

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood

Board of Education

January 9, 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 9, 2006.

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 Mrs. Schneider, Assistant Business Administrator*

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Name

Topic

Terri Nitti
staff to

Concerned about absence of office

South Mountain Parent

respond to visitors.

Louise Finkelman
Mountain and

Discussed situation at South

South Mountain Parent
community.

asked for communication to

PRESENTATIONS

First Reading: Policy and Regulations: 8462ñChild Abuse and Neglect ñ

Mr. Little, Ms. Bass

Ms. Bass presented the new policy and reviewed amendments that have been made based on Department of Education input.

Board members' comments included the following:

- Requirement of reporting cases to law enforcement is a substantial change.
- Administrative liaison to DYFS will also review policy.
- Important to communicate changes to all staff members.

Discussion: Budget Goals and Priorities 2006-07 ñ Mr. Latz

Mr. Latz presented a revised list that reflected changes discussed at the last meeting. He gave an overview of challenges that need to be met in order to build next year's budget and shared dates and times of district Budget 101 workshops scheduled for the next few weeks.

Board members' comments included the following:

- Inquiry about scheduling at CHS.
- Discussed what types of maintenance projects could be deferred without negative consequences later.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

2048. WHEREAS, in accordance with law and hearings were afforded with regard to the children identified by student number below; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that, as to the students identified below, the parents or guardians are not domiciled within the District or the children are not kept in the home of another person domiciled within the school district pursuant to the affidavit pupils statute; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby orders the transfer or removal of the students identified below.

STUDENT #

SCHOOL

GRADE

OBA1

CHS

11th

0FH1	CHS	10 th
0B8Z	CHS	9 th
07AX	MMS	8 th

ROLL CALL: Motion 2048 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

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

2049A. WHEREAS, Student District ID No. 0EGO 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 December 13, 2005; and, having heard the administration's recommendation;

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

suspended from December 15, 2005 through June 30, 2006 with home

instruction. If required, first semester and/or marking period examinations shall be part of home instruction.

On Monday, January 9, 2006, said student and his/her parents will meet

with the South Orange Middle School Principal Kirk Smith, or his

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

Orange Middle School that day. Upon re-entry to South Orange Middle

School, Student District ID No. 0EG0 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. In the event that said student is

involved in any behavior warranting school suspension following early

re-entry on January 9, 2006, said student shall be immediately removed

from school without need for a Board hearing. Home instruction will

again be provided, and marking period/second semester examinations

will be administered as part of home instruction.

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

District ID No. 0EG0 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.

2049B. WHEREAS, Student District ID No. 0ETF 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 December 14, 2005; and, having heard the administration's recommendation;

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

suspended from December 14, 2005 through June 30, 2006 with home

instruction. If required, mid-term and final examinations will be

administered through home instruction.

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

meet with 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. In early January, 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 Ms. Pollack by Wednesday, January 25, 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/second semester examinations will be administered as part of

home instruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon re-entry to Columbia High School,

Student District ID No. 0ETF shall be highly recommended to participate in weekly counseling sessions offered through Family

Connectionsí iThe Loftí program for the balance of the 2005-06 school

year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT while out on school suspension, Student District ID No. 0ETF 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.

2049C. WHEREAS, Student District ID No. 05AH received an out of school suspension for a serious violation of the Columbia High School Code of Conduct on November 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Student District ID No. 05AH has been duly noticed and afforded the opportunity to participate in a hearing before the Board of Education on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, and has been afforded certain due process rights; and

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

WHEREAS, mutual discussions between the parents of Student District ID No. 05AH and the district administration to resolve the suspension matter are ongoing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the suspension of Student District

ID No. 05AH shall be continued, with homebound instruction, pending

further discussions or until the Board hearing scheduled for Tuesday,

January 24, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the suspension period Student

District ID No. 05AH 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: Motions 2049A-C passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

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

2050A. Adopts the following 2006-2007 Budget Goals and Priorities, *subject to the constraints and requirements in S1701 as outlined in Resolution 1913, we remain committed to the goals outlined below.*

Goals

- Provide educational programs and services that enable all students to succeed.
- Implement systemic changes that will increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of operations.
- Continue maintenance and capital improvement efforts according to our long-term plan while managing debt service to minimize tax impact.
- Remain competitive with comparable public and private schools.
- Achieve a common understanding between the community, the board, the administration and staff regarding the budget and the rationale supporting it.

Subject to the constraints imposed by S1701, we endorse these priorities in our attempt to preserve and maintain our educational program.

