

Special Workshop Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
March 4, 2014

A Special Workshop 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 March 4, 2014.

President Beth Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the District Meeting Room.

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.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman,
Ms. Karriem, Ms. Kritzberg, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad,
Ms. Pai, Mrs. Wren-Hardin, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Dr. Gaudelli

8 MEMBERS AND ONE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSSION

2014-15 Preliminary Budget - Mrs. Schneider

Dr. Osborne introduced the budget and noted that state aid to the district has increased slightly by \$140,000. Position reductions of 18.5 FTEs will hopefully be through attrition. A Community Forum on the budget will be held on March 11 and the budget will be ready for county approval at the next regular Board meeting on March 17.

Mrs. Schneider provided a powerpoint presentation that included the following information:

- Budget Development Process
- Tax Levy Cap Adjustments and Banked Cap
- Revenues Proposed 2014-15 Budget
- Budget Development Guiding Principle: District Goal Four
 - o Alignment of budget to district goals and strategy
 - o Rein in spending: Major Cost Drivers
- Expenses Proposed 2014-15 Budget
- Expense Adjustments and Reductions
- Multi-year Projections
- Estimated tax impact

[presentation is on file in Board Secretary's office and on district website]

Presentation was followed by discussion among Board members including appreciation for the hard work and clear presentation and also the following topics:

- Are there less expensive health benefit providers?
- State Aid – South Orange-Maplewood does not get fair share
- Gifted & Talented Program – costs taken into consideration?
- Will personnel reductions affect program offerings?
- Appreciate tax levy being maintained at the 2% cap.
- How will efficiencies in Special Education impact services?

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Judy LoBianco PE Supervisor	Noted that physical education serves all students from the highest achiever to the most struggling student. Spoke about high school programs and questioned how to monitor attendance for sports that cross over marking periods if giving credit for athletics.
Elizabeth Baker MMS Parent	Spoke about health care expenses, professional development and resource allocation by school.
Steve Latz Maplewood CBAC	Directed the Board's attention to areas of the budget to focus upon. Hopes to have a report available before budget is voted upon.

Dr. Osborne thanked Ms. LoBianco for her leadership and comments. Dr. Osborne also commented on questions regarding health benefits. Mrs. Wright applauded the Physical Education Department and spoke about student exemptions for sports and concern about exemptions for athletes if coaches are not certified Physical Education teachers.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Columbia High School Library, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood, NJ to discuss policy governance and district goals. No action will be taken.

The Board of Education will hold a Community Forum at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ to discuss the 2014-15 preliminary budget. Action may be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, March 17, 2014, 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, April 28, 2014, 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 Thursday, May 15 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, May 19, 2014, 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, June 16, 2014, 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 Ms. Pai, seconded by Ms. Karriem, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the March 17, 2014 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. Karriem, seconded by Ms. Pai, that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 9:08 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider, Board Secretary