

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
January 28, 2008

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 January 28, 2008.

Board President Mark Gleason called the meeting to order at 7:35 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. Gleason, Mr. Eastman, Ms. Karriem, Mr. Laine, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin
Absent: None.

9 MEMBERS PRESENT

BOARD RECOGNITION – Read by Mr. Gleason

1. Clinton Elementary School was awarded one of 32 competitive grants from the National PTA in celebration of National PTA Take Your Family to School Week. Clinton was the only school in New Jersey to receive the \$1,897 grant, which was written by PTA Presidents Leah Gomberg and Cecelia Cancellaro. The presidents created an event called *Walk Around the World*, which invites the community to Clinton School to experience the culture of a variety of countries based on the population of the community and the English as a Second Language classes housed in the school. It was noted that this program was one of the most creative proposals submitted and the National PTA president-elect will personally come to the school's event on February 13th to present the award.
2. Columbia High School's Student Council received two awards from the State Student Council at a recent convention held at the College of New Jersey. The *2008 Top Ten Project* award was given to CHS for its creation of the school's 9/11 Memorial Courtyard. The second, awarded to Columbia for the second consecutive year, was the Honor School Award given for the Student Council's high level of operations and programs and its participation in State Association's events. At the convention, council members presented two workshops, *Cougar Nation*, which encourages school pride and spirit, and *Starting a Gay/Lesbian Alliance at Your School*. Senior Jake Esformes is student council president and Ms. Hannah Edelman and Ms. Beth Dalzell are student council advisors.
3. Three Columbia High School students were selected as members of the All North Jersey Area Bands. Peter Felsman, a junior, was selected to play principal snare drum in the Wind Ensemble while Matthew da Silva, a sophomore, who plays bassoon, and Leah Garber, a sophomore, who plays trumpet, were selected to play with the Symphonic Band. Students from more than 30 schools auditioned for these competitive groups. Peter Bauer director of bands at Columbia High School is their teacher.
4. The Columbia High School Boys' Swim Team (Coach Carly Orpurt)
Essex County Championship - 3rd place
 - 1st place in 100-yard butterfly (Henry Scott)
 - 2nd place in the 200-yard freestyle relay, breaking a school record (Venka Duvvuri, Jeff Porter, Henry Scott, Ned Scott)

- 2nd place in the 500-yard freestyle, breaking a school record (Henry Scott)
 - 2nd place in 50-yard freestyle, breaking a school record, and 100-yard backstroke (Ned Scott)
- Iron Hills Conference Championship
- 1st place in 100-meter butterfly and 2nd place in 400-meter freestyle (Henry Scott)
- The Columbia High School Girls' Swim Team (Coach Kelly Grotrian)
- School record broken in 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard butterfly (Priya Duvvuri)
 - School record broken in 200-yard medley relay (Emily Burniston, Valerie Deraville, Priya Duvvuri, Alex Dorante)

5. The Columbia High School Girls' Fencing Team won the prestigious Santelli Tournament for the fourth consecutive year, taking first place in epee, second place in saber and third place in foil. The winning fencers include:
- epee squad - Tiffani Austin-Ginlock, Michelle Micallef, Rebecca Wenoker, Margaret Brier and Sienna Batzli
 - saber squad - Kathryn Steck, Faizah Muhammad and Juliet Turaliski
 - foil squad - Rebecca Grohman, Rachel Drattler, Stephanie Schneider and Karin Oxford
- The Columbia High School Boys Fencing Team tied for second in the Cetrulo Tournament. The epee squad placed third, the foil squad came in fourth and the saber squad placed sixth. The starters include:
- epee squad – Russell Valle, Jackson Huemer and Matt Heffley
 - foil squad – Brian Kaneshige, Matt Noll, Geoff Marino and Falcon Reese
 - saber squad – Chad Attenborough, James Thomas, Michael Brenner, Darnell Ross and Aaron Wiener
- The coaches are Daryl White and Holly Buechel.
6. Ms. Judy LoBianco was selected for inclusion in the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, representing our nation's Pre-K – 12 Health and Physical Education Administrators. Ms. LoBianco will be involved in the selection of programs for the annual national P.E. convention.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gleason declared the minutes of the Executive and Public Sessions of January 7, 2008 and the minutes of the Executive meeting of January 14, 2008 approved as presented.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
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Lauren Buonocore & Maria Bradley	Spoke about the success of the Project Ahead program at Jefferson School
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Jefferson School
Teachers

