

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
January 23, 2006

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 January 23, 2006.

President David Frazer called the meeting to order at 7:35 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. Little, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: Mr. Betheil, Mr. Latz

7 MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Latz arrived at 8:00 p.m.

8 MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *ñled by three Student Council members,*

Dan Symonds, Matt Feldman and Renee Calister

BOARD RECOGNITION *ñ read by Dr. Horoschak*

1. The New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance has selected Noelle Stewart-Sullivan as the 2006 Outstanding Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Ms. Stewart-Sullivan teaches physical education at Tuscan School and has taught in this district for 11 years.

Each year, the Association honors dedicated professionals for their leadership, quality teaching, innovative programming and professional achievement. Ms. Judy LoBianco, district supervisor of physical education and health, K-12, nominated Ms. Stewart-Sullivan for this award.

This is the second consecutive year that a physical education teacher from this district has won this award. Last year's recipient was Ms. Julie DiChiaro-Getlan, physical education teacher at Jefferson School.

Ms. Judy LoBianco and Mrs. Patricia Browne, Tuscan School Principal, spoke highly of M. Noelle Stewart-Sullivan and congratulated her on her well deserved recognition.

2. A number of Columbia High School students were accepted into highly competitive state music groups. They include:

Region I Chorus

Rebecca Adelson Kristen Conrad Sarah Donatelli Julia Fendler Iman
Johnson Evan Johnston Matt Lieberman Derek Nelson Orren
Saltzman Larissa Wohl

Region I Orchestra

Logan Takahashi (violin)

Corey Schutzer (principal bass)

Region I Symphonic Band

Dylan Frank (mallet percussion)

3. The Columbia High School Girls' Fencing Team won the prestigious Santelli Tournament against all the other girls' teams, from public and private schools in the state, and also won its 37th straight meet, setting a state record for consecutive victories. In the Santelli Tournament, the team placed first place in all three weapons – foil, saber and epee, taking the championship for the second straight year and the sixth time in eight years.

Individual winners include:

Foil – Abby Caparros-Janto, Erin Hynes, Kirsten Lynch, Deanna Rakowsky, Sarina Appelgren, Claire Teitelman, Michelle Micallef, Karin Oxford, Stephanie Schneider, and Jelissa Grant.

Saber – AíSha Brumant, Sara Linarducci, Kathryn Steck, Nancy Huemer, Elizabeth Couper and Rachel Kenselaar.

Epee – Molli Andrews, Alexandra Polson, Rebecca Hausner, Magda Usarek-Witek, Tiffany Austin Ginlock, Elizabeth Moulthrop, Tatiana Oudine, Melissa Quick and Margaret Brier.

The Columbia High School Boysí Fencing Team, ranked by the Star-Ledger as third in the state, has a 3-2 record and came in eighth in the statewide, all-boys Cetrulo Tournament.

Individual winners include:

Foil ñ Shaun Geiger, Eric Jaffe, Ethan Kresofsky, Sean Sackett, Matt Noll and James Thomas.

Saber ñ Sam Prentice, Sam Varon, Steven Katz, Ben Silverman, Shawn Louie, Darnell Ross and Harrison Freidland.

Epee ñ James Lambert, Russell Valle, Drew Lewis, Ian Gammon and Alex Delaney.

The girlsí team is coached by Ms. Helena Mohit and the boysí team is coached by Mr. Daryl White. Dr. Arthur Paulina and Mr. Frank Mustilli serve as volunteer advisors to the teams.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Name

Topic

Dan Symonds, Matt Feldman	Spoke about Take Back the Atmosphere campaign,
Renee Calister and	efforts to clean up CHS, and the proposed
Anna Toledano	8-period day.
CHS Student Council Members	

Michael Jaffe, Carol LaRose CHS Swim Team	Spoke about the recent problems and importance of pool maintenance.
Anne Wessel Dwyer Former CHS teacher	Concerned about the effect an 8-period day will have on teachers.
Joe Lombardo CHS Teacher	Hoping for a fair and competitive contract.
Thomas Whitaker CHS Teacher	A balance between financial impact and academic excellence must be sought when discussing CHS schedule.
Diana Adams Parent of CHS Wrestler	Spoke about the condition of the CHS gym area.
Linda Karten District Parent	Spoke about the need for a coordinated effort to improve conditions at CHS.
Janet Mandel CHS Teacher	Provided corrected information regarding West Orange high school's schedule.
Kathie Abrams District Parent	Voiced opinion against an 8-period day.

