

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood

Board of Education

December 3, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of South Orange-Maplewood was held in the District Meeting Room at the Administration Building, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, New Jersey, on December 3, 2007.

Board president Mark Gleason 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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mrs.
 Daugherty,

 Mr. Eastman, Mr. Gleason, Ms. Karriem, Mr. Laine, Dr.
 Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin

 Absent: None.

9 MEMBERS PRESENT

BOARD RECOGNITION – *Read by Mr. Gleason*

On November 16, 2007, The Parenting Center, the South Orange Middle School HSA and staff, Seton Hall University and South Orange Village President Douglas Newman hosted the South Orange President's Harvest Ball, an evening of music, dance and fine food, to raise money for a South Orange Middle School after-school program. The successful fundraising event will provide the seed money for "After the Bell Rings," an enrichment program run by district staff and Seton Hall students. An array of classes will be offered such as "CSI-South Orange," "So You Want to be a Rock Star," "Dramedy

Central," "Zoo Safari," "Iron Chef South Orange," "Fashion Institute for the Fabulous" and "Hip-Hop, Salsa and Step Dance." The program will also include an academic support component.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gleason declared the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 29, 2007, and the Executive and Public Sessions of November 19, 2007 approved.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Paula Bethea SOMS Guidance Counselor	Spoke about concerns that 9 th graders have when introduced to new policies and regulations in high school. She suggested that accountability for tardiness begins in middle school.
Steve Latz CBAC Member	Spoke about concerns regarding the governor's funding formula for education. Urged the Board to take a strong stand in an effort to maintain state aid.

Mr. Gleason commented on a letter from a parent expressing concern about the new CHS schedule and encouraged parents to express their concerns to the CHS principal.

DISCUSSION

Second Reading: Policy 7510 – Use of School Facilities

Mr. Eastman introduced the policy and credited it to the Facilities Committee. It offers provisions for use of district facilities that preserve the buildings and are cost neutral.

2008-2009 Budget

Mr. Gleason described the presentation by Mr. Laine and Mr. Osborne to the South Orange CBAC regarding budget development.

Mr. Gleason presented the first draft of a proposed letter to Governor Corzine regarding the budget formula.

Board members suggested changes to the letter and Mr. Gleason summarized their comments as follows:

- § Do not want to push through without careful vetting
- § Tax stressed community
- § Taxpayer equity
- § Commend Governor Corzine's interest in early education

- § Cc: important
- § Early education and achievement gap
- § Celebration of diversity and uniqueness of school system

Linkage of Goals to Budget

Discussion of budget priorities included the following:

Look at the goals document through a budget lens when considering the following:

- § Already funded objective
- § Funds allocated for something else that can be shifted
- § New funding needed for objective

The Finance Committee is scheduling regular meetings to move toward aligning the 2008-09 budget with goals.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

2332. 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 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

0FI5	CHS	12 th
0FI8	MMS	8 th
0FI9	SB	5 th

2333. The Board of Education adopts the following books:

SUBJECT	GRADE	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
Language Arts	7	Heat Mike Lupica	Puffin Books 2006
	7	We Beat the Street How a Friendship Pact Led to Success Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt	Puffin Books 2005

2334A.WHEREAS, the following employees have requested approval for the indicated work-related travel; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated function was previously approved by the employees' supervisor and superintendent as work-related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting

delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the attendance and related travel expenses for the following work-related events:

EMPLOYEE	WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE	DATE	Location	Estimated Cost (\$'s)
*Carol Scalgione	Food Allergies in the School	12/6/07	New Brunswick, NJ	59
*Lauren Vader	Working Successfully with Difficult & Disruptive Students	12/10/07	Parsippany, NJ	195
Judy LoBianco	Eastern District-AAHPERD Convention	2/28-29/08	Newport, RI	355
Judy LoBianco	National AAHPERD Convention	4/8-11/08	Ft. Worth, TX	473
*Joyce Smith	Using Picture Books to Mentor Young Writers	12/5/07	Saddle Brook, NJ	175
*Anita Mack	Successful Co-teaching Strategies	1/11/08	Newark, NJ	195

Brenda Brown	Powerful Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Parents	1/15/08	Edison, NJ	185
Hope Taylor	Powerful Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Parents	1/15/08	Edison, NJ	185
*Mary Maco	Differentiated Instruction	5/5/08	New Providence, NJ	130
*Janet Kahn	Motivating & Challenging the Unmotivated Learner	1/15/08	East Hanover, NJ	149
*Susan Lanzafame	In-Class Resource Program Instruction	2/6/08 and 2/27/08	Morris Plains, NJ	38
Judy Levy	Everything You Always Wanted to Know About QSAC	12/7/07	Monroe Twp, NJ	112
Nina Treitler	Food Allergies in the School Setting	12/6/07	New Brunswick, NJ	20
*Pat Hurley	Eastern District-AAHPERD Convention	2/28-29/08	Newport, RI	496

* Substitute Coverage Required

2334B. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education enters into an
agreement with Educational Information and Resource Center of

Montclair, New Jersey, to provide supplemental educational services to eligible students, pursuant to Section 1116(e) of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, at a cost of up to \$845 in Title 1 funds for each eligible student.

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2334C. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a grant from Washington Mutual in the amount of \$5,000 for South Orange Middle School to be used to purchase library materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following budget is increased and the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to administer it:

20-066-200-890	SOMS	\$5,000
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ROLL CALL: Motions 2332 and 2334A-C passed; 9 yes, 0 no.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2333 passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Gleason, Ms. Karriem, Mr. Laine, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin.

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

2335. Adopts Policy 7510 - Use of School Facilities, as presented [on file in Superintendent's office].

ROLL CALL: Motion 2335 passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mrs.

Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Gleason, Ms. Karriem, Mr.
Laine, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin.

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Marietta Zacker Resident	Encouraged the Board of Education to District involve the community through the website to promote the letter to Governor Corzine. Congratulated the Board on the new district website.
Steve Latz CBAC Member	Suggested reviewing areas where prior budgets have been aligned with goals and spending. Expressed concerns and offered suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Gleason urged the members to look at the new website.
- Mrs. Wren-Hardin, as Chair of the Communications Committee suggested that the Board of Education section of the district website include photographs of Board members.
- Mr. Gleason asked Mr. Eastman for a Policy Committee update.
- Dr. Payne-Parrish reported on the Accountability Act workshop she recently attended.

Future Public Board Meetings – Read by Mr. Gleason

The Board of Education will hold a Special Public Meeting on Monday, December 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the Superintendent's Office at 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. At the meeting, the Board will consider a motion to recess into Closed Session to hold a Student Discipline Hearing. Action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, December 17, 2007, at 7:00 pm, in the Library at South Orange Middle School 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 pm in the South Orange Middle School Auditorium, 70 North Ridgewood Road, South Orange, NJ. Action will be taken.

The Education Liaison Committee of the south Orange-Maplewood Board of Education, the Township of Maplewood and the Township of South Orange Village will meet on Friday, January 4, 2008, at 7:30 a.m. in the Superintendent's Office at 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ, to discuss issues pertinent to the school district and to the two municipalities of South Orange and Maplewood. No action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 7:00 pm, 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 pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Action will be taken.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Laine, that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session to discuss negotiations, the nature of which will be made public at a future date. Motion unanimously approved at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Karriem, that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 10:10 p.m.

Karla Milanette, Board Secretary