

Regular Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
March 7, 2011

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 7, 2011.

Board President Mark Gleason called the meeting to order at 7:40 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, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Giles, Mr. Gleason, Ms. Karriem, Mr. Laine, Mrs. Wren-Hardin

Absent: Mrs. Daugherty, Dr. Payne-Parrish, Mr. Wolin

7 MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gleason declared the minutes of the Executive and Public Sessions of February 16, 2011 approved as presented.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Lynn Schwartz CHS Nurse	Asked the Board to keep the position of Float School Nurse due to the rise in students with diabetes, allergies, etc. Float Nurse prevents the need for school nurses to leave their buildings to attend to students in buildings where the nurse is out.
Jean Johnson Marshall Nurse	Appealed to the Board to reconsider removal of the Float School Nurse position due to the increased number of students needing care, and allows School Nurse to attend 504 meetings, etc. without interruption.
Carol Scalgione Jefferson Nurse	Spoke against the proposed reduction of the Float School Nurse position to allow School Nurses to teach mandatory Health Lessons without interruption. Also, the Float School Nurse was a tremendous help to the district during the H1N1 outbreak.
Emma Lipsley, Maise Mansfield-Greenwald, Charlotte Steiner Middle School Students	Asked questions about the space and materials now used for the Home Economics program.

Superintendent Osborne provided information about the transition from Home Economics classes to Technology Design classes.

David Mansfield MMS Parent	Spoke in favor of keeping the Home Economics program at MMS.
Elizabeth Aaron Clinton Parent	Spoke against moving Elementary Clerical Aide positions to part time citing a need for full time help in the elementary school offices.
Shannon Glander Marshall Inclusion Teacher	Expressed her concern about communication and specifically about documents being available to parents before teachers.
Janine Guida Poutre Clinton Teacher	Urged Board to consider students' needs and to reconsider downsizing Elementary Clerical Aide position to part time, especially with the proposed elimination of Float School Nurse position because more students will be sent to the office.

***Mrs. Daugherty arrived at 8:10 p.m.
8 MEMBERS PRESENT***

Mr. Gleason indicated that tomorrow is the deadline for Board of Education candidates to return their paperwork.

Mr. Laine encouraged people to run for office and that he will not seek re-election. He reflected on all the Board accomplishments during his 4 ½ year tenure and expressed his gratitude to serve with the Board.

DISCUSSION

2011-12 Budget

Mr. Gleason introduced the status of the budget with regard to an increase in State aid since last month's presentation.

Mr. Osborne described the context within which the budget was developed. The State cap will be kept at 2% although the district is entitled to cap adjustments which would allow the cap to go to a 3% increase. He gave an overview of changes made since the preliminary budget presentations and described how the budget supports ongoing initiatives of the district.

Mr. Osborne then gave a powerpoint presentation to update the development of the 2011-12 Preliminary Budget.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- Overview of the presentation from the January 19th and February 16th meetings
- Tax Levy Cap Adjustments
- Expenses versus Revenue
- Changes from the Preliminary to the Proposed Budget

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

The presentation was followed by a discussion among Board members, Board of School Estimate members, and the public.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Fred Profeta Maplewood BSE	Explained the role of the Board of School Estimate in place of public vote and to act on behalf of taxpayers.
Michael Goldberg South Orange Resident	Spoke about the possibility of charging fees for some services to generate revenue. Requested information to be available for the Board of School Estimate hearing.
Bijan Roghanchi District Student	Spoke about the non-economic value of education.
Susan Brody District Teacher	Suggested savings on professional development by utilizing Reading Specialists.
Elissa Malispena SOMS Librarian	Appreciates not losing Tech Aides and spoke about technology labs and the need for additional computers.
Adam Yawdoszyn & John Meusel SOMS Students	Explained concerns about increasing class sizes at CHS in relation to deleveling at middle schools that was supposed to provide smaller classes.
Suzanne Turner South Orange Resident	Expressed her appreciation for using state aid to offset some cuts, but also appreciates keeping the cap at 2%.
Steve Latz Maplewood CBAC	Spoke in support of the budget as is and cited reasons why it is reasonable in the Current economic times.
Hannah Edelman South Orange Resident/ CHS Teacher	Questioned the funding for security gates and other alternatives including security guards at middle schools.

***Board recessed at 9:50 p.m.
Board reconvened at 10:00 p.m.***

Board members continued discussion on the 2011-12 Budget.

Mr. Gleason presented a powerpoint with alternative perspectives on the budget and how to respond to the additional state aid.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

2714A. Approves the Preliminary Budget for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$104,363,414	\$ 99,960,248
Debt Service	3,497,435	3,258,423
Special Revenue	<u>2,241,009</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	\$110,101,858	\$103,218,671

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education establishes a maximum travel expenditure for the 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget to the County Superintendent for

MOTION made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Laine, to amend Resolution 2714A to lower the tax impact on general fund to 1.6%.

ROLL CALL: Motion to amend 2714A to lower tax impact was defeated.
YES: Mr. Eastman, Mr. Gleason. NO: Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