Marilyn Wright program. They South Orange Parent	Spoke on behalf of 300 families in response to the proposed kindergarten support funding option 2-Separate Proposal even though it involves increasing taxes.
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Scott Golodner District Parent	Spoke in support of funding full-day kindergarten through increased taxes. Support preference to provide free to free/reduced lunch students eligible but should not be implemented until it is available to all.
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Morgan Hillis &	Spoke in support of full-day kindergarten for
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Vincent Foley all students. Support preference for free/
District Parents reduced lunch students when it is available to all.

Steve Latz Spoke on behalf of the Education Funding
District Resident Committee. Thanked local assembly members
McKeon and Jasey and others who helped to try
to block the recently passed funding
legislation.

Hannah Edelman Voiced her concern about the appointment of
CHS Teacher long-term temporary substitutes.

Amy Paternite Spoke in favor of full-day kindergarten with
Clinton Parent funding through increased taxes. Benefits of
early childhood education is undisputed.

William Keegan Spoke in support of Home Economics courses.
SOMS Teacher Regrets that another program is no longer
offered in the field of industrial arts.

Jane Kachmar-Desonne Spoke about full-day kindergarten and the
District Resident impact of the legislation in constructing a
budget to meet the needs of all students.
Suggested assessing incoming kindergarten
students to determine priority placement in
full-day kindergarten in lieu of relying on
free/reduced lunch status.

DISCUSSION

Kindergarten

Mr. Gleason commended the administration for the timely dissemination of information about the proposal and thanked the community for its thoughtful input.

Board member comments included:

- § The tuition proposal has no support from the community and doesn't provide a curriculum that meets NJ standards.
- § The superintendent was commended for coming up with creative solutions in a difficult budget environment.
- § A suggestion was made to add logistics for funding the program in context of the full budget discussions.
- § Additional consideration for capital projects, timeline and operating costs.
- § Necessary changes to classroom specifications need State approval which takes a very long time.
- § We are a tax-stressed district and should be looking for pay-to-play programs, but not for full-day kindergarten.
- § Would like to see ongoing expansion rather than waiting for universal kindergarten.
- § The rigor of the half-day kindergarten curriculum should be reviewed during the course of further developing the full-day curriculum.

Superintendent Osborne thanked the Board and members of the community who came out to the open forums.

Additional comments included:

- § The goal is to provide full-day universal kindergarten for all children, but our current space constrains our ability to provide the full program at this time.
- § The Phase I proposal calls for an increase from three to eleven the number of full day classes to serve up to 256 students.
- § Kindergarten is still not mandated nor funded by the state in the new funding formula.
- § The process for registering kindergartners for the 2008-09 school year was described.
- § Registration materials will be available online tomorrow and at every elementary school as well as the most used preschools in the area.
- § Parents will be notified of placement in April.
- § There is not a plan to assess the readiness level of children registering for kindergarten as a basis for full-day kindergarten priority placement. As of yet, a suitable assessment method for this purpose has not been identified.

Superintendent Osborne thanked the parent volunteers who helped to disseminate the information to the community.

Second Reading: Policy 5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and Hazing

Mr. Eastman introduced the policy for the second reading.

Ms. Bass recapped the background of the policy and changes that were made since the first reading.

2008-09 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Osborne presented a proposal of next year's preliminary budget, with the following focal points:

- § Guiding Principles of Excellence, Equity and Innovation
- § Alignment of budget to district goals including student learning, professional staff, communication and resource management
- § Mandated versus discretionary spending
- § How we spend the money: service, pupils, personnel, administration, special education, transportation and energy
- § Specific proposed reallocation of funds being mindful of our legacy of excellence, commitment to equity, support for innovation, enhanced internal and external communications, special education and commitment to early learning.
- § Revenue sources – local tax levy, state and federal aid and debt service
- § Tax impact of three scenarios

Board comments and questions included:

- § What is the priority for elimination if revenues do not materialize?
- § Are there any district goals not being funded?
- § Input on separate proposal was requested
- § Will demand for full-day kindergarten be known before the budget is adopted?
- § The superintendent was congratulated on good new ideas that will have a positive impact on the district.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

2345A. RESIGNATIONS

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Brown, Kendell	Paraprofessional CHS – 1.0 FTE	12/20/07
Brutus, Anestine	Paraprofessional MM – 1.0 FTE	1/7/08

2345B. EMERGENT HIRE* APPOINTMENT (*Pending Criminal History Clearance)

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ANNUAL SALARY	HIGHEST DEGREE/SCHOOL
Decker, Sonia	T ESL (.5) / ESL Aide (.5) CLIN 1.0 FTE	1/2/08 6/30/08	\$40,577	MA in Special Education – NJ City University

2345C. APPOINTMENTS

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ANNUAL SALARY	HIGHEST DEGREE/SCHOOL
Gnutti, Andrew	504 Instructional Aide TUS – 1.0 FTE	12/8/07 6/30/08	\$30,423	BA in Communications – Lycoming College, PA
Kalan, Marc	T Language Arts SOM 1.0 FTE	12/1/07 6/30/08	\$58,122	MA in Business Administration – Columbia University

2345D. TERMINATION

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Employee # 2672	T Special Education MM – 1.0 FTE	3/18/08

2345E. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dalton, Jennifer	T English CHS 1.0 FTE	11/29/07-2/26/08 (Paid Maternity Leave) 2/27/08-5/27/08 (Unpaid Family Leave) 5/28/08-6/30/08 (Unpaid Childcare Leave)
Moran, Carolyn	T Special Education CHS – 1.0 FTE	2/4/08-6/30/08 (Unpaid Personal Leave)
Point-du-Jour, Kandice	T Dance CHS 1.0 FTE	11/19/07-2/11/08 (Paid Maternity Leave) 2/12/08-3/31/08 (Unpaid Family Leave)

2345F. STIPENDS

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
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Pomares, Natasha	FLES Program CHS - .5 FTE	1/23/08 3/31/08	-\$431
Seltzer, Laurence	FLES Program CHS - .5 FTE	1/23/08 3/31/08	\$431

2345G. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ADJUSTMENT	ACTUAL SALARY
Blair, Sandra	S3, Secretary DIST – 1.0 FTE	5/29-6/30/07 (168 hours)	\$15.74 (per hour)	\$2,644.32
Byrd, Bernadine	School Bus Aide DIST - .5 FTE	12/1-21/07 (10 hours)	\$7.06 (per hour)	\$70.60
Gaskins, Lena	School Bus Aide DIST - .5 FTE	12/1-21/07 (6 hours)	\$7.34 (per hour)	\$44.04
Pleasant, Shyrisa	S3, Secretary DIST – 1.0 FTE	5/29-6/30/07 (168 hours)	\$15.74 (per hour)	\$2,644.32
Robertson, Erica	School Bus Aide DIST - .2 FTE	12/1-21/07 (18 hours)	\$7.06 (per hour)	\$127.08
Squier, Carol	S3, Secretary DIST – 1.0 FTE	5/29-6/30/07 (168 hours)	\$15.74 (per hour)	\$2,644.32
Van Kline, Mark	School Bus Aide DIST - .5 FTE	12/1-21/07 (24 hours)	\$8.18 (per hour)	\$196.32

