi	2/1/2019	IAQ Training	Mahwah	0.00	16.30	16.30
Rocky Sinisi	2/15/2019	IPM Training	Mahwah	0.00	16.30	16.30
Sal Cioffi	2/15/2019	IPM Training	Mahwah	0.00	16.30	16.30

**REQUEST FOR OUT OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE/WORKSHOPS**

**DATE :** 11/29/2018

					<b>PART B</b>	
Employee Name	Date(s) of Event	Title of Event	Location	Registration Fee	Estimated Tolls and Mileage	Total Cost
<b>Sharon Holsten</b>	<b>01/16/19 &amp; 03/28/19</b>	<b>Inclusion &amp; Co-Teaching Strategies Spec Ed</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5.40</b>	<b>\$5.40</b>
<b>Barbara Bivin</b>	<b>1/28/2019</b>	<b>Keys to enhancing your effectiveness as school nurse</b>	<b>Newark</b>	<b>\$269.00</b>	<b>\$8.06</b>	<b>\$277.06</b>
<b>Sal Cioffi</b>	<b>12/5/2018</b>	<b>Facilities America Expo &amp; Education Forum</b>	<b>Secaucus</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Patricia Smeyers</b>	<b>12/13/2018</b>	<b>NJ STEM Pathways Network Quarterly Meeting</b>	<b>Piscataway</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$35.51</b>	<b>\$35.51</b>

**R8.05**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**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 2018-2019 school year for:

<u>Student ID</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Amount</u>
14594	Gateway School	\$ 61,560.00
13482	Banyan School	\$ 39,038.75

**R8.06**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute a 4 year lease agreement with Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Co. contracted through CDW – a state contract in the amount of \$ 20,814.36.

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			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

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

**R9.01**

**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 dispose of the following vehicle from the transportation fleet:

Bus #35 2004 Blue Bird/Chevrolet 24 passenger school bus

**R9.02**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Kathy McFarlane**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education designates the Harper at Harmon Meadows bus route a hazardous route. The mileage from the Harper to Clarendon School is 2.1 miles which meets the State's standards to require busing. These students are considered remote. The mileage to the Middle School and High School is 2.3 miles. Middle School students are remote because they reside more than 2 miles from their assigned school of attendance and they are considered elementary students. However, High School students are considered non-remote because they reside less than 2.5 miles.

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			
Kathleen McFarlane	X			
John McStowe	X			
Kathy O'Connell	X			
Ruby Pantoliano	X			

**10. Technology** – None

**Public General Comments** –

Tom Troyer – Mr. Troyer wanted the board to know that he was not their adversary on the Dr. Berckes situation, he just wants the facts to come out, but understands that these things take time. Mr. Troyer asked if newly elected board member Barbara Strobert would be referred to as Dr. Barbara Strobert.

**Board Member Comments-**

All board members thanked administrators for updates, congratulated newly elected board members, William Kvalheim, fall athletes for their awards, enjoyed the Lip Sync night, the Voice competition, the middle school anti-bullying assembly. All board members wished outgoing board member, Norma Hanley, the very best and it was a pleasure working with her.

Norma Hanley – stated that this would be her last board meeting and said it was a rewarding and enriching honor to serve the students and the community. Ms. Hanley said our administrators and teachers were very dedicated. Ms. Hanley thanked Grace Yeo, Judy Preinfalk and AnnMarie Grecco for all of their help, Stephen Fogarty and said it was a pleasure working with him, she thanked Ruby Pantoliano for recommending that she run for the board. She continued with saying that it wouldn't have been possible to be a board member without the help of Kathy O'Connell and the dedication of President Jack McStowe. Ms. Hanley stated the Superintendent, Jennifer Montesano has already made a difference, the school district has a bright future and she is rooting for her.

Kathy McFarlane – stated that outgoing board member, Lou Giele, has unsurpassed integrity and his only agenda was to uphold the best for our students.

Lance Bartletta – thanked faculty, staff and bus drivers for getting everyone home on the recent snow storm.

Motion by Lance Bartletta, seconded by Joan Cali, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,  
Board Secretary