

Reorganizational Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
January 5, 2015

A Reorganizational 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 5, 2015.

Board Secretary Cheryl Schneider 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

OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Schneider administered the oaths of office to the elected Board Members: Elizabeth A. Baker, Maureen E. Jones and Donna Smith [The signed Oaths of Office are on file in the Board Secretary's Office.]

ROLL CALL: Present: Ms. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Ms. Jones, Ms. Kritzberg, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Pai, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Wright

Absent: none

9 VOTING MEMBERS AND ONE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Ms. Lawson Muhammad nominated Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Bennett nominated Mr. Eastman. There were no further nominations for President.

ROLL CALL for President: Ms. Baker: Daugherty, Mr. Bennett: Eastman, Mrs. Daugherty: Daugherty, Mr. Eastman: Eastman, Ms. Jones: Daugherty, Ms. Lawson-Muhammad: Daugherty, Ms. Pai: Eastman, Ms. Smith: Eastman, Mrs. Wright: Eastman (Eastman: 5 Daugherty: 4)

Mr. Eastman was elected president and assumed the Chair as President. Mr. Eastman thanked Mrs. Daugherty for her service as president.

Mr. Eastman called for nominations for 1st Vice President:

Mrs. Daugherty nominated Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Smith nominated Ms. Pai as 1st Vice President. There were no further nominations for 1st Vice President.

ROLL CALL for 1st Vice President: Ms. Baker: Lawson-Muhammad, Mr. Bennett: Pai, Mrs. Daugherty: Lawson-Muhammad, Mr. Eastman: Pai, Ms. Jones: Lawson-Muhammad, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad: Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Pai: Pai, Ms. Smith: Pai, Mrs. Wright: Pai. (Ms. Pai: 5, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad: 4)

Ms. Pai was elected as 1st Vice President.

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

Ms. Baker nominated Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Smith nominated Mrs. Wright as 2nd Vice President.

ROLL CALL for 2nd Vice President: Ms. Baker: Lawson-Muhammad, Mr. Bennett: Wright, Mrs. Daugherty: Lawson-Muhammad, Mr. Eastman: Wright, Ms. Jones: Lawson-Muhammad, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad: Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Pai: Wright, Ms. Smith: Wright, Mrs. Wright: Wright. (Mrs. Wright: 5, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad: 4)

ITEM FOR ACTION - ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

MOTION made by Ms. Pai, seconded by Ms. Smith, that the Board of Education:

1. Appoint Cheryl Schneider as Board Secretary and authorize her to sign checks, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptance, undertakings or other orders for payment of money.
2. Appoint Andrea DelGuercio 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.
3. Accept the By-Laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations.
4. Accept the Public Meeting Calendar for 2015-2016.
5. Adopt the following newspapers for legal advertisements for the 2015-2016 school year: The Star Ledger, the News Record and the New York Times.
6. Adopt Code of Ethics

ROLL CALL: Resolution 1-6 passed. YES: Ms. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Ms. Jones, Ms. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Pai, Ms. Smith, Ms. Wright. NO: None.

MOTION made by Mrs. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Smith, that the Board of Education:

7. Approve Board member committee assignments as noted on the attached spreadsheet [on file in Board Secretary's office].

Board members discussed committee assignments and procedure for assignments of Liaisons. Final liaisons will be determined by next meeting.

ROLL CALL: Resolution 7 passed. YES: Ms. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Pai, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Wright. NO: None.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Paula Bethea SOMS	Congratulated the new board members and officers. SOMEA is ready and looks forward to negotiations.

Mr. Eastman thanked those who voted for him and those who did not as well. He suggested resources to reference for bringing people together across different lines and working as a group.

DISCUSSION

Board of Education Code of Ethics Review - Mr. Stern

Mr. Stern, In-house Counsel, presented a PowerPoint containing a copy of the Code of Ethics for School Board members. Background on the code was provided. Members had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the Code of Ethics [signed certificates on file in Board Secretary's office].

Motion made by Ms. Pai, seconded by Ms. Smith, that the Board recess to Executive session to discuss the Superintendent search. Motion unanimously approved.

Ms. Kritzberg left at 8:18 p.m.

Recess 8:18 p.m.

Reconvene 9:22 p.m.

9 voting members present

Mr. Eastman reported on the discussion in Executive Session. We will continue to work with Hazard, Young and Attea on the Superintendent search and will be doing more advertising. We anticipate additional interviews at the end of February or beginning of March. Mr. Eastman encouraged community involvement by providing comments and input as the process continues.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, January 26, 2015, at 6:30 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 meet in Closed Session on Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:30 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 Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Pai, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the January 26, 2015 Public Meeting of the Board of School Estimate 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. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 9:28 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider