

Special Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education

March 8, 2006

A Special 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 8, 2006.

President David Frazer called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

Adequate public 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, Mr. Little, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin

9 MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *ñled by Chris Thorne, CHS student*

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Name

Topic

Gayle Martone	Spoke about the value of the districtís tech
South Orange Middle School	facilitators in providing assistance to

Technology Facilitator teachers.

Kathy Hester Shared her view on how much the teachers depend
South Orange Middle School upon the tech facilitators.
Teacher

Debby Myers Spoke about the assistance the ESL program
South Orange Middle School receives from the tech facilitator.
Spanish Teacher

Michael Jaffe Thanked the Board of Education for viewing the
Columbia High School Student student video.

Frank Mullin Thanked the Board of Education for showing the
Columbia High School TV student video and PSAs.
Teacher

Jane Conrad Spoke about the value of the Montrose program
Seth Boyden Parent and the elementary Spanish program.

Malissa Montalvo On behalf of the MLKA, requested an assembly
Columbia High School Student to view Chris Thorneís documentary.

Dr. Horoschak read a statement announcing that he will convene an advisory committee composed of parents, students and staff to develop a framework of guidelines for future observances [statement on file in Board Secretaryís office].

Mr. Miller commented after viewing the videos, that it was apparent why Columbia High School students win national awards.

Mrs. Jasey asked for support of Dr. Horoschakis plan to develop a district-wide process for engaging staff, students and community in celebrating community events.

PRESENTATION

Discussion: 2006-07 Budget ñ Board Members, Central Office Administrators

Revisions to two of the analyses previously discussed and other updated data were shared.

Discussion included the following Board Members' comments:

- ☐ The efforts to maintain Montrose School, which has been successful beyond expectations, are appreciated.
- ☐ The Board believes in Montrose School, but remains interested in investigating alternative funding in the future.
- ☐ Distressed to see custodians lose their jobs and to have to cut lunch aides and technology facilitators.
- ☐ Proposed budget does an admirable job of keeping cuts away from the classroom.
- ☐ Acknowledged the need for a strong technology plan with migration to thin client.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

2073A-J Approves resolutions 2073A-J.

MOTION made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Bethel to sever Resolutions 2073A-J to vote on them individually.

ROLL CALL: Motion to sever Resolutions 2073A-J passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bethel, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mr. Little, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: none.

2073A. Accepts the adjusted budget for the 2005-06 school year as attached
[on filed in Board Secretary's office].

2073B. Approves the Preliminary Budget for the 2006-2007 school year in the amount of:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$87,076.761	\$81,011,476
Debt Service	\$ 3,449,500	<u>\$ 3,436,356</u>
Special Revenue	<u>\$ 2,932,431</u>	
TOTAL	\$93,458,692	\$84,447,832

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education establishes a maximum travel expenditure for the 2006-2007 school year not to exceed the amount of \$50,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to submit the 2006-2007 Preliminary Budget to the County Superintendent for review and approval.

2073C. Approves a waiver to include the Elementary World Language Program, previously funded in the 2005-2006 net budget, in the separate proposal for the 2006-2007 school year budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education requests this waiver in order to maintain the quality of the enhanced programs and services necessary to achieve the thoroughness standards established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-4 that would be

otherwise reduced if the Elementary World Language Program was retained in the base budget.

2073D. Approves a Separate Proposal for the 2006-2007 school year budget to raise additional taxes in the amount of \$635,500 to be used exclusively for the items detailed on the attached list [on file in Board Secretary's office].

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to submit the Separate Proposal to the County Superintendent with the 2006-2007 Preliminary Budget for review and approval.

2073D1. Add one social worker at the middle school level - \$84,000

2073D2. Expand full-day Kindergarten program - \$57,000

2073D3. Add Academic and Equity Achievement Supervisor position ñ
\$ 140,000

MOTION made by Mr. Frazer, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to amend Resolution 2073D3 to read *in lieu of two FTE teachers at CHS dedicated to enhancing achievement of students in higher level classes.*

ROLL CALL: Motion to amend Resolution 2073D3 was defeated. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Little. NO: Mr. Betheil, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin.

2073D4. Reregister all district-enrolled students - \$100,000

MOTION made by Mr. Frazer, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to amend Resolution 2073D4 to remove the word *all*.

MOTION to amend Resolution 2073D4 was withdrawn.

