

Special Workshop Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
March 4, 2013

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, 2013.

President Beth Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:38 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, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty,
Mr. Eastman, Mr. Giles, Ms. Karriem, Ms. Pai,
Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: Dr. Gaudelli, Mr. Wolff

8 MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSSION

2013-14 Preliminary Budget - Mrs. Schneider

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

- Revenue Proposed 2013-14 Budget
- Expenses Proposed 2013-14 Budget
- Personnel Adjustments
- Total Allowable Tax Levy
- Banked Cap Available future year budgets
- Multi-year Projections
- Estimated tax impact

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

Presentation was followed by discussion among Board members including, but not limited to, the following:

- Capital outlay
- Health care
- Technology
- Tax levy
- Personnel

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Name

Topic

Katie Costello Clarified the importance of her role in the Curriculum Specialist district.

The following people spoke in support of retaining the Curriculum Specialist position:

Jane Dorton (district teacher), Claire Sinclair (district teacher and parent), Kathy Shelffo, (district teacher and resident), Ana Reyes (district teacher and resident).

Marina Budhos Spoke in favor of waiting to move towards Maplewood Resident Teacher's College writing system.

Mark Aronson Spoke with reservations about Teacher's College Maplewood Resident approach to writing as relates to common core.

Andrew Lee Expressed concern about the burden the tax levy Maplewood Resident will put on the people living in the community. Questioned if funds are being properly funded in light of the Title I audit.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that the Board of Education:

2998. Approves the Preliminary Budget for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$111,552,451	104,473,642
Debt Service	4,123,450	3,890,933
Capital Outlay	589,000	
Special Revenue	<u>1,739,244</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	\$118,004,145	\$108,364,575

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education establishes a maximum travel expenditure for the 2013-2014 school year not to exceed the amount of \$150,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to submit the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget to the County Superintendent for review and approval.

MOTION made by Mr. Eastman, seconded by Ms. Pai, to amend Resolution 2998 to reflect a 2% tax levy.

ROLL CALL: Motion to amend resolution 2998 to reflect a 2% tax levy is defeated: 3 yes, 5 no (Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Giles, Ms. Karriem, Mrs. Wren-Hardin)

MOTION made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Eastman, to amend Resolution 2998 to reduce maximum travel expenditure not to exceed \$125,000.

ROLL CALL: Motion to amend resolution 2998 to reduce the maximum travel expenditure not to exceed \$125,000 is defeated: 3 yes, 5 no (Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Giles, Ms. Karriem, Mrs. Wren-Hardin)

ROLL CALL: Motion 2998 passed as originally presented: 5 yes, 3 no (Mr. Bennett, Mr. Eastman, Ms. Pai)

NEW BUSINESS

Columbia High School will present the musical this weekend.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the March 18, 2013 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 Mrs. Wren-Hardin, seconded by Mr. Giles, that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 9:14 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider, Board Secretary