

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood

Board of Education

March 6, 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 March 6, 2006.

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, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey,
Mr. Latz, Mr. Little, Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: Mr. Miller, Ms. Crawford

7 MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Miller arrived at 7:50 p.m.

8 MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms Crawford arrived at 8:35 p.m.

9 MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *ñled by Mr. Healy, CHS Assistant Principal*

BOARD RECOGNITION ñ *read by Dr. Horoschak*

1. Columbia High School junior Logan Takahashi has been invited to attend the American String Teachers Association National Conference in Kansas City, where he will be demonstrating the five-string electric violin with Martha Mooke, an internationally known violinist and composer.
2. The New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance has praised the School District of South Orange and Maplewood for its exemplary efforts in the area of professional development. The Association noted that this district had the highest number of attendees at the State Conference.
3. CHS senior Joseph Levine was invited to compete in the 2006 New Jersey Boyís State Gymnastics Championship. He will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall and will be a member of the schoolís gymnastics team.
4. The Columbia High School Girls Fencing Team won its fourth straight state title after defeating the previously undefeated Bernards High School team, 19-8. Saber fencers AíSha Brumant, Nancy Huemer and Sara Linarducci, foil fencers Abigail Caparros-Janto and Deanna Rakowsky and epee fencer Molly Andrews all went 2-0.

The Columbia High School Boys Fencing Team placed third in the state championships with sabre fencer Sam Varon and epee fencer Russell Valle finishing 3-0.

Coaches for the teams include girls coach Helena Mohit, boys coach Daryl White and volunteer coaches Dr. Arthur Paulina and Mr. Frank Mustilli.

Individual members of the Columbia High School track teams, under the direction of Coach Jason Jackson, have been very successful in the

Fencing Team members and Track Team members were introduced and congratulated.

Mr. Healy, Columbia High School Assistant Principal and cast members invited all to attend the presentation of Grease this weekend.

Mr. Latz discussed the status of the budget development.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

The following individuals spoke of their positive experiences, either their own or of their children or students, and in favor of continuing the program at Montrose School :

Anita Mack, Abigail Nwigwe, Erica Stevenson, Shayla Shabazz, Darrell Henry, Ramel Carter, Shaunae Davis, Ricky Georges, Cindy Espersen, Janice McGowan, Carol Joseph.

The following individuals spoke to share their concerns about MLKA:

Melissa Montalvo, Chris Thorne, Leah Ricard, Rev. Philip Thomas, Matthew Johnson, Ericka Fuller, Marjorie Lloyd, Ericka Fuller.

The following individuals spoke to share their concerns about CCN:

Jared Boyer, Anita Robilotta, Peter Robilotta, Michael Jaffe, Maura Flanagan, Katie Carrigar, Iman Nieves, Ashley Sawyer.

The following individuals spoke to the importance of Seth Boyden School to the whole district, the need for additional resources and their concerns about losing another principal:

Dana Longstreet, Patti Whelan Small, Frank Montesana, Carrie VanDusen,

Barbara Heisler-Williams, Bridget Prescod, Lorraine Caputo.

Additional Individuals and Topics:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Elyse Sherman, Gwen Sherman South Mountain Parents	Spoke in support of the South Mountain principal.
Nancy Sobieski S.O. Adult School	Spoke about use of district facilities and cost for use.
Robin Margent Marshall School Teacher	Voiced concern about elementary test scores.
Marjorie Lloyd CHS Parent	Voiced concerns about actions of principal.

Mr. Little left at 9:30 p.m.

8 MEMBERS PRESENT

Board recessed at 9:40 p.m.

Board reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Discussion: 2006-1007 Preliminary Budget ñ Board of Education members,
Central Office Administrators

Board Membersí comments included the following:

- Continue to search for additional areas of savings
- The largest unknowns are SOMEA settlement and energy costs
- Search for creative ways to restore Montrose to budget

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

2069. Approve the assignment of the student listed below as a tuition-free student for the 2005-2006 school year. The studentís family shall be responsible for providing transportation for their child to and from their respective school.

<u>STUDENT #</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
0FHW	CHS	11

ROLL CALL: Motion 2069 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

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

2070. Accept revisions to the administration's proposed 2006-2007 budget calendar as submitted [on file in the Board Secretary's office].

ROLL CALL: Motion 2070 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

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

2071. RESIGNATION

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Veninger,	Elementary School Principal	4/28/06
John	SB ñ 1.0 FTE	

ROLL CALL: Motion 2071 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Name

Topic

Carolyn McGee

Spoke of her child's positive experience at Montrose.

Montrose Parent

Amy Paternite Suggested lunch time enrichment be included on
Clinton Parent Separate Proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Overview of March 8, 2006 Special Public Meeting:

- Discussion: 2006-2007 Budget
- Action: Approve 2006-2007 Preliminary Budget for Submission to County Superintendent

Overview of March 20, 2006 Public Meeting:

- Discussion: 2006-2007 Preliminary Budget

Overview of March 27, 2006 Special Public Meeting:

- Action: Adopt the Revised 2006-2007 Budget to be presented to the Board of School Estimate

Overview of April 3, 2006 Public Meeting:

- Presentation: Update on Language Arts Action Plan
- Action: Adopt 2006-2007 Budget as approved by the Board of School Estimate

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

meet in Executive Session prior to the Special Meeting on
Wednesday, March 8,

2006, to discuss personnel and legal matters, the nature of
which will be

made public at a future date. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 12:40 p.m.

Karla Milanette, Board Secretary