2346A. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

STATE CERTIFIED TEACHER

NAME	INSTITUTION	DATE	DEGREE
Adjei-Twum, Kwadwo	University of Cape Coast	1979	BA
Kohutich, George	William Paterson University Fairleigh Dickinson University	5/2001 5/2004	BA MA
Siegel, Jessica	Montclair State University	5/2007	BA

COLLEGE GRADUATE AND COUNTY SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE

NAME	INSTITUTION	DATE	DEGREE
Bartlett, Sandra	Rutgers University	5/1984	BA
Brophy, Nancy	Montclair State University		BS
Davis, Kent	Norfolk State College	7/1982	BA
Dolce, Duclos	Nyack College	5/1992	BA
Garuba, Theresa	University of Ibadan Fordham University Fordham University	6/1974 5/1993 2/2000	BA MA MA

Idebaneria, Mary	Auchi Polytechnic Rivers State University of Science & Technology	1991 2004	BA MA
Lesly, Leslie	Drexel University	6/1982	BA
Navata, Marc	Pennsylvania State University	5/2004	BS
Nilluka, Genevieve	San Francisco State University	5/1994	BA
Raukx, Anthony	Rutgers University New Jersey City University	10/1978 5/2006	BA MA
Salvante, Johanna	Seton Hall University	5/2007	BA
Schneider, Rachael	Montclair State University	1/2008	BA
Ulett-Atwell, Avril	State University of NY at Stony Brook Seton Hall University	5/1988 8/2007	BA MA
Vengraitis, Joseph	Seton Hall University	5/1971	BA
Wallace, Amanda	Montclair State University	1/2004	BA

2346B. APPOINTMENT OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2007-2008
SCHOOL YEAR

NAME	DAILY RATE
Duggan, Eileen	\$160.00
Riley, Jonathan	\$160.00
Wood, Rita	\$160.00

2346C. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME	HOURLY RATE
Gaffney, Geraldine	\$10.00

2346D. APPOINTMENT OF HOME INSTRUCTOR FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME	CERTIFICATION	HOURLY RATE
Popp, Bernice	Elementary School Teacher	\$35.00

2346E. APPOINTMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT COACHES FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	CONTRACT YEAR	STIPEND	BACKGROUND
Grotrain, Kelly	Head Girls Swimming Coach	12/2007 2/2008	\$4,872	Ms. Grotrain is beginning her 4 th year as the Swimming Coach. She holds a county substitute certificate.
White, Robert	Head Boys Fencing Coach	12/2007 2/2008	\$4,058	Mr. White is beginning his 3 rd year as the Boys Fencing Head Coach. He is presently

				employed by Newark Public Schools.
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2347. Approves the attached list of students who are scheduled to attend Out-of-District tuition supported programs for the 2007-2008 school year.

2348. Adopts Riverside Publishing's NJPASS for administration in grade two beginning in the 2007-2008 school year.

2349. Adopts Policy 5512 - Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and Hazing, as presented.

2350. 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.

<u>STUDENT #</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
0CZ7	MMS	6 th
0DVE	MMS	7 th

2351A. Receives and accepts the following financial reports:

1. Board Secretary's Report dated December 31, 2007.
2. Expense Account Adjustment Analysis dated December 31, 2007.
3. Revenue Account Adjustment Analysis dated December 31, 2007.
4. Check Register #351701-352124 in the amount of \$4,007,381.69.
5. Check Register #200281-200282 in the amount of \$1,009,095.57.
6. Check Register #200283 for December payroll in the amount of \$5,322,753.99.
7. Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2007.

2351B. Certify the Board Secretary's Monthly Finance Report [signed certification on file in Board Secretary's office].