Priorities

- ☐ Increase achievement for all students in language arts literacy and mathematics. Enhance efforts that develop preparedness early in students' academic careers.
- ☐ Give preference to resource allocations that result in efficiencies sustainable over multiple years in light of legislative limitations of spending growth.
- ☐ Strive for class sizes that best support the developmental and educational needs of students.
- ☐ Preserve the range of elective offerings at Columbia High School to meet the scheduling needs of a growing enrollment and ensure all students have access to challenging courses.

- Continue to provide programs and services that support the goal of maintaining integrated schools.
- Consistent with our Strategic Plan's call to address the racial Achievement Gap, and in keeping with the mandates of the No Child Left Behind act, sustain support for the range of district academic interventions for all students who are below proficiency on standardized tests and ensure that expenditures are concentrated on those programs with demonstrated effectiveness in improving student performance.
- Continue efforts to improve the cost effectiveness of special education programs.
- Defer non-essential facilities maintenance: maintenance of facilities that improves safety, health and cleanliness of school buildings is a key element of Goal 3 of our Strategic Plan and is essential to delivery of the education program and must be adequately funded in the operating budget. In the current financial climate, we should avoid expenditures from the operating budget on maintenance that addresses cosmetic issues.
- Scale back technology services to a level that the district is capable of adequately supporting and sustaining.
- Give priority to sustaining delivery of educational programs and services (including extracurricular activities) over continued operating budget expenditures that subsidize community use of the schools.
- Ensure consistency between the proposed budget and the budgetary and academic goals of the Strategic Plan.

2050B. Award the contract for the Building Improvements at Clinton School project to Grafas Painting Contractors, Inc., for the lowest responsible bid of \$ 357,500.

2050C. Approves the disposal either by auction or as refuse of the following items deemed unusable by the district based on a knowledge of existing

programs and based on the age and condition of the materials.

The following items are recommended for disposal through auction:

Dewalt circular saw,

Rockwell planner

Oliver belt/disk table sander

Delta table saw

Delta 23 inch jig saw

Oliver lathe, 60"

Table tops for wood working with vices

Clausing table saw

Sun 1045 Emission Tester

Grinder, 7"

Gray hydraulic jack

Sun Computer II tester model 1215

Bronick for MacPherson Strut Spring Compressor

AMMCO Twin Facing Tool for model 6900 Tire changers for three

COATS 1001

Western 9000 lb. hydraulic vehicle lift Model WL0-90A

Miscellaneous steel I-beams for 8 at 6"

Miscellaneous tire rims for 18

Miscellaneous employee lockers for 20 @ 12"x12"

Ruger engine lift

Engine stand

Sun Engine Performance tester

MA1 card sorter

Leather couch

Single pedestal wooden teachers desks (2)

Double pedestal wooden desk (3)

Ping Pong tables (4)

Wooden doors ñ previously replaced (75)

Wooden storage cabinet ñ 8 foot

Nurseís couch (4)

RollingScience sink/work table (6)

Wheel chair

Server rack

Decpack rko5j (3)

8î wooden storage cabinets

Student (wood & metal) (100+)

Student chairs (wood & metal (150+)

Air conditioner, 20,000 btu

Card tables ñ wooden (23)

Canon NP120 copier

Voting machine

Couch frame

Master carpet floor extractor

Boss 2000 B hall extractor

Glass display cabinet ñ 6í

Woodworking benches (2)

Art work tables (18î square) with stools

Easels (2)

Stage platforms ñ 5íX3í x 18í (15+)

Wooden bookshelves ñ 6í

Table sander

Jig saws ñ 20í (2)

Oliver lathe (3)

Rockwell drill press

Stone grinder/polisher

The following items are recommended for disposal as refuse:

Two balance beams

Slant board

Parallel bars

Wooden ladders ñ 6

Stair steppers (2)

Universal weight machine (most parts)

Punching bag

MOTION made by Mr. Latz, seconded by Mr. Miller, to amend Resolution 2050A to include the words *and capacity* after the word *range* in the fourth bulleted item under Priorities.

ROLL CALL: Motion to amend Resolution 2050A passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2050A passed as amended; 8 yes, 0 no.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2050B-C passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Name

Topic

Amy Paternite
Clinton Parent

Discussed options relative to the continuation of
the full-day kindergarten at Clinton School.

NEW BUSINESS

South Orange Civic Association awarded Mrs. Jasey the Beloved Community Award, which she shared with Carol Barry-Austin and Nancy Heins-Glazer.

Overview of January 23, 2006 Public Meeting:

- ☐ Preliminary budget 2006-07

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

Education meet in Executive Session on Monday, January 23, 2006, to discuss

personnel, legal and discipline 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 recess into Executive Session to continue the interim
review of the Superintendent. Motion unanimously approved at
8:42 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider, Assistant Board Secretary