

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
March 5, 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 March 5, 2012.

Board President Elizabeth Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:30 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,
Ms. Karriem, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: Mr. Wolff (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)

9 MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSSION

2012-13 Budget

Mr. Eastman introduced the status of the budget and the State aid allocation.

Mrs. Schneider then gave a powerpoint presentation to update the development of the 2012-13 Preliminary Budget.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- Review of budget documents presented at previous Board meetings and available on the website
- Budget Assumptions with regard to allocation of State aid
- Expenses versus Revenue
- Review of Major Cost Drivers
- Alignment with District Goals
- Personnel and Non-Personnel Reductions for 2012-13
- Tax Levy Adjustments and Impact

[Presentation on file in Board Secretary's office].

Mr. Wolff arrived at 8:00 p.m.

9 Board members and 1 Student Representative Present

The presentation was followed by a discussion among Board members.

Board Deliberation on Secondary School Proposals

Superintendent Osborne led the discussion on the secondary schools and the proposals for implementation of the Middle Years Programme of the International Baccalaureate, as well as Academic Placement at the high school and middle schools.

[Presentation on file in Board Secretary's office].

The presentation was followed by a discussion among Board members.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

The following people oppose de-leveling and the IB proposal for the middle schools:

Sabine Hack, Rusty Reeves, Michael Goldberg, Nancy Gould, Liz Rohan, Jim Nathenson.

Reasons include: the lack of challenge for top students, lack of data available for the new program, enrichment program that provides challenge to higher level elementary students shouldn't end there, differentiated instruction is difficult, real estate issues in the community over de-leveling.

Additional remarks were made by:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
John Davenport Maplewood Resident	Expressed his dismay that the input from community regarding the new proposal was not considered.
Ruth Lowenkron Maplewood Resident	Favors IB in the high school.
Marianne Rubino CHS Student	Concerned about combined levels in a class and effect on motivation.
Esther Siskind District Resident	Spoke in favor of the IB proposal.
Kadra Said District Resident	Spoke about deleveling.
Steve Latz Maplewood Resident	Supports the proposal because he feels the staff is ready for it at this time.
Valerie Briot District Resident	Has two children not yet in school and is seeking clarity about the differing views regarding the program.
Marina Budhos District Resident	Appreciates how seriously the Board and community are taking the IB program since she is responsible for bringing it to the community.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

MOTION made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education approves resolution 2863.

MOTION made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Eastman, that the Board of Education separates Resolution 2863 into three resolutions.

ROLL CALL: Motion to separate resolution 2863 passed. YES: Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Giles, Mr. Gleason. NO: Dr. Gaudelli, Ms. Karriem, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin.

MOTION made by Dr. Gaudelli, seconded by Ms. Crawford that the Board of Education approves the following:

2863A. Approves the Superintendent's recommendation as put forth in the attached documentation:

- Memorandum submitted to the Board of Education dated December 19, 2011 re: Proposed Middle School Enhancements through the 2015-16 school year, and memorandum submitted to the Board of Education dated February 6, 2012 re: Timeline for Implementation of the Middle School Transformation Proposal

and summarized in the attached document entitled "Important Changes Planned for our Middle Schools and High School."
[Attachments on file in Board Secretary's office]

ROLL CALL: Motion 2863A passed. YES: Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Dr. Gaudelli, Mr. Giles, Mr. Gleason, Ms. Karriem, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Payne-Parrish, that the Board of Education:

2863B. Approves the Superintendent's recommendation as put forth in the attached documentation:

- Memorandum submitted to the Board of Education dated December 19, 2011 re: Proposed Middle School Enhancements through the 2015-16 school year, and memorandum submitted to the Board of Education dated February 6, 2012 re: Timeline for Implementation of the Middle School Transformation Proposal

and summarized in the attached document entitled "Important Changes Planned for our Middle Schools and High School."
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ROLL CALL: Motion 2863B passed. YES: Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Dr. Gaudelli Mr. Giles, Ms. Karriem, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: Mr. Eastman, Mr. Gleason.

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Karriem, that the Board of Education:

2863C. Approves the Superintendent's recommendation as put forth in the attached documentation:

- Memorandum submitted to the Board of Education dated January 18, 2012 re: Proposed Changes to Academic Placement at CHS

and summarized in the attached document entitled "Important Changes Planned for our Middle Schools and High School."
[Attachments on file in Board Secretary's office]

ROLL CALL: Motion 2863C passed. YES: Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Dr. Gaudelli Mr. Giles, Mr. Gleason, Ms. Karriem, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: Mr. Eastman.

MOTION made by Ms. Karriem, seconded by Dr. Payne-Parrish, that the Board of Education:

2862. Approves the Preliminary Budget for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$108,837,485	101,959,453
Debt Service	3,776,445	3,489,625
Special Revenue	<u>2,301,960</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	\$114,915,890	\$105,449,078

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education establishes a maximum travel expenditure for the 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget to the County Superintendent for review and approval.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2862 passed; 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Mr. Gleason)

NEW BUSINESS

Future Meetings

The Board of School Estimate and the Board of Education Facilities, Finance and Technology Committee will meet on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. No action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. 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 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Action will be taken.

The Board of School Estimate will hold a workshop on the 2012-13 proposed budget on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. No action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent. No action will be taken.

The Board of School Estimate will meet on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ to hold a Public Hearing on the 2012-13 Budget and to levy the 2012-13 school tax. Action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent. No action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, April 23, 2012, 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 hold its annual Reorganization Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Action will be taken.

MOTION made by Ms. Karriem, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the March 12, 2011 Public Meeting to discuss personnel, legal and Special Education matters and negotiations, the nature of which will be made public at a future date, and on March 19, 2012 and April 16, 2012 to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation. Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION made by Dr. Gaudelli, seconded by Ms. Crawford, that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 10:44 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider, Board Secretary