

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood

Board of Education

May 1, 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 May 1, 2006.

Board Secretary Karla Milanette called the meeting to order at 7:30 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Milanette administered the oaths of office to the elected Board Members: Wayne Eastman, Mark Gleason and Jennifer Payne-Parrish. [The signed Oaths of Office are on file in the Board Secretary's Office.]

ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Gleason,
Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Little, Mr. Miller, Ms. Payne-Parrish,
Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: None.

9 MEMBERS PRESENT

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Milanette called for nominations for President of the Board.

Ms. Wren-Hardin nominated Rowland Bennett for President.

There were no further nominations for President.

ROLL CALL for Mr. Bennett as President: 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Bennett assumed the Chair as President and called for nominations for 1st Vice President:

Mrs. Jasey nominated Andrea Wren-Hardin as 1st Vice President.

There were no further nominations for 1st Vice President.

ROLL CALL for Mrs. Wren-Hardin as 1st Vice President: 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Bennett called for nominations for 2nd Vice President:

Mr. Eastman nominated Lynne Crawford as 2nd Vice President.

There were no further nominations for 2nd Vice President.

ROLL CALL for Ms. Crawford as 2nd Vice President: 8 yes, 1 no

Ms. Payne-Parrish).

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

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

1. Appoint Karla Milanette as Board Secretary.
2. Appoint Karla Milanette as Purchasing Agent and authorize to negotiate and award contracts pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-3.
3. Appoint Karla Milanette as Custodian of Records for the school district.
4. Appoint Cheryl Schneider as Assistant Board Secretary and authorize her to sign checks, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptance, undertakings or other orders for the payment of money in the absence of the Board Secretary.
5. Appoint Cheryl Schneider and William Kyle III as District Safety Officers.
6. Appoint Cheryl Schneider as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the school district.
7. Appoint James Corino as ADA/504 Compliance Officer for the school district.

8. Appoint James Corino as Affirmative Action Officer for the school district.
9. Appoint Patricia Barker as District Liaison for the Education of Homeless Children (per N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.5).
10. Appoint Patricia Barker as DYFS Liaison.
11. Appoint Lovie Lilly as Designee to implement the district's approved vocational and technical education safety and health programs (per N.J.A.C. 6A:19-10.2(b)).
12. Appoint Dana Sullivan as Treasurer for the school district.
13. Appoint William Kyle III as Integrated Pest Management Coordinator.
14. Appoint the firm of Noke and Heard as the independent statutory auditor for the school district at an annual fee of \$55,000.
15. Appoint the law firm of Schenck, Price, Smith & King as the school district's attorney at the rate of \$160 per hour.
16. Appoint the law firm of Wolff & Samson as the Bond Counsel firm to provide specialized legal services necessary in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes by the Board of Education; fees are determined per agreement on file in

Board Secretary's Office.

17. Appoint the firm of Capital Financial Advisors, Inc. to provide annual Financial Advisory Services necessary by the Board of Education; fees are determined per agreement on file in Board Secretary's Office.
18. Appoint the law firm of Love & Randall to serve as Special Legal Counsel at the rate of \$140 per hour.
19. Appoint Banc of America Insurance Services as an insurance agent for the school district.
20. Appoint Manhardt Sharkey & Gorman Inc. as an insurance agent for the school district.
21. Appoint the firm of Brian Altman Architect as the school district's architect; fees are determined per agreement on file in Board Secretary's Office.
22. Approve the firm of Aquarian Designs, Inc. to provide construction management consultation services at a rate of \$60 per hour.
23. Approve the following depositories for school monies:

Bank of America

PNC Bank

Chase Manhattan Bank

Wachovia Bank

24. Accept the By-Laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations.

25. Adopt the Public Meeting Calendar for 2006-2007 per attached.

26. Adopt the Program Assessment Calendar for 2006-2007 per attached.

27. Adopt the School Calendar for 2006-2007 per attached.

28. Adopt the following approved District secondary school, middle school and elementary school curricular programs as presently written for the 2006-2007 school year, with new/revised curricula brought forward for adoption as they are completed and prior to their implementation: [curriculum on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction]:

Art K-12

Career & Technical Education 9-12

Counseling 6-12

Educational Media & Technology K-12

English as a Second Language K-12

English/Language Arts K-12

Enrichment 4-5

Health/Family Life K-12

Home Economics 6-8

Mathematics K-12

Music K-12

Physical Education K-12

Science K-12

Social Studies K-12

World Languages 3-12

29. Approve the existing master agreements with the following units:
- a. South Orange-Maplewood Education Association (SOMEA); and
 - b. Association of Supervisors, Coordinators and Administrators (ASCA).
30. Designate the following newspapers for legal advertisements for the 2006-2007 school year: The Star Ledger, the News Record and the New York Times.
31. Authorize the Board Secretary to purchase the following types of securities for the purpose of investment on a short-term basis:
- a. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America; or
 - b. Bonds of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Land Bank, Federal national Mortgage Associates or of any United States Bank for Cooperatives which have a maturity date not greater than twelve months from the date of purchase; or
 - c. Bonds or other obligations for other school districts.
(18A:20-37)

32. Approve continued membership in the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association and agree to be governed by the Constitution, By-laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association, including all rules governing student athlete eligibility, for the 2006-2007 school year.

ROLL CALL: Motion passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Gleason, Mrs. Jasey, Mr. Little, Mr. Miller, Ms. Payne Parrish, Mr. Wren-Hardin. NO: none.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

The following individuals spoke against the non-renewal of either one or both CHS English teachers: Jan McGrane, Joe Lucchetta, Tess Hebert, Jennifer Dalton, Wayne Wright, Brandi Davis, Chandler Dennis, Joe Lombardo, Faith Alston, Kelly Holechek, and T. J. Whitaker.

The following individuals spoke against outsourcing of lunch aides, custodians and security guards: Robin Wiggins, Jill Fox, Johanna Wright, Wilma Davis, Rose Benaquista, Joyce Smith, Lillie Wiggins, and Hannah Edelman.

The following individuals announced the formation of a new community organization, South Orange Maplewood Partnership for Equity Action and Change (SOMPEAC), and asked to be involved in the selection process of a new superintendent and high school principal, for more communication with the school district: Alma Anderson, Marjorie Lloyd, Carol Joseph, and Ericka Fuller.

Additional individuals:

Name

Topic

Fred Profeta

Announced the Capital Campaign Mayorís Ball and

Mayor of Maplewood	alumni association drive.
Paula Bethea	Welcomed new Board members. Asked that
SOMEA President	lunch aide, custodial and security analyses be reviewed again.
Suzanne Roghanchi	Asked about district policy regarding leveling.
Resident	
Danielle Levine	Congratulated new Board members, described
CHS Student	recent improvements at CHS.
Shelley Slafkes	Thanked Board members who are leaving for
Former Board Member	their service.
John DeVita	Congratulated new Board members. Believes
High School Teacher	there is a need to protest Cap laws.

NEW BUSINESS

Board members asked for information about the update on AP class requests, and Middle States Accreditation extension.

Overview of May 15, 2006 Meeting:

Action: Approve School Calendar 2007-2008 School Year

First Reading: Revisions to Selected Policies

Overview of June 5, 2006 Meeting:

Recognition of Gregg Betheil, David Frazer, Stephen Latz

MOTION made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the May 15, 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 Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Motion unanimously approved at 9:45 p.m.

Karla Milanette, Board Secretary