

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DATED: October 18, 2018**

President McStowe called the meeting to order at 4:15PM 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: Ruby Pantoliano**

**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:

Board Members present unanimously adopted the foregoing Resolution.

Motion by Ruby Pantoliano, seconded by Kathy O’Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:00PM.

Motion by Grace Yeo, seconded by Ruby Pantoliano, and unanimously adopted by board members present to accept and approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 20, 2018.

	<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			

### **Showcase:**

Steve Viggiani – Principal of Secaucus High School recognized Sambhav Jaideep for being a semifinalist for a National Merit Scholarship. He has already received a certificate for outstanding achievement.

CarrieAnn Devito – Director of Special Services gave a presentation on HIB.

### **Organization Reports:**

Rob Valente – Principal Huber Street School

School is in full swing: picture day, bus safety, week of respect have already been done. School Guidance Counselor, Jamie Viggiano, brought in MYFACE for an assembly which is a non-profit organization which dedicates itself to transforming the lives of children with facial disfigurement. Mr. Valente talked about the teacher/police basketball charity basketball game the night before with the teachers winning, while raising money for St. Jude. Red Ribbon week is coming up as well as the anti-bullying video featuring Huber Street Faculty. Halloween is coming up and Huber Street School is excited for the parade which is including the High School Band. He finished up by thanking Dr. Riser for covering for him in his recent absence as well as the secretaries helping in the recent evacuation.

Danielle Garzon – Acting Principal Clarendon School

Great things have been happening at Clarendon School, Secaucus High School Student, Bailey Fearon, introduced the Buddy Bench to the 1-3 grade students, PTA Book Fair was a great success with the PTA donating \$200 worth of books to the Clarendon School library. Red Ribbon Week, Halloween Bazaar and Halloween Parade are just some of the upcoming events.

Christine Candela – Principal Secaucus Middle School

The Week of Respect was very successful as is the lunch time talks with teachers and students. PTA Block Party was great with pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs and music. The SGO hosted a Dance-A-Thon which raise \$1,000. The middle school is looking forward to the upcoming Red Ribbon Week.

Steve Viggiani – Principal Secaucus High School

Grades 9-11 students have already taken PSAT while the seniors had a college planning meeting. The high school completed bus safety, joined the middle school in the Dance-A-Thon and on October 16, 2018 the guidance department hosted the College Fair. On October 27, 2018 the Class of 2020 will be hosting the Haunted High School. On October 29, 2018, the high school will show the film “Screenagers” for parents and students which talks about student internet addiction. November 1, 2018 will be Honors Night in the PAC.

JSA – Jonathan Beyene won Best Speaker Award at Princeton University on October 13, 2018. JSA will be hosting candidates’ night on October 30, 2018 at 7:00pm in the PAC.

Athletic Department – Ruby Pantoliano, Board Member Liaison for Athletic Department, told everyone at the meeting how well our fall sports teams are doing. Tennis, Volleyball, Soccer and Cross Country teams have all advanced to County and State tournaments.

### **Superintendent Report:**

Jennifer Montesano thanked Don Evanson for setting up the basketball game between the teachers and local police as well as having the Harlem Wizards entertaining the crowd while raising money for St. Jude. Thanked all staff and students for the extremely organized evacuation of Clarendon School due to a recent flood. Ms. Montesano also thanked Mayor Gonnelli, Gary Jeffas, Carl Leppin, the Police Department, Fire Department, the Office of Emergency Management, and DPW for their assistance in the evacuation. Ms. Montesano will be looking into all Secaucus Schools evacuation plans. Ms. Montesano thanked all involved in recent Senior Class Tricky Tray which raised approximately \$29,000 which is one of the highest fundraisers in school history.

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 September 21, 2018 through October 17, 2018.

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

	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			

**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 appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools (pending criminal history review)

Monica Savelli                      4th Grade Long Term Replacement  
**Compensation:** \$58,959\*  
**Effective Date:** 10/22/2018 - 02/11/2019  
 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 appoint the following individuals, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools (pending criminal history review)

Eric Clappys

English Long Term Replacement

**Compensation:** \$62,654\*

**Effective Date:** 10/19/2018-06/30/2019

Account Number: 11-140-100-101-000-14-050

UPC: 00.HS.ENG.HS.16LTR

\*Prorated

**R1.03**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

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

Elisa Tejada

Basic Skills Math (Title I Funded)

**Compensation:** \$58,959\*

**Effective Date:** 12/19/2018

Account Number: 20-231-100-101-000-15

UPC: 100.MS.MATH.MS.11

\*Prorated

**R1.04**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

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

Jacqueline A. Gurgone

Guidance Long Term Replacement

**Compensation:** \$62,654

**Effective Date:** 10/29/2018-07/2/2019

Account Number: 11-000-218-104-000-14-050

UPC: 218.HS.GUID.HS.LTR

\*Prorated

**R1.05**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

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

Name	From	To
Angelo Moniello	High School	Clarendon

**R1.06**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

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

Name	From	To
Pasqual Sinisi	Huber Street	High School

**R1.07**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

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

Name	From	To
Enzo Castelli	Clarendon	Huber Street

**R1.08**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the salary increment for the following staff member who has acquired advanced degrees and/or additional credits retroactive to September 1, 2018 (based on the 2018-2019/SY salary guide) as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Name	MA	2018-2019 Salary
Sharon Kim	Step 5	\$63,454

