

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood

Board of Education

October 10, 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 October 10, 2005.

President David Frazer called the meeting to order at 7:40 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, Mr. Betheil, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Frazer,
Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: Mr. Little, Mr. Miller.

7 MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ñ read by Dr. Horoschak

The Board of Education acknowledges and extends its thanks and appreciation to Target Stores of Minneapolis, Minnesota for its on-going support and current generous donation of \$250.12. This donation is from families, teachers and friends participating in Target's "Take Charge of Education" School Fundraising program and will be deposited into the Seth Boyden School

Fund to support a variety of programs at the Demonstration School. Since September 2002, the school district has received \$1,849.97 from Target Stores' iTake Charge of Education School Fundraising Program.

The Board of Education acknowledges and extends its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Gerard Hill of Airmont, NY for his generous donation of \$100.00. Mr. Hill's company, Top Flight Hoops, Inc., offers a variety of extra-curricular programs at the Seth Boyden Demonstration School, and his gift will be used to support a variety of programs, including the Enrichment Program, at the Seth Boyden School.

The Board of Education acknowledges and extends its thanks and appreciation to Maplewood resident Leo Chapman for his generous donation of an Apple-iMac-ser computer, Serial number XA9518CHHVZ, valued at approximately \$100.00. The computer will be added to the inventory of equipment at Maplewood Middle School for use by students.

BOARD RECOGNITION ñ read by Dr. Horoschak

1. The national College Board has announced that a total of 78 current Columbia High School students and 2005 graduates have received Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards. The College Board AP Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. The students winning awards scored exceptionally high on the AP Examinations, taken at the end of the course. About 18 percent of the more than one million students in almost 15,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a high enough level to merit such recognition. The following levels of achievement are recognized based on the number of courses and exams taken by each student (*denotes June, 2005 graduates):

National AP Scholar

Alexander Kramer*, Philip Solomon* and Mitchell Stern* qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of 4 (the top score is 5) on all AP Exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Philip qualified by scoring a 5 on three Exams and a 4 on five Exams. Alexander qualified by scoring a 5 on five Exams and a 4 on three Exams. Mitchell qualified by earning a 5 on eight Exams and a 4 on one Exam. Philip is now attending University of Michigan, Alex is

enrolled at Williams College and Mitchell is attending the University of Pennsylvania.

AP Scholar with Distinction

Twenty-six students qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more Exams. Included are:

Rebecca Brady* Donovan*	Rebecca Brown*	Alicia
Carlos Figueroa	Jordan Filko*	Rebecca Hausner
Rebecca Hilton*	Sarah Holzman*	Michael Johnston
Amira Karriem*	Alexander Kramer*	Amirah Mercer*
Campbell Morrissy*	Clayton Nelson*	Rebecca Rojer*
Philip Solomon*	Cathryn Spangler*	Meredith Steck*
Mitchell Stern*	Ryan Thompson	Laura Valle*
Jennifer Vitello*	Andrew Walker*	William Watts*
Rebecca Wener*	Christopher Yergan*	

AP Scholar with Honor

Eighteen qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more Exams. Included are:

Emma Bartholomew*	Bonnie Buechel*	Alexis Cariello*
Lauren Crooks*	Emily Crossin	Idris Evans*
Matthew Gales*	Stewart Hendricks*	Ben Jacoby*
Zoe Katz*	Mary Lamkin*	Hilary Neher*

Obed Obwoye*

Sara Okin*

Joanna Percher

Kaja Stamnes

Emma Stendig*

Daniel Symonds*

AP Scholar

Thirty-four students qualified for this award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. Included are:

Margaret Andrews

Daniel Baer

Zamaniya Bankole

Samrat Bhattacharyya

Melissa Cross*

Cory Davia

Grant Diamond

Andrew Farah*

Julia Fendler

Alexandra Flanagan
Goldenberg*

Victoria Fox

Victoria

Ana Griefen*

Amani Herron*

Nancy Huemer

Alissa Lance*

Jeff Latz

Gregory Levine

Bara Levitt*

Kirsten Lynch

Abbey Marr*

Jenniliz Mendez

Christine Panuyas*

Tekla Pontius-Courtney*

Molly Reckson*

Julia Roberts*

Orren Saltzman

Danielle Schwab*

Frederik Seixas*

Allison Takahashi*

Sami Yenigun

Elizabeth A. Zagar*

Elizabeth L. Zagar*

Allison Zimmer

2. Columbia High School seniors Ryan Michel and Katie Lannigan received one of three top awards for the Public Service Announcement (PSA) they submitted to the Kean University Purple Violet Film Festival. The winning PSAs were shown at the film festival and each of the three winners received \$100. Ryan and Katie created the winning PSA under the direction of Mr. Frank Mullin, television arts teacher.