Karen Gates	Spoke about the need for a clear course of
South Mountain Parent	action to correct problems at South Mountain.
Sarina Appelgren	Spoke about the impact on students an 8-period
CHS Student	day would have.
Cory Davia	Expressed the need for a plan that will keep
CHS Student	students motivated, not an 8-period day.
Cathy Wright	Expressed her opinion about class size,
CHS Parent	schedule, and Montrose School.
Marjorie Lloyd	Shared questions about strategic plan, budget,
Teacher and District Parent	after school program, grant development, and
	outsourcing.

PRESENTATIONS

Second Reading/Adoption: Policy and Regulations: 8462-Child Abuse and Neglect ñ Mr. Little, Ms. Bass

After the second reading, Board membersí comments included the following:

- In-service will be held to familiarize staff with policy and changes.
- Suggestions included record keeping at schools and training of volunteers.

Presentation: 2006-07 Budget ñ Dr. Horoschak, Ms. Milanette

The draft preliminary budget for the 2006-07 school year was presented, acknowledging that we have not yet been told by the state what our allowable increase will be.

Board members' comments included discussion on the following topics:

- Ways to reduce annual cost of technology.
- Job description for Supervisor of Academic Equity & Achievement.
- Cost of re-registration versus money saved.
- Anticipated growth in Special Education tuition.

Board Recessed at 9:00 p.m.

Board Reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

2051A. MEMORIAL ñ *Read by Mrs. Jasey*

Alice Meyer, a retired lunch aide, passed away on December 15, 2005.

Ms. Meyer faithfully served in our school district for 13 years.

The Superintendent of Schools is asked to convey our condolences and remembrance to Ms. Meyer's family and friends.

2051B. RETIREMENTS ñ *Read by Mrs. Jasey*

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
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Porto, Thomas	Supervisor of World Language/ESL, K-12 DIST ñ 1.0 FTE	7/1/06
Ventre, Antonio	Maintenance DIST ñ 1.0 FTE	7/1/06

2051C. RESIGNATION

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Eppolite, Maria	Director of Special Services DIST ñ 1.0 FTE	3/23/06

2051D. APPOINTMENTS

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ANNUAL SALARY
Faugno, Marianne	S-4, Secretary/11 months SB ñ 1.0 FTE	1/2/06 6/30/06	\$44,513*
Hardin, Douglas	T Physics CHS ñ 1.0 FTE	1/2/06 6/30/06	\$58,122*
Trumper, Deborah	Teacher of ESL CLIN ñ 1.0 FTE	12/1/05 6/30/06	\$44,138*
Wiggins, Robin	Lunch Aide, Lead JEFF ñ 1.666 FTE	1/2/06 6/30/06	\$9,733*

2051E. APPOINTMENT OF LEAVE REPLACEMENT STAFF

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ANNUAL SALARY
Cavagnaro, Jessica	T Spanish CHS ñ 1.0 FTE	10/3/05 6/30/06	\$39,060*

Ross, Brenda	S-3, Secretary/10 mos. SOM ñ 1.0 FTE	2/1/06 2/28/06	\$30,606*
Weber, Mark	T Music TUS ñ 1.0 FTE	2/16/06 6/30/06	\$48,272*

2051F. EMERGENT HIRE* APPOINTMENT (*Pending Criminal History Clearance)

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ANNUAL SALARY
Marsillo, Aldo	Transportation Coordinator DIST ñ 1.0 FTE	3/20/06 6/30/06	\$60,000