**R1.09**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves amend start date for Leilani Carson, Resolution R1.24 from the September 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting from November 19, 2018, to November 26, 2018 (Title I Funded)

**R1.10**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to rescind the, Resolution R1.28 from the June 28, 2018 Board of Education Meeting appointing Christopher Panepinto as Indoor Track Head Coach

**R1.11**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to amend Resolution R1.28 from the June 28, 2018, Board of Education Meeting appointing Pasquale Cocucci as Indoor Track Assist Coach to Indoor Head Coach with a stipend of \$5,437

**R1.12**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to amend Resolution R1.12 from the September 20, 2018, Board of Education Meeting appointing presenters at \$100/per hour not to exceed \$2,700 from Title IIA Funds

**R1.13**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to amend Resolution R1.04 from the September 20, 2018 Board of Education Meeting appointing Elise Lennon as MA Step 1 62,854 to MA+26 Step 2 \$66,469 retroactive to 9/24/18

**R1.14**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint all certified district teachers as Bedside Instructors on an as needed basis for the 2018-19/SY. Compensation for Bedside Instruction of general education students is \$45/per hour, and compensation for Bedside Instruction of Special Education students is \$50/per hour as per Article XII of the 2017-2020 SEA Contract

**R1.15**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to adopt the 2018-2019 Organizational Chart as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

**R1.16**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to allocate \$3000 of 2018-2019 Title IIA Funds to offset substitute expenses for Teachers to attend supplemental professional development

**R1.17**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to appoint the following Per Diem Employees for the 2018-2019/SY

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>DAILY PAY</b>
Jarrold Smeyers	Clerical	\$13/per hour
Humberto Fernandez	School Bus Driver	\$20/per hour
Diana Piedra	Teacher of Pre-K-3 & Students with Disabilities	\$90/per day
Holly Tubito	Elementary K-6-Standard Certificate & Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Science Grades 5-8	\$90/per day
Anthony Nunez	Teacher of Music - CEAS	\$90/per day
Swati Saran	Substitute Teacher	\$85/per day
Tercid Pimentel	Substitute Teacher	\$85/per day

**R1.18**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves reappoint the following Per Diem Security Employees for the 2018-2019/SY at \$20.00/per hour

<b>NAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Frank Baker	Nicholas Mayer	Jude R. Smith
Joseph Barrise	Brenda McKoy	Robert Ulrich
Joseph Bienkowski	Thomas Salcedo	Michael Zena
Timothy Jimenez	Carlos Segarra	

**R1.19**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Joan Cali

**SECONDED BY:** Norma Hanley

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves retroactively appoint the following extra-curricular positions beginning on September 10, 2018 to the following positions for the 2018-2019/SY

Name	Position	School	Stipend
Sharon Kim	Cafeteria Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Fury Baker	Cafeteria Duty	High School	\$35/per hour
Sharon Kim	After School Detention	High School	\$35/per hour
Fury Baker	After School Detention	High School	\$35/per hour
Alison Urbanovich	Activity Fund	High School	\$1,900
Carolyn Diorio	Photography Club	High School	\$500
Carolyn Diorio	Art Show Judge	High School	\$950
Melissa Heintjes	Art Show Judge	High School	\$950
Doug Depice	Art Show Judge	High School	\$950
Sean Buckley	Literary Magazine	High School	\$950

**R1.20**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to retroactively appoint the following extra-curricular positions beginning on October 1, 2018 to the following positions for the 2018-2019/SY

Name	Position	School	Stipend
Krystle Snarski	Cafeteria Duty	Clarendon	\$35/per hour
Michelle Primavera	Cafeteria Duty	Clarendon	\$35/per hour
Laurie Valente	Cafeteria Duty	Clarendon	\$35/per hour
Kristen Knapp	Cafeteria Duty	Clarendon	\$35/per hour
Thomas Curry	Cafeteria Duty	Huber Street	\$35/per hour
Kelly O'Conner	Cafeteria Duty	Huber Street	\$35/per hour
Daniel Catalano	Weight Room	High School	\$15/per hour

**R1.21**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cali**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

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

Name	Position	Stipend
David Segro	Swimming - Asst. Coach	\$3,662
Neal Czechowski	Baseball - Head Coach (Boys)	\$6,508
Anthony Cassese	Baseball - Asst. Coach (Boys)	\$3,662
Angelo Aligo	Baseball - Asst. Coach (Boys)	\$3,662
Cory Roesing	Softball - Head Coach	\$6,508
Krystle Snarski	Softball - Asst. Coach	\$3,662
Danielle Roesing	Softball - Asst. Coach	\$3,662
William Kvalheim	Track & Field - Head Coach	\$5,794
Michael Vitulano	Track & Field - Asst. Coach	\$3,202
Pasquale Cocucci	Track & Field - Asst. Coach	\$3,202
Mark Schrobach	Tennis - Head Coach (Boys)	\$5,284
Ronald Mroz	Tennis - Asst. Coach (Boys)	\$2,948
David Segro	MS Track & Field - Asst. Coach	\$2,754