2351C. Accept Fiscal Year 2008 Federal Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEIA), Part B grant award in the amount of \$1,359,888 of which \$1,318,078 is for Part B-Basic entitlement and \$41,810 is for Part B-Preschool to be expended between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT previously approved programs are implemented and the Superintendent and his designee is authorized to administer the funds as follows:

<u>IDEIA BASIC</u>	<u>ENTITLEMENT</u>
Public IDEIA-B Basic	\$1,251,238

Non-Public IDEIA-B Basic	\$ 66,840
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TOTAL IDEIA-B BASIC	\$1,318,078
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IDEIA PRESCHOOL

Public IDEIA-B Preschool	\$ 41,810
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Non-Public IDEIA-B Preschool	\$ 0
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TOTAL IDEIA-B PRESCHOOL	\$ 41,810
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TOTAL IDEIA-B COMBINED	\$1,359,888
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2351D. Approves the following change order to the building improvements package "B" at Montrose Alternative School:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Time Extension</u>
Grafas Painting	5	\$22,425.00	0

2351E. Approves the following change order to the asbestos removal portion of the Columbia High School Kitchen Renovation project:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Time Extension</u>
Bako Construction	2	\$4,825.00	0

2351F. Accepts donations for the Parenting Center in the amount of \$5,153.69

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

20-019-200-890 Parenting Center \$5,153.69

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

2351G. Accepts a donation in memory of Brian Henegan in the amount of \$525 to be used at Clinton School.

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

20-057-200-890-CL-5901 Clinton School Music \$525.00

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

2351H. Accepts a grant from the South Orange Maplewood Education Foundation in the amount of \$750 to be used at Clinton School.

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

20-057-200-890-CL-5900 Clinton School \$750.00

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

2351I. Accepts donations from two families to be used at South Mountain School in the amount of \$1,500.

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

20-006-200-890 South Mountain School \$1,500.00

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

2351J. Accepts a grant from the South Orange Maplewood Education Foundation in the amount of \$1,500 to be used at South Mountain School.

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

20-006-200-890 South Mountain School \$1,500.00

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

2351K. Authorize Kinsey Associates to prepare and submit Schematic Plans for renovation of district athletic fields.

2351L. Amend the Long Range Facility Plan to include renovation of district athletic fields.

2351M. 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)
*Karen Moskowitz-MMS	Helping Children with Auditory Processing Disorders	2/1/08	Parsippany, NJ	227
*Carol Ann Scalgione-Jefferson	Caring Hands in the 21 st Century	3/14-15/08	Eatontown, NJ	338
Roseann Voorhees-CHS	Microsoft Access	2/4-5/08	Edison, NJ	399
*Fran Cristalli-SOMS	Section 504: An Updated Look	2/28/08	Saddle Brook, NJ	247
Paula Bethea-SOMS	Section 504: An Updated Look	2/28/08	Saddle Brook, NJ	251
*Carolyn Banks-Clinton	Differentiating Instruction	2/5/08	Somerset, NJ	160
Ann Bodnar-Clinton	Assistant Principals Workshop	5/12/08	Monroe, NJ	135
*Bernice Hall – Clinton	Differentiating Instruction	2/5/08	Somerset, NJ	160
*Beth Frascella-Clinton	Differentiating Instruction	2/5/08	Somerset, NJ	160
*Jeanine Guida Poutre-Clinton	Differentiating Instruction	2/5/08	Somerset, NJ	160
Renee Joyce Marshall	Annual NASW Conference	5/4-6/08	Atlantic City, NJ	340
Debra Gomer	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages	4/3-4/08	NY, NY	295
*Domenico Tancredi, CHS	Showcase Italian II: Teaching the Unknown Classics in Italian	3/14/08	New Brunswick, NJ	50
Debra Gomer	Northeast Conference on Teaching of Foreign Languages	3/28/08	NY, NY	165
Arlene Aguirre – Clinton	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages	4/3-4/08	NY, NY	350