2051G. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATES
Beane, Kimberly	Supervisor of Curriculum/Instruction, K-5 DIST ñ 1.0 FTE	12/15/05-2/13/06 (Paid Maternity Leave)
Intile, April	T Special Education MAR 1.0 FTE	10/7/05-12/8/05 (Paid Maternity Leave) 12/12/05-3/17/06 (Unpaid Family Leave)
Koes, Melissa	T Special Education TUS ñ 1.0 FTE	11/21/05-1/9/06 (Paid Medical leave)
Langley, Tammy	School Psychologist DIST ñ 1.0 FTE	12/19/05-6/30/06 (Unpaid Medical Leave)
Lawrence, Curi	T Spanish	1/17/06-4/24/06

	CHS 1.0 FTE	(Unpaid Family Leave) 4/25/06-6/30/06 (Unpaid Childcare Leave)
McBride, Terri	School Bus Aide DIST - .5 FTE	1/2/06-2/28/06 (Paid Medical Leave)
McBride, Terri	Lunch Aide SB ñ 1.666 FTE	1/2/06-2/28/06 (Unpaid Medical Leave)
Muhammad, Wali	Custodian, Nights SMA ñ 1.0 FTE	1/2/06-2/5/06 (Unpaid Medical Leave)
Nester, Carolyn	T Special Education SB ñ 1.0 FTE	1/11/06-6/30/06 (Unpaid Childcare Leave)

2051H. STIPENDS

NAME	STIPEND	EFFECTIVE DATE	ACTUAL SALARY
Beattys, Christopher	Scenery Construction SOM - .5 FTE	11/22/05 6/30/06	\$1,142*
Guastella, Frank	Scenery Construction SOM - .5 FTE	11/22/05 6/30/06	\$1,142*

2051I. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ADJUSTMENT	ACTUAL SALARY
Anthony, Rebecca	School Social Worker DIST - .2 FTE	1/2-31/06 (21 days)	\$61.82 (per day)	\$1,298.22*
Baltin, Roberta	Media Specialist TUS ñ 1.0 FTE	1/2/06 6/30/06	+\$5,812	\$58,122*

Bohm, Kathleen	LDTC DIST - .2 FTE	1/2-31/06 (21 days)	\$67.36 (per day)	\$1,414.56*
Byrd, Bernadine	School Bus Aide DIST .5 FTE	10/24/05 12/30/05 (5 days)	\$18.66 (per day)	\$93.30*
Cooney, James	School Psychologist DIST - .2 FTE	1/2-31/06 (21 days)	\$65.51 (per day)	\$1,375.71*
Hightower, Gloria	School Bus Aide DIST - .5 FTE	12/8-16/05 (5 days)	\$33.15 (per day)	\$165.75*
Malespina, Elissa	Media Specialist .7 FTE	1/4/06 6/30/06	+\$9,492	\$33,221*
Van Kline, Mark	School Bus Aide DIST - .5 FTE	12/1-28/05 (9.5 days)	\$33.15 (per day)	\$315.00*

* To be determined

MOTIONS 2051A-CG-I passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

MOTIONS 2051D-F passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mr. Little, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: none.

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

2052A. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

STATE CERTIFIED TEACHER

NAME	INSTITUTION	DATE	DEGREE
Wilson, Chanel	Kean University	5/2001	B.S.
Zimmer, Claudia	Barnard College Columbia University	6/1972 10/1975	B.A. M.A.

COLLEGE GRADUATE AND COUNTY SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE

Name	Institution	Date	Degree
Agosto, Tonya	Bloomfield College	12/2005	B.S.
Bodnar, Mary	Seton Hall University	1969	B.S.
Celestin, Muriel	Kean University Spartan Hlth Sciences Univ.	5/1996 12/2004	B.A. M.D.
Cotler, Joaquin	Wesleyan University	5/2005	B.A.
Edwards, Cary	Rutgers University	5/1986	B.A.
Farah, Dega	University of Arizona	5/2004	B.A.
Flynn, Nicole	Montclair State Univ.	12/2005	B.A.

Haim, Jacques	St. Peterís College	5/1976	B.S.
Tumang, Richard	Rutgrs University	1/2004	B.A.
Tumolillo, Allan	University of Illinois	2/1968	B.S.

NON-DEGREE SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE

Bishop, Valada

2052B. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME	HOURLY
Brett, Wendy	\$8.00

2052C. APPOINTMENT OF HOME INSTRUCTORS FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR