

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood

Board of Education

November 6, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of South Orange-Maplewood was held in the Auditorium in Columbia High School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood, New Jersey, on November 6, 2006.

President Rowland Bennett 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent: Mr. Little.

8 MEMBERS PRESENT

BOARD RECOGNITIONS ñ Read by Dr. Horoschak

Dr. Lovie Lilly, acting principal of Columbia High School, has announced that in the most recent College Board's *Advanced Placement Report to the Nation*, it states that Columbia High School has one of the strongest math and science Advanced Placement (AP) programs in New Jersey. Because of this outstanding

accomplishment, Columbia is one of a very select group of schools invited to apply for the Seimenis Advanced Placement High School Award. Only 10-15 schools per state, with the highest participation and performance in AP courses in math, science and technology, are invited to apply. One school in each state is chosen to receive a \$1,000 grant to use for science and math education.

The National College Board has announced that a total of 90 current Columbia High School students and 2006 graduates have received Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards for the number of AP courses completed and the high scores received on the AP Exams taken at the end of the course. The College Board AP Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school and, when the student enters college, actual college credit and advanced placement. About 18 percent of the 1.3 million students in almost 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a high enough level to merit such recognition. The following Columbia students received honors based on the number of courses and exams taken and the grades received. (*Denotes June, 2006 graduates):

National AP Scholar

Samrat Bhattacharyya* and Carlos Figueroa* qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of 4 (the top score is 5) on all AP Exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Samrat qualified by scoring a 5 on eight Exams and a 4 on one Exam. Carlos qualified by scoring a 5 on seven Exams and a 4 on one Exam. Samarat is now attending Columbia University and Carlos is attending NJIT.

AP Scholar with Distinction

Twenty-nine students qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more Exams. Included are:

Samrat Bhattacharyya*	Emily Crossin*	Cory Davia*
Grant Diamond*	Evelyn Fanneron	Julia Fendler*
Carlos Figueroa*	Drew Flanagan*	Victoria Fox*
Rebecca Hausner*	Erica Hersh*	Alison Hornstein*
Nancy Huemer*	Jeff Latz*	Wenhan Lin*
Jenniliz Mendez*	Matthew Monformoso*	Jesse Nettleton*
Daniel Olinsky*	Melissa Quick*	Elizabeth Sahner
Orren Saltzman*	Stephen Schwarz*	Claudia Seixas*
Kenneth So	Kaja Stamnes*	Daniel Symonds*

Anna Toledano

Allison Zimmer*

AP Scholar with Honor

Twenty-four qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more Exams. Included are:

Daniel Baer *	Zamaniya Bankole*	Katharine Boehner*
Jared Borden*	Alex Dranove	Julian Elman
Elizabeth Ewald	Matthew Feldman*	Alexandra Flanagan*
Sarah Friedman*	Gabriel Gordon	Eric Jaffe*
Maximilian Kramer	Jesse Krenzin	Jonathan Landress
Kirsten Lynch*	Alicia Mountain*	Alexandra Polson*
Jessica Schneider*	Claire Teitelman	Carolyn Whiting*
Ariana Witkin*	Larissa Wohl*	Sami Yenigun*

AP Scholar

Thirty-seven students qualified for this award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. Included are:

Brian Ash	Julianna Carlson	Nicholas Chew*
Judd Cohen*	Kristen Conrad*	Ryan Dahn
Emma Ensign*	Henry Felsman	Judith Garber
Monica Gholson	Alexandra Goldman	Daniel Gordon
Alexander Green	Aimee Greene*	Rachel Kenselaar
Tatiana Krmpotic*	James Lambert*	Benjamin Lehrer*
Sara Linardducci*	Caitlin Mahony	Kelly Malloy*
Sarah Mucci	Patricia O'Leary	Nicholas Pappalardo
Jeanna Phillips	Jonathan Posner	Samuel Prentice*
Emily Quirk*	Hannah Rebhorn*	Katlyn Robinson*
Elise Rosenthal	Elana Rothenberg*	Kimberly Shiller

Beth Slutzky*

David Solomon

Cecelia Vayda*

Guy Weltchek*

BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ñ read by Dr. Horoschak

The Board of Education acknowledges and extends its thanks and appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Seth Karten of Maplewood for their most generous donation of photography equipment. Valued at \$500, the equipment includes an Omega D-2 Enlarger and accessories.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY DR. HOROSCHAK ñ ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dr. Horoschak read the Annual Asbestos Management Statement as required by law [statement on file in Board Secretary's office].

