

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood

Board of Education

November 7, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of South Orange-Maplewood was held in the District Meeting Room in the Administration Building, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, New Jersey, on November 7, 2005.

President David Frazer called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Adequate written notice of this meeting of the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education was sent to the Township and Village Clerks, the Libraries, The Star Ledger, the News Record and all schools.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey,
Mr. Latz, Mr. Little, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: Mr. Betheil.

8 MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *ñled by Paula Bethea, SOMEA president*

BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *ñ read by Dr. Horoschak*

The Board of Education acknowledges and extends its thanks and appreciation to Mr. David Garaban of Gerry Cosby & Co., Inc., Athletic Outfitters in New York City, for a most generous donation of athletic equipment valued at

approximately \$550.00 to Jefferson Elementary School. Mr. Garaban is a Jefferson School parent and his donation will be used to enhance a variety of physical education programs and activities at the school.

The Board of Education acknowledges and extends its thanks and appreciation to Maplewood parent and founder of MusicTALKING, Clyde Otis, III, for his generous donation of multiple copies of MusicTALKING, a themed CD compilation of fun, upbeat, musical selections by original artists. The CDs, which are packaged together with a Companion Guide, are designed to help educators and parents use music as an adjunct teaching tool to promote character education through music.

BOARD RECOGNITION ñ read by Dr. Horoschak

1. Columbia High School junior Emma Ensign was selected as one of the

winners in the 2005 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Achievement Awards in Writing. Emma was one of the 628 students from across the country to be selected from the 2,359 juniors who were nominated. The goal of the Achievement Awards in Writing program is to recognize some of the best student writers in the nation. Emma's English teacher is Mr. Don Lasko.

2. Columbia High School world language teacher, Domenico Tancredi, was

recently appointed to the position of commissioner of the New Jersey Italian and Italian-American Heritage Commission. Joining 20 other appointed commissioners for a three-year term, he will help the Commission strengthen the cultural identity of Italian Americans in the state.

3. Dr. Lovie Lilly, Columbia High School Assistant Principal, wrote a

paper that was featured on the inaugural website of the Hall Institute of Public Policy ñ New Jersey. Dr. Lilly's paper, "A Closer Look at the Haitian Learner," looks at Haitian learners at the secondary level from sociocultural perspectives. It is posted in the education section of the website. The Institute, located in Trenton, is a non-partisan, not-for-profit foundation established to explore social, economic, educational and cultural issues in New Jersey.

4. Ms. Debra Gomer, Columbia High School World Language teacher, was

selected as one of 200 teachers from a pool of 2,500 to participate in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. The program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY DR. HOROSCHAK ñ ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dr. Horoschak read the Annual Asbestos Management Statement as required by law [statement on file in Board Secretary's office].

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Madelyn Petrow-Cohen	Requested transfer for her daughter from Seth
Seth Boyden Parent	Boyden back to Jefferson, her zoned school
Jane Conrad	Expressed appreciation for policy regarding
Seth Boyden Parent	Integrated Pest Management.
Amy Paternite	Shared ideas for the continuation of the full
Clinton Parent	day kindergarten program at Clinton School.

Mr. Latz invited public to attend the Budget Workshop on Monday, November 14.

PRESENTATION

Presentation: Residency Report ñ Dr. Barker and Mrs. Barnes

Dr. Barker explained the registration process including legal guidelines and affidavit students, and the process that is followed when a student needs to be removed from the district due to residency issues.

Board discussion included the following:

- ☐ It was suggested that the registration presentation be offered to school groups and community.
- ☐ It was asked that the lengthy residency process and penalties for falsifying residency documents be explained.
- ☐ Re-registration would require additional staff and have to be funded under the CAP.
- ☐ The Policy committee is reviewing the transfer policy.
- ☐ Confidentiality of student files was discussed.
- ☐ Automated system for residency checks is to be tested this year and implemented next year.

Board recessed at 9:20 p.m.

Board reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

First Reading: Policy 7422 ñ Integrated Pest Management Plan

ñ Mr. Little, Ms. Milanette

First Reading: Policy 8880 ñ Reimbursement for Travel and Related Expenses

- Mr. Little, Ms. Bass

ITEMS FOR ACTION

MOTION made by Mr. Latz, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Board of Education:

2028. Approves the Board member committee and liaison assignments as noted on the attached spreadsheet [on file in the Board Secretaryís office].