3. Mr. Peter Trebour, Maplewood Middle School teacher, was invited to participate in the Highly Skilled Professional (HSP) Program sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education. Developed to implement and expand effective school reform, the HSP Program helps to encourage collegial sharing and provides a resource to districts and schools. Mr. Trebour was selected because of his reputation as an excellent teacher and the high praise he received after participating in the State-run Jonathan Kozol workshop.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Burt Kimmelman Resident	Urged Board to limit access to students by Military recruiters
Paula Bethea SOMEA President	Commended all who worked on the Strategic Plan and spoke to Dr. Horoschak about concerns that need to be addressed before going forward
John DeVita and Melissa Montalvo	Spoke regarding the Strategic Plan and the need to desegregate classes
Brian O'Leary Resident	Commented on the Strategic Plan and the Board's role as the process moves forward
Chiara Morrison health issues CHS Student School	Raised concerns about safety and at Columbia High
Barbara Eames Clinton Teacher	Spoke about religious music policy on behalf of elementary staff

Mr. Latz announced upcoming budget forums and urged public attendance.

Mr. Frazer spoke regarding the progress of negotiations since February.

Mr. Frazer announced that the lawsuit regarding holiday music had been dismissed.

PRESENTATION

Second Reading: Policy and Regulation 2270 ñ Religion in the Schools and Regulation 5880- Public Performances by Pupils

Ms. Bass pointed out the changes that had been made since the first reading at the September 19, 2005 meeting.

Second Reading: Five Year Strategic Plan ñ Mr. Betheil

Mr. Betheil pointed out edits and minor changes since the first reading at the September 19, 2005 meeting.

MOTION made by Mr. Betheil, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to move resolution 2014 forward on the agenda to be voted upon at this time.

ROLL CALL: Motion to move resolution 2014 up on the agenda
passed; 7 yes,

0 no.

Board member discussion included the following comments:

- ☐ Congratulated the members of the committee and thanked them for their hard work.
- ☐ The Board of Education has substantial oversight responsibilities as the plan is put into action.
- ☐ Many goals and objectives of the plan are ambitious.
- ☐ Many objectives have real budget impacts.

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

2014. *Adopts Vision 2010: Rigor, Relationships & Resources, A Five-Year Strategic Plan*, as presented.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2014 passed; 7 yes, 0 no.

PRESENTATION: Implementation of Five Year Strategic Plan ñ Dr. Horoschak

Dr. Horoschak presented plans for the implementation of the Strategic Plan including the creation of a Coordinating Team and the establishment of the position of Director of Diversity and Equity.

Board recessed at 9:25 p.m.

Board reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

Board discussion ensued including the following points:

- Σ The administration has already started enlisting people as members of the Coordinating Team.
- Σ Ms. Liebowitz will help train the Coordinating Team in various functions.
- Σ A job description for the position of Director of Diversity and Equity will be developed.

PRESENTATION: Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) - Mrs. Milanette

Mrs. Milanette presented an overview of the Long Range Facility update including and explanation of the three areas: routine maintenance, required maintenance, and capital projects. She described the facilities master plan and discussed the progress of the master plan and the Long Range Facility plan update process.

Board response to the presentation included:

- ☐ The need to better communicate to the community all the projects that are taking place.
- ☐ Appreciation for the sensitivity towards the historical features of the buildings.
- ☐ Thanks to the community for supporting the Long Range Facility Plan in bonds and grants.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

MOTION made by Mr. Latz, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education adopts the following Board Policy and Regulations, as presented [on file in Superintendent's office].