2073D5. Expand world language program at elementary level - \$254,500

MOTION made by Mr. Frazer, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to add item D6 to add two FTEís at Columbia High School.

ROLL CALL: Motion to add item D6 was defeated. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Latz. NO: Mr. Betheil, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Little, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin.

2073E. Authorize the appropriation of debt service fund balance in the amount of \$13,144 to the 2006-2007 debt service fund budget.

2073F. Approve the Demonstrably Effective Program Aid (DEPA) Operational Plan for Seth Boyden Elementary School in the amount of \$171,590 for the 2006-2007 school year.

2073G. WHEREAS, a spending growth limitation adjustment (SGLA) to the maximum permitted net budget for 2006-2007 is available for use by a school

district for pupil transportation expenditures, insurance and special education costs in excess of \$40,000 per pupil, and,

WHEREAS, the district is eligible to seek an SGLA in the amount of \$69,920 for non-remote pupil transportation costs and \$519,224 for insurance and \$857,479 for Special Education costs in excess of \$40,000 per pupil because of the additional costs included in the budget for these expenses, and,

WHEREAS, the proposed expenditures are essential to the administration of necessary school level activities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education does hereby approve the district's use of the three required statutory spending growth limitation adjustments and authorize the Business Administrator to submit to the County Superintendent for approval revised spending growth limitation adjustments in the total amount of \$1,446,623.

2073H. Authorize the transfer of \$325,000 from the Capital Reserve to be included in the 2006-2007 Budget for Capital Outlay Projects.

2073I. WHEREAS, a temporary cap adjustment to the maximum permitted net budget for 2006-2007 is available for use by a school district for certain insurance costs, and,

WHEREAS, the district is eligible to seek a temporary cap adjustment in the amount of \$519,224 for insurance costs because of the additional costs included in the budget for these expenses, and,

WHEREAS, the proposed expenditures are essential to the administration of necessary school level activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education does hereby approve the district's use of the temporary cap adjustment and authorize the Business Administrator to submit to the County Superintendent for approval of the temporary cap adjustment to the 2006-2007 school budget for certain insurance costs as defined under N.J.A.C.6A:23-8.8(h).

2073J. Authorize the transfer of \$432,829 from the General Fund unreserved (free) balance to the 2005-2006 General Fund and increase the following expenditure account lines:

11-000-262-620	Energy	\$432,829
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ROLL CALL: Motion 2073A-C passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Betheil, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mr. Little, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: none.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2073D1 passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Betheil, Ms.

Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mr. Miller, Mrs.
Wren-Hardin. NO: Mr. Little.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2073D2 passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Betheil, Ms.
Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mr. Miller, Mrs.
Wren-Hardin. NO: none. ABSTAIN: Mr. Little.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2073D3 passed. YES: Mr. Betheil, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey,
Mr. Latz, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: Mr. Bennett, Ms.
Crawford, Mr. Little.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2073D4 passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Betheil, Mr. Frazer,
Mrs. Jasey, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: Ms. Crawford, Mr. Latz, Mr.
Little, Mr. Miller.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2073D5 passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Betheil, Ms.
Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mr. Little, Mr.
Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: none.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2073E-J passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Betheil, Ms.
Crawford, Mr. Frazer, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Latz, Mr. Little, Mr.
Miller, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: none.

INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Name

Topic

John Davenport

Discussed items in separate proposal and made
suggestions.

Amy Paternite SOMEF perfect project for Supervisor position.

Clinton Parent

Janice Zaveri Trying to understand the key budget drivers.

Robin Wiggins Spoke on behalf of lunch aides and the strong
Jefferson Lunch Aide rapport they have with the students.

NEW BUSINESS

Overview of March 20, 2006 Public Meeting

- ☐ Discussion: 2006-07 Preliminary Budget

Overview of March 27, 2006 Special Public Meeting

- ☐ Action: Adopt the Revised 2006-07 Budget to be presented
to Board of

School Estimate

Overview of April 3, 2006 Public Meeting

- ☐ Presentation: Update on Language Arts Action Plan
- ☐ Action: Adopt 2006-07 Budget as approved by the Board of
School

Estimate

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

Education meet in Executive Session prior to the March 20, 2006,
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 Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that
the Board of

Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 12:20 p.m.

Karla Milanette, Board Secretary