

Regular Meeting  
South Orange-Maplewood  
Board of Education  
June 11, 2012

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 June 11, 2012.

Board President Elizabeth Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:39 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.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty,  
Dr. Gaudelli, Mr. Giles, Ms. Karriem, Ms. Pai,  
Mr. Wolff, Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: Mr. Eastman

8 MEMBERS AND 1 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD RECOGNITION

1. A Columbia High School Television Arts Program video, entitled *Safe Rides: MAPSO Campaign*, was one of five in the state, out of 31 entries, to win an award in the *Ugotbrains Champion Schools Safe Driving Campaign Contest*. Columbia received its prize of \$500.00 at a recent awards showcase celebration. The CHS video was developed by seniors Erica Beni and Samantha Cohen, and juniors Diana Cohen, Tess Cohen and Jonah Wolff, under the direction of Television Production Teacher Anthony Campiglia.
2. Two Columbia High School seniors, Jessica Matalon and Jesse Katz were recognized for their outstanding academic records at the 25th annual Essex County Academic Awards Banquet held on May 1 at Nanina's on the Park in Belleville. The Essex County Academic Awards honors the top two graduates from each public high school in the county and is hosted by the Essex County Executive Superintendent of Schools. Jessica will attend Cornell University in the fall and Jesse will attend the University of Pennsylvania.
3. Two Columbia High School choral students, Carter Woodiel, tenor, grade 10, and Alexandra Pease, soprano, grade 9, were accepted into the 2012 NJ All State Choruses. Carter will be a member of the Mixed Chorus, the highest level honor choir in the state, which accepts about 360 students. The Choir performs in the fall with the All-State Orchestra at the NJEA Convention in Atlantic City and at NJPAC in Newark. Alexandra will be a member of The Women's Chorus, which accepts only 120 members and performs at the state music convention

in February. The two students are in CHS choral classes under the direction of Ms. Jamie Bunce, director of choral activities.

4. Two Columbia High School juniors, Adam Richardson and Zachary Knowles, have been accepted to the New Jersey Governor's School, a unique summer program for academically talented high school students. A residential experience on a college campus, the program emphasizes problem solving of complex issues that exist on a local, state, national, and international level, and leadership training. Adam will study math and science at Drew University and Zachary will attend Rutgers for engineering and technology.
5. The Columbia High School World Language and English as a Second Language (ELL) Department won five awards at the William Paterson Foreign Language Poetry Competition. More than 50 schools entered the competition. The winners include:
  - In Italian: Anna Frederikse won Beginner, 2nd place, and Cameron Davidson won Advanced, 3rd place.
  - In ELL: Niveline Charles won Beginner, 3rd place, Samannie Estriplet won Intermediate, 2nd place, and Belinda Silverne won Advanced, 2nd place.
6. Four seventh graders, Halle Bryant and Eliana Schulman from South Orange Middle and Alex Hauser and Ella Pauly from Maplewood Middle, won awards for the exceptional scores achieved on the SATs they qualified for in the *Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth 2012 Talent Search*. The CTY Talent Search identifies, assesses and recognizes students with exceptional mathematical and/or verbal reasoning abilities and offers them the opportunity to take the SATs in middle school.
7. The Seventh and Eighth Grade Maplewood Middle School Select Chorus and the Seventh and Eighth Grade South Orange Middle School Band each achieved a "Superior" rating at the High Note Festivals in Freehold, NJ, MMS for the ninth consecutive year and SOMS in its first time at the Festival. The judges also praised the skills of choral teacher Regina Bradshaw, the student accompanist, Nathan Maher Levy and instrumental teacher Don Tighe.
8. Jefferson fourth graders Julia Ethan and Jamie Paradis, both students in Ms. Deborah Bialer's class, were selected as winners in the *My Essex County Poster Contest* sponsored by the County Clerk's office of Essex County. The annual contest invites fourth graders to create posters about Essex County and features the winning posters in an Essex County calendar. The students received their awards at a special ceremony in Newark.
9. Supervisor of Physical Education, Nursing Services and Health Judy LoBianco was selected as the 2012 New Jersey State Alliance of YMCA's Champion Award recipient for Youth Development and Healthy Living. The award will be presented in the fall in recognition of her outstanding work with the alliance and the Horizon Foundation through the CATCH and Healthy U initiatives. It was stated that Ms. LoBianco is "a true asset to our kids and to our efforts in developing youth through healthy lifestyles."

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mrs. Daugherty presented Dr. Payne-Parrish with a plaque, thanking her for her service on the Board of Education for the past six years. Dr. Osborne recognized her service as well.

#### BOARD RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Mrs. Daugherty read the names of all district retirees. Each attending retiree was recognized and thanked by an administrator for their years of service [list of retirees on file on Board Secretary's office].

***Mr. Eastman arrived at 8:00 p.m.***

***9 Board members present***

#### HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Marina Budhos Maplewood Resident	Shared her view of the elementary social studies curriculum.
Marc Aronson District Parent	Commented on the need for globally-infused education in social studies for elementary school students in order for them to be prepared for IB in secondary schools.
Sharon Huetz Tuscan Parent	Thanked the Board for extended discussions regarding the District Management Council proposal. Over 100 students attended the Tuscan Kindergarten Orientation and there will be an additional class in the fall.

*Dr. Osborne commented that Tuscan school kindergarten enrollment is slightly over projections but overall district kindergarten enrollment is on target with projections.*

Columbia High School Strategic Plan - Dr. Lovie Lilly, CHS Principal, Dr. Giordano, Director of Guidance, Ms. Faye Lewis and Mr. Michael Healy, CHS Assistant Principals.

Dr. Osborne introduced the Columbia High School Five Year Strategic Plan and turned the presentation over to the CHS administrators who began the presentation with the CHS Mission Statement and beliefs held by the CHS staff.

Objectives are to show improved academic achievement by increasing the proportion of black students enrolled in AP courses. The rate of participation for black students will increase by 50% over a five-year period.

By 2016 CHS will reduce the disparities between black and white students in demonstrating proficiency on state assessments by 50%, and in advanced proficiency by 20%.

Highlights of the plan are:

- Driving principles for teaching and learning - A schoolwide focus toward instructional leadership
  - Instruction - Impact on Student Achievement
  - Learning - Narrowing the academic Achievement Gap
- [Presentation is on file in Board Secretary's office].

The presentation was followed by a discussion among Board members.

***Board recessed at 10:11 p.m.***  
***Board reconvened at 10:20 p.m.***

#### District Management Council Proposal

Dr. Osborne noted that a resolution will be brought before the Board next week to continue our partnership with DMC. In order to provide more clarification at this time, Mr. Nate Levison from DMC has been asked to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Levison explained what DMC has done in the district so far and what they can offer going forward. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Need for a system-wide approach
- DMC's experience in best practices and the district's knowledge of its own history will create a powerful partnership
- Success can be measured by the change DMC can bring to the district in the areas of student achievement and being a financially sustainable program.
- The services will include:
  - o Academic support, inclusion model, fiscal management system and expanded project oversight.

The presentation was followed by a discussion among Board members.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Eastman apologized for not being here in time for the presentation to Dr. Payne-Parrish and offered his thanks to her for her service.

Motion made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the June 18, 2012 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 Dr. Gaudelli, that the Board of Education adjourn.

Motion unanimously approved at 11:55 p.m.

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Cheryl Schneider  
Board Secretary