

Special Meeting  
South Orange-Maplewood  
Board of Education  
June 18, 2011

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of South Orange-Maplewood was held in the Library at Columbia High School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood, New Jersey, on June 18, 2011.

Board President Elizabeth Daugherty called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.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, Mr. Gaudelli, Mr. Giles, Mr. Gleason (arrived at 11:20 am), Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mrs. Wren-Hardin (arrived at 10:00 am)

Absent: Mrs. Karriem, Mr. Wolin

Also Present: Dr. Osborne, Mr. Memoli, Ms. deKoninck, Ms. Levy, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Larry Leveritt (Policy Governance coach)

8 REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT

District Mission - Theory of Action - Dr. Osborne

The presentation focused on the district commitment to the goal of college and career readiness for every student. The discussion included the importance of ensuring student access to rigorous coursework while maintaining excellence.

[The power point presentation is on file in the Board Secretary's office]

Policy Governance - Mr. Larry Leverett

Powerpoint presentation focused on the following:

- Governance Process
  - o Board policy focus
  - o Board roles and responsibilities
  - o Staff roles and responsibilities
  - o Goal setting roles of the school board
- Board Committees
  - o Role of board committees
  - o Establishing board committees
  - o Examples of committee structure

**Board recessed at 10:10 a.m.**  
**Board reconvened at 10:25 a.m.**

Board members reported on discussions within the two groups.  
Highlights are:

- Setting an annual agenda
- Community outreach
- Roles of committees versus staff
- Reasonable interpretation of policies and monitoring reports
- Opportunities for board development

#### District Goals

Discussion took place regarding goal one. Goals should be consistent in measuring excellence and equity.

Motion made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the June 20, 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. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that the Board of Education adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

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Cheryl Schneider, Board Secretary