ROLL CALL: Motion 2028 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

MOTION made by Mr. Little, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education:

2029. Adopts the following books:

SUBJECT	GRADE(S)	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
Musicianís Workshop	9-12	Music! Its Role and Importance In Our Lives by George DeGraffenreid, Charles Fowler, Tim Gerber, Vincent Lawrence	Glencoe, 2006
United States History I	10	Freedomís Unfinished Revolution Various authors, American Social Studies History Project	The New Press, 1996

SUBJECT	GRADE(S)	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
French 4,5, and AP Language and Literature	11, 12	A Complete French Grammar V. Hargreaves, J. Gibson	Larousse, 2001

ROLL CALL: Motion 2029 passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mr. Little, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin; NO: none.

MOTION made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education:

2030. Adopts the attached recommendations [on file in the Board Secretary's office] as stated in the Science Program Assessment as presented to the Board of Education on October 17, 2005.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2030 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Jasey, that the Board of Education approves the following:

2031A. WHEREAS, Student District ID No. 0AFX has been duly noticed and

afforded the opportunity to participate in a hearing before the Board

of Education and has been afforded certain due process rights; and

WHEREAS, the student's parents were advised of the right to appeal to

the Commissioner of Education; and,

WHEREAS, the student's parents do not wish to contest the administration's disciplinary recommendation and have determined that they do not wish a Board Hearing at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the student engaged in prohibited conduct on October 7, 2005; and, having heard the administration's recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Student District ID No. 0AFX be

suspended from October 7, 2005 through June 30, 2006 with home instruction. Examinations for first quarter classes will be part of

home instruction.

During the week of November 28, 2005, said student and his/her parents

will meet with the Columbia High School Principal, Renee Pollack, or

her designee, to discuss the student's re-entry to Columbia High

School on December 1, 2005. Prior to that meeting, said student shall

undergo a mental health evaluation, performed by a licensed mental

health professional and at parent expense, which shall indicate that

said student is not a danger to him/herself or others and that said

student is able to return to school. Such report shall be provided to

the CHS principal at the November 2005 re-entry meeting for discussion.

In the event that said student is involved in any behavior warranting

school suspension following early re-entry on December 1, 2005, said

student shall be immediately removed from school without need for a

Board hearing. Home instruction will again be provided, and semester

and/or final examinations will be administered as part of home instruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Student District ID No. 0AFX shall be

required to participate in in-school counseling services, provided

through Family Connections, Inc., on a regular basis for the balance

of the 2005-06 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT while out on school suspension, Student

District ID No. 0AFX is excluded from all Columbia High School extracurricular/school activities, and is not permitted on any school property or at any school function without prior approval of the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2031A passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Jasey, that the Board of Education approves the following:

2031B. WHEREAS, Student District ID No. 0AAI has been duly noticed and afforded the opportunity to participate in a hearing before the Board of Education and has been afforded certain due process rights; and

WHEREAS, the student's parents were advised of the right to appeal to the Commissioner of Education; and,

WHEREAS, the student's parents do not wish to contest the administration's disciplinary recommendation and have determined that they do not wish a Board hearing at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the student engaged in prohibited conduct on October 12, 2005; and, having heard the administration's recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Student District ID No. OAAI
be

suspended from October 12, 2005 through June 30, 2006 with home
instruction. First marking period examinations in November
2006 shall

be part of home instruction.

On Tuesday, December 20, 2005, said student and his/her parents
will

meet with the Maplewood Middle School Principal Kristopher
Harrison,

or his designee, to discuss the student's conditional re-entry
to

Maplewood Middle School on Monday, January 2, 2006. In early
December,

said student shall undergo a mental health evaluation,
performed by a

licensed mental health professional and at parent expense,
which shall

indicate that said student is not a danger to him/herself or
others

and that said student is able to return to school. Such report
shall

be provided to the Maplewood Middle School principal by
Tuesday,

December 13, 2005 for discussion at the December 20, 2005 re-
entry

meeting.