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Name

Topic

Robin Straus Lack of contract is preventing the Child

CHS Social Worker Study Teams from being fully staffed.

District Resident

Dan Fabrizio The contract should be settled for the

South Orange Resident sake of the teachers and students.

Jason Jackson Spoke about the overuse of district athletic

CHS Teacher/Former fields, non-residents.

Track Coach

Amy Paternite Made suggestions for changes in salary guide.

Maplewood Resident Also spoke about health benefits.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: Program Assessment: Social Studies ñ Ms. Beane, Mr. Preston

Ms. Beane and Mr. Preston presented the primary goals of the Social Studies program, which include maximizing the students' understanding of civics, history, geography and economics, democracy and citizenship.

Methods of assessment and results of surveys were reviewed. Recommendations include review and revision of the social studies curriculum and monitoring the progress and achievement of all students, target resources for professional development for teachers, and improve communication with parents [power point presentation on file in Board Secretary's office].

Board comments included:

- With limited funds available for professional development, areas noted should be targeted.
- Consistency across the district is important.
- Target students who need extra help now.
- Need for continuity between middle schools and high school and uniform assessment districtwide.
- What is the timeline for developing the assessment?
- Is data the same for electives as it is for required courses?
- Involve the Diversity Coordinator and parents.
- Heterogeneous grouping seems to be working; look into expanding it; be aware of scheduling impact.

Discussion: Budget Goals ñ Mr. Gleason

Proposed topics for analysis and exploration by the administration for 2007-08 budget development was outlined by Mr. Gleason.

Board comments included:

- Finance and Facilities Committee to focus on achievement gap. Incorporate in the five year goal: diagnostic assessment, curriculum supervision, professional development, scheduling, curriculum materials.
- Efficiency is key.
- Proposed topics for analysis include class size, administrative structure, summer programs, special education.
- Budget forum to be held next week.
- Suggest evaluation of vendors and contracts.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

MOTION made by Dr. Payne-Parrish, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education:

2174. Award the contract for the Consultant for Academic Achievement and Equity to Mary James-Edwards, Educational Consultant, of Maplewood, New Jersey, for the lowest responsible bid of \$50,000 for the 2006-07 school year.

Board discussion on Resolution 2174 included concern regarding the bid process, timeline expectations, and support for the consultant position.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2174 passed; 5 yes, 2 no (Mr. Gleason, Dr. Payne-Parrish), 1 abstain (Mr. Laine).

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

2175. Approve the submission of a grant application for autism programs to the New Jersey Department of Education Office of Special Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contract and reports on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2175 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Payne-Parrish, that the Board of Education:

2176. Adopts the attached recommendations as stated in the Music Program Assessment as presented to the Board of Education on October 23, 2006 [on file in Board Secretary's office].

ROLL CALL: Motion 2176 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

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

2177. WHEREAS, in accordance with law 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 of 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.

<u>STUDENT #</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
ODOP	CHS	12 th
OFCO	CHS	10 th
Ø8HT	MMS	8 th
ODON	MMS	7 th
OEOS	SB	4 th
ODT8	TUSC	2 nd

ROLL CALL: Motion 2177 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

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

Approve Mark Gleason as Chair of Finance & Facilities Committee.

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

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
David Frazer Maplewood Resident	Spoke about the budget goals and priorities that should be discussed in negotiations, and about administrative expenses.
Steve Latz Maplewood CBAC	Discussed the previous years' topics of Analysis and mentioned an upcoming budget workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Eastman, that the Board of Education requests an exploration from the administration identifying resources or strategies to provide after school help for students.

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

Other discussion included rescheduling elementary conferences from October 9, 2006; non-domiciled students; clarification that broadcast of Board meetings is delayed when taped in CHS rather than the District Meeting Room; Seth Boyden action plan presentation.

The Board of Education will conduct a Budget Forum on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ to discuss the 2007-08 budget. No action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, November 20, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office to discuss personnel and legal issues, negotiations and other matters to be announced at a later date. Immediately following the Closed Session, the Board of Education will meet in Public Session at 7:30 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Special Public Session on Monday, November 27, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ to receive a leadership Profile Report from Heard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd. Immediately following the special Public Session, the Board of Education will recess to Closed Session. No action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, December 4, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office to discuss personnel and legal issues, negotiations and other matters to be announced at a later date. Immediately following the Closed Session, the Board of Education will meet in Public Session at 7:30 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Action will be taken.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the November 20, 2006 Public Meeting to discuss personnel matters, legal matters and negotiations, the nature of which will be made public at a future date. Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Jasey, that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session. Motion unanimously approved at 11:05 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider, Assistant Board Secretary