

**SECAUCUS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DATED: JANUARY 3, 2019**

Grace Yeo, Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:02PM and requested everyone please rise for the flag salute. In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, Mr. Jack McStowe announced that the Board Secretary had forwarded notice of the 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 Buildings, as well as being provided to the Jersey Journal.

Board Secretary:

Ms. Yeo announced the official Election Results of November 6, 2018 which are as follows:

Barbara Strobert	2,109
Joan Cali	2,108
Mary Eccles	1,694

As you heard in the Board Secretary’s announcement of the official election results of November 6, 2018, Barbara Strobert is elected to the Secaucus Board of Education and we congratulate her on her successful election. Ordinarily, newly elected Board members are sworn into office at the reorganization meeting. However, our State law requires newly elected Board members to complete their criminal background check before they may be sworn into office. The statute requires that this process be completed within thirty (30) days of the election. While Board member elect Strobert has initiated the process, the Board has not received confirmation of her qualifications due, apparently to administrative delays experienced by the New Jersey Department of Education’s Criminal History Review Unit. It is anticipated that Ms. Strobert’s documentation will be received in sufficient time for her to be sworn in on or before January 17, 2019, which will enable her to fully participate in the first regular meeting of the newly constituted Board.

At this time, Ms. Yeo invited Ms. Cali and Ms. Eccles to join her at the podium to administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members.

Roll Call Taken:

	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			

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

Board Secretary, Ms. Yeo, now called for nominations for President of the Board.
Ms. O’Connell nominated Ms. Cali and Ms. Pantoliano seconded. Ms. Yeo called for any additional nominations. No more nominations were proposed for President.
Ms. Yeo declared nominations closed and a discussion was called.

Board trustees Dellafave and McFarlane read prepared statements and expressed concerns of a fellow board member solicitation of colleagues for President and Vice President. They felt there was a need to be transparent with the community and inform them of what took place. They both stated it is for that reason they are voting no for the nominees.

Roll Call Taken:

For Ms. Cali:

	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			
Barbara Strobert				

Ms. Cali was nominated Board President by a vote of six (6) yes and two (2) no.

The meeting was now turned over to the newly elected Board President, Ms. Cali, who called for nominations of Vice President Ms. Pantoliano nominated Mr. McStowe and Ms. O’Connell seconded. Ms. Cali called for any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made. There being no further nominations, Ms. Yeo called a roll call vote as follows:

For Mr. McStowe:

	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			
Barbara Strobert				

Mr. McStowe was nominated Board Vice President by a vote of six (6) yes and two (2) no.

NEW BUSINESS:

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RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Ruby Pantoliano

SECONDED BY: Kathy O’Connell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secaucus Board of Education hereby approves the following Board Meeting Dates for 2019:

- January 17, 2019
- February 14, 2019
- March 21, 2019
- April 11, 2019
- May 09, 2019
- May 23, 2019
- June 27, 2019
- July 18, 2019
- August 22, 2019

September 19, 2019
October 17, 2019
November 21, 2019
December 19, 2019
January 2, 2020* Reorg

*Swearing in of new Board Members and Reorganization of the Board.

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

	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			
Barbara Strobert				

Public General Comments –

Nancy Lynch – Welcomed new board members, congratulated new President Cali and new Vice President McStowe. Ms. Lynch is happy that there is open lines of communication between the Board and the union and looking forward to that continuing.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Dellafave welcomed Barbara Strobert and Mary Eccles to the Board. She hopes her comments resonate regarding transparency. Congratulated Joan Cali on being elected President and believes she will be solid for this board. Congratulated Jack McStowe on being elected Vice President. Ms. Dellafave wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. O'Connell welcomed new Board members and congratulated Joan Cali and Jack McStowe on being elected President and Vice President, respectively.

Mr. McStowe welcomed new Board members and congratulated Joan Cali on being elected President.

Ms. Cali welcomed new Board members, thanked everyone for coming and thanked Ms. Dellafave for her kind words.

Motion by Mr. McStowe, seconded by Ms. Pantoliano, and unanimously adopted by Board Members present to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yeo, Board Secretary