2015 A. Policy 2270-Religion in the Schools

2015 B. Regulation 2270- Religion in the Schools

2015 C. Regulation 5880-Public Performances by Pupils

ROLL CALL: Motions 2015A-C passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Betheil,
Ms. Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mrs. Wren-Hardin
NO: none.

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

2016. Approves the Assignment Plan for Certified Nurses for the 2005-2006 school year. This is a requirement of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(f) 3 and is part of the Quality Assurance Annual Report (QAAR) (N.J.A.C. 6:8-2.1).

ASSIGNMENT PLAN FOR CERTIFIED NURSES

FOR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

CERTIFIED NURSE

SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT

Rabke, Nancy

Columbia High School

Schwartz, Lynn	Columbia High School
Iorio, Cathryn	South Orange Middle School
Epstein, Michelle	Maplewood Middle School
Harrington, Joann	Clinton Elementary School
Scalgione, Carol	Jefferson Elementary School
Johnson, Jean	Marshall Elementary School
Weinstein, Nancy	Seth Boyden Elementary School
Chandler, Diane	South Mountain Elementary School
Treidler, Nina	South Mountain Annex/Montrose
Borek, Lorraine	Tuscan Elementary School

ROLL CALL: Motion 2016 passed; 7 yes, 0 no.

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

2017. Approves the initial draft of the local mentoring plan which is

aligned with the *Professional Development Standards for Teachers* and further authorizes the Superintendent to Execute and provide all necessary documents to the County Superintendent of Schools.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2017 passed; 7 yes, 0 no.

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

2018A. Accepts and approves the hiring of Marian Leibowitz Associates of Lawrenceville, New Jersey during the 2005-2006 school year for consulting services related to Action Planning for the Five Year Strategic Plan, at a cost of \$1,500 per day, not to exceed \$9,000.00 (up to six (6) days).

2018B. Approves submission of an application for the Alternative High School Program at Montrose School for the 2005-2006 school year to the County Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 16-8.1.

2018C. WHEREAS, the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as iACESi), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (iNJSBAi), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the iPublic School Contracts Lawi, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (iEDECAi) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the School District of South Orange and Maplewood (ithe Districti) is a participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for Natural Gas Supply Services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May 2009, hereinafter referred to as iEffective Periodi) issue one or more Requests for Bids for Natural Gas Supply Services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA: and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service for no more than two years at a time in each service

territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall not exceed two-years;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for Natural Gas Supply Services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for Natural Gas Supply Services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase Natural Gas Supply Services at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), provided that no single contract shall have a term exceeding two years, and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain Natural Gas Supply Services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2009 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Natural Gas Supply Services contract entered into prior to such rescission.

ROLL CALL: Motions 2018A-C passed; 7 yes, 0 no.

MOTION made by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education:

2019. Approves the assignment of the student listed below as a tuition-free student for the 2005-2006 school year. The family of the student shall be responsible for providing transportation to and from Columbia High School.

<u>STUDENT #</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
0FK8	CHS	12

ROLL CALL: Motion 2019 passed; 7 yes, 0 no.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Name

Topic

Amy Paternite
and hopes that

Encouraged by the Strategic Plan

Resident

budget consideration will be given
to a full-day Kindergarten program.

Barbara Eames

Spoke in support of the music
program.

Clinton Teacher
music is not

Stated that performing holiday
celebrating a religion.

John DeVita

Commented on the various
presentations of the

CHS Staff

evening and stated that people
with a

vested interest are needed on the
Coordinating Team.

NEW BUSINESS

Overview of October 17, 2005 Public Meeting:

- ☐Presentation: Science Program Assessment Report
- ☐Presentation: Violence and Vandalism Report
- ☐Action: Approve QAAR 2005-06
- ☐Action: Approve Long Range Facility Plan

Overview of November 7, 2005 Public Meeting:

- ☐ Presentation: 2004-2005 Audit
- ☐ Presentation: BOE Code of Ethics
- ☐ Presentation: Calendar for 2006-07 Budget Development
- ☐ Action: Adopt Science Program Assessment Recommendations

MOTION made by Mr. Latz, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the October 17, 2005 Public Meeting to discuss legal and personnel 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 11:02 p.m.

Karla Milanette, Board Secretary