In the event that said student is involved in any behavior warranting

school suspension following early re-entry on January 2, 2006, said

student shall be immediately removed from school without need for a

Board hearing. Home instruction will again be provided, and second

marking period examinations will be administered as part of home

instruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Student District ID No. OAAI shall be

required to meet with his/her middle school guidance counselor on a

weekly basis for the balance of the 2005-06 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT while out on school suspension, Student District ID No. OAAI is excluded from all Maplewood Middle School extracurricular/school activities, and is not permitted on any school property or at any school function without prior approval of the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2031B passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Jasey, that the Board of Education approves the following:

2031C. WHEREAS, Student District ID No. 0AKG has been duly noticed and
afforded the opportunity to participate in a hearing before the Board
of Education and has been afforded certain due process rights; and

WHEREAS, the student's parents were advised of the right to appeal to
the Commissioner of Education; and,

WHEREAS, the student's parents do not wish to contest the
administration's disciplinary recommendation and have determined that
they do not wish a Board hearing at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the student engaged in
prohibited conduct on October 24, 2005; and, having heard the
administration's recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Student District ID No. 0AKG
be

suspended from October 24, 2005 through June 30, 2006 with home
instruction. All marking period and final examinations shall
be part
of home instruction.

On Monday, January 30, 2006, said student and his/her parents
will

meet with the Columbia High School Principal Renee Pollack, or
her

designee, to discuss the student's conditional re-entry to Columbia

High School on Tuesday, January 31, 2006. During the week of January

16, 2006, said student shall undergo a mental health evaluation,

performed by a licensed mental health professional and at parent

expense, which shall indicate that said student is not a danger to

him/herself or others and that said student is able to return to

school. Such report shall be provided to the Columbia High School

principal by Friday, January 20, 2006 for discussion at the January

30, 2006 re-entry meeting.

In the event that said student is involved in any behavior warranting

school suspension following early re-entry on January 31, 2006, said

student shall be immediately removed from school without need for a

Board hearing. Home instruction will again be provided, and marking

period and final examinations will be administered as part of home

instruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Student District ID No. 0AKG shall be

required to meet with his/her high school guidance counselor on a

regular basis for the balance of the 2005-06 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT while out on school suspension, Student District ID No. 0AKG is excluded from all Columbia High School extracurricular/school activities, and is not permitted on any school property or at any school function without prior approval of the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2031C passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Jasey, that the Board of Education approves the following:

2031D. WHEREAS, Student District ID No. 0766 has been duly noticed and afforded the opportunity to participate in a hearing before the Board of Education and has been afforded certain due process rights; and

WHEREAS, the student's parents were advised of the right to appeal to the Commissioner of Education; and,

WHEREAS, the student's parents do not wish to contest the administration's disciplinary recommendation and have determined that they do not wish a Board Hearing at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the student engaged in prohibited conduct on November 1, 2005; and, having heard the administration's recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Student District ID No. 0766 be

suspended from November 1, 2005 through January 30, 2006 with home

instruction. If required, examinations for first quarter classes will

be administered through home instruction.

On Tuesday, November 15, 2005, said student and his/her parents will

meet with the South Orange Middle Principal, Kirk Smith, or his designee, to discuss the student's re-entry to South Orange Middle

School on November 16, 2005. Prior to that meeting, said student shall

undergo a mental health evaluation, performed by a licensed mental

health professional and at parent expense, which shall indicate that

said student is not a danger to him/herself or others and that said

student is able to return to school. Such report shall be provided to

the SOMS principal at the November 15, 2005 re-entry meeting for

discussion.

In the event that said student is involved in any behavior warranting

school suspension following early re-entry on November 16, 2005, said

student shall be immediately removed from school without need for a

Board hearing. Home instruction will again be provided, and semester

and/or final examinations will be administered as part of home instruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT during the suspension period, Student District ID No. 0766 is excluded from all South Orange Middle School extracurricular/school activities, and is not permitted on any school property or at any school function without prior approval of the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL: Motion passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ñ NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

Status of roof leaks at Jefferson School and communication with parents about the problems were discussed.

Mr. Latz encouraged members to consider budget topics for analysis by administration for future discussion.

Overview of November 21, 2005 Public Meeting

Presentations: Budget: Three Year Financial Projections

2004-05 Audit

BOE Code of Ethics

Action: 2nd Reading/Adoption Policy on Reimbursement of Travel/Related Expenses

Overview of December 5, 2005 Public Meeting

Presentation: Grade 6 and Project Ahead Reports

2006-07 Budget: Adopt Proposed Topics for

Analysis/Exploration

MOTION made by Mr. Latz, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the November 21, 2005 Public Meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters, the nature of which will be made public at a future date. Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION made by Mr. Latz, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 10:10 p.m.

Karla Milanette, Board Secretary