

Special Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
January 11, 2012

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of South Orange-Maplewood was held in the Auditorium at Columbia High School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood, New Jersey, on January 11, 2012.

Board President Mrs. Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:05 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: Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Dr. Gaudelli, Mr. Giles, Mr. Gleason (arrived at 7:30 pm), Ms. Karriem, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mr. Wolff (arrived at 7:05 pm) Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: None

9 MEMBERS AND ONE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Board president Mrs. Daugherty introduced Superintendent Osborne.

Dr. Osborne presented the State of the District address and provided a summary of the full report [copy of report is on file in the Board Secretary's office].

The floor was opened to questions from the public.

Board recessed at 7:55 p.m.
Board reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

The Board was joined by middle school principals Mr. Jeff Truppo & Mr. Joe Ugliero for a panel discussion on the proposed middle schools transformation program.

Ms. Barbara Heisler moderated the discussion that followed.

Questions that had been submitted prior to the meeting were consolidated into the following eleven areas of discussion:

1. Vision - why International Baccalaureate?
2. Funding
3. Curriculum
4. Pacing of implementation and excluded cohorts
5. Interventions
6. Gifted & Talented
7. Deleveling and data
8. Professional Development
9. High School International Baccalaureate program and 3 year versus 5 year implementation
10. Level criteria and course labels
11. Rigor

Dr. Osborne, Mr. Truppo and Mr. Uglialoro addressed each area.

During the meeting, audience members were asked to write any questions they had on index cards, and a number of these questions were answered at the meeting. The remainder of the questions will be distributed to Board members.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

District parents and CHS alumni gave opinions and suggestions about the proposed International Baccalaureate program and the middle school restructuring.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, to adjourn.

Motion unanimously approved at 9:50 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider
Board Secretary