Sonia Decker - Clinton	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages	4/3-4/08	NY, NY	265
Kate Fearon	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages	4/3-4/08	NY, NY	350
*Marie Burke – Clinton	Using Big Ideas to Teach Stand-Based Math	2/7/08	Somerset, NJ	170
*Paula Ortiz - Clinton	Using Big Ideas to Teach Stand-Based Math	2/7/08	Somerset, NJ	170
*Tina Gomez – MMS	How to Dramatically Improve Your Students’ Foreign Language Proficiency	3/6/08	Newark, NJ	195
*Emilio Arias - CHS	How to Dramatically Improve Your Students’ Foreign Language Proficiency	3/6/08	Newark, NJ	203
*Tine Gomez – MMS	Strengthening Your Inclusive Classroom	2/11/08	Newark ,NJ	195
Jane Dell	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages	4/3-4/08	NY, NY	364
*Ramon Robles – CHS	Northeast Conference	3/27-29/08	NY, NY	157
*Adriana Clavijo – CHS	Northeast Conference	3/27-29/08	NY, NY	157
*Rebecca Antunes – Clinton	Using Big Ideas to Teach Stand-Based Math	2/7/08	Somerset, NJ	160
*Anne Rogers – MMS	Teaching & Learning Celebration	3/7-8/08	NY, NY	450
*Charles Taylor-CHS	NJASPERD (P.E.) Convention	2/26/08	East Brunswick, NJ	50

* Substitute Coverage Required

2351N. Approves the following providers for the 2007-08 school year for the service indicated:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Frank Falcone Clifton, NJ	Educational Assessments - LDTC	\$400.
ADP Youth Consultation Services Newark, NJ	Home Instruction	\$50/hour

2351O. Accepts a grant from the New Jersey Department of State in the amount of \$3,000 to be used by Columbia High School to develop programs and promote activities aimed at reducing acts of violence committed by youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following budget is created and

the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to administer it:

20-094-200-890-CH-5901 CHS \$3,000

2351P. Award the contract for the K-12 Language Arts Curriculum Audit to Phi Delta Kappa International of Bloomington, Indiana, at a rate of \$34,200 plus an estimated \$6,000 in travel related expenses.

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

2351Q. WITHDRAWN

2351R. Accept a donation from Thomas Vetter of an elliptical machine and weight bench, valued at approximately \$750 to be used by the Columbia High School physical education department.

2351S. Accept a donation from Scott Riesett of Maplewood, NJ, of the Pro Tools System and related computer hardware and software valued at approximately \$5,205 to be used by the Columbia High School Music Department.

2352. Approves a settlement agreement for special education student #14849, and authorizes the Board President to execute the settlement agreement.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2345A, D-G, 2346A-E, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351A-P, R-S, and 2352 passed; 9 yes, 0 no.

Motion 2345B-C passed. YES: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Gleason, Mrs. Karriem, Mr. Laine, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: none.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
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Steve Latz Maplewood CBAC	Urged consideration of sustainability to be sure full-day kindergarten program can continue from year to year. Suggested creation of a headcount chart to track funding. High school schedule and quality of education will be reviewed.
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Shairronda Sweet District Resident	Spoke about the removal of non-resident students from district schools.
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NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Wren-Hardin provided an update on Youthnet. The next meeting will be at the Loft on February 12. Urged people to volunteer to serve on

the Youth Advisory Board for recreational activities in the community.

Mr. Osborne made an announcement of district activities such as Columbia High School art exhibit, Maplewood Middle School musical, and the basketball team's victory.

Future Public Board Meetings

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, February 4, 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.

The Board of Education will hold a Special Public Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2008, at 7:00 pm, 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, February 25, 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.

The Board of Education will hold a Special Public Meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ to present the Underhill Field renovation design and to hear questions/concerns from the public. No 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, February 29, 2008, at 7:30 am 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.

MOTION made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Dr. Payne-Parrish, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the February 4, 2008, Public Meeting to discuss personnel, legal and special education 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 Mr. Laine, that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 10:45 p.m.

Karla Milanette, Board Secretary