**R1.22**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Joan Cai**

**SECONDED BY: Norma Hanley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves bonding leave for the following individual

Employee	School	Date Leave	Date Return
4738	Middle School	02/20/2018	09/01/2019

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			

**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 second reading of the following policy:

- 1550 – Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination
- 2431 – Athletic Competition
- 2431.2 – Medical Examination Prior to Participation
- 2431.8 - Varsity Letters
- 5350 – Student Suicide Prevention
- 5533 - Student Smoking
- 5561 – Use of Physical Restraints
- 8462 – Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children
- 8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition
- 1613 – Disclosure and review of Applicants Employment History

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:** Ruby Pantoliano

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the adoption as recommended by the Superintendent, the new High School Opt-out Program for Physical Education (as per board policy #5460)

**R5.02**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Ruby Pantoliano

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves, as recommended by the Superintendent, the disposal of old, worn books that have been weeded out of circulation at Huber Street and Clarendon Schools

**R5.03**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Kathy O'Connell

**SECONDED BY:** Ruby Pantoliano

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

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-** None

**7. School Technology** – None

**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 \$3,149,584.87.

**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 August 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 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 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.

**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>
15868	Bergen County Special Services Occupational Therapy Services	\$ 5,250.00
15868	Bergen County Special Services Occupational Therapy Services	\$ 5,250.00
15868	Bergen County Special Services Speech Services	\$ 2,750.00
15868	Bergen County Special Services Home Instruction	\$ 18,760.00
15867	Bergen County Special Services Occupational Therapy Services	\$ 5,250.00
15867	Bergen County Special Services Occupational Therapy Services	\$ 5,250.00
15867	Bergen County Special Services Speech Services	\$ 2,750.00
15867	Bergen County Special Services Home Instruction	\$ 18,760.00
2659	Northern Hills Academy One on One Aide	\$ 13,726.00
16810	North Jersey Elks	\$ 72,440.45
16810	North Jersey Elks Extraordinary Aid	\$ 30,994.90
15259	YCS – Sawtelle Learning Center	\$ 60,040.00

**R8.06**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY: Sharon Dellafave**

**SECONDED BY: Kathy O'Connell**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the Agreement between New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (Bergen County) and the Secaucus Board of Education.

**R8.07**

**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 contracted through CDW – a state contract in the amount of \$ 69,500.00

**R8.08**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O’Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves to amend resolution R8.03 from 07/26/18 board meeting to reduce tuition cost for student #10786 from \$61,020 to \$37,551.60

**R8.09**

**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 the annexed addendum to the contract with The Uncommon Thread for the 2018-2019 school year.

**R8.10**

**RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sharon Dellafave

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy O’Connell

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby accepts, on behalf of Clarendon Elementary School, a donation of a desk for the SRO Officer from Michael Makarski estimated value less than \$500.00

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			

**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 authorizes 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 mandatory drills for school year 2018-2019.

**R9.02**

**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 submit the 2018-2019 M1 (Comprehensive Maintenance Buildings and Grounds) to the Interim Executive County Superintendent.

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			

**10. Technology** – None

**Public General Comments** -

Donna Barabas-

Ms. Barabas recognized correction of last month’s statement of High School ranking and thanked the board for their clarification. Ms. Barabas then stated that board members Dellafave, Giele and McFarlane were exempt from her statements to the board. Ms. Barabas received an anonymous letter berating her for supporting Dr. Berckes. The letter it stated that she should have a child in the district in order to speak, her response is that her tax dollars support the school. Until now, she stayed out of the way because she’s always known the school was driven for high standards. Ms. Barabas sat back until this embarrassment. Ms. Barabas thinks that the board members did not act ethically, she also thinks the superintendent is a novice and inexperienced as a superintendent. Ms. Barabas again stated that when the prosecutor’s office decided that there was no criminality in the Dr. Berckes/Jeff Case situation, they both should have been reinstated. Ms. Barabas also stated that 2 of the incumbents (Joan Cali and Norma Hanley) should not be voted back in, Stephen Fogarty and Jennifer Montesano should be terminated and all board members except Dellafave, Giele and McFarlane should resign.

Don Evanson-

Mr. Evanson thanked everyone involved in the charity basketball game on October 17, 2018 where the teachers played the local police, while the Harlem Wizards showed their talents to students, parents and faculty. Mr. Evanson liked the idea that teachers and police officers would be seen as people not just their profession. The event raised over \$4,000 for the St. Jude Foundation.

**Board Member Comments-**

All board members congratulated Sambhav Jaideep (National Merit Scholarship finalist), Bailey Fearon (Buddy Bench), all involved with Charity basketball game. All board members wished all athletes good luck for the rest of their season, thanked all administrators for getting the school year into full swing.

Motion by Joan Cali, seconded by Kathy O'Connell, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo,  
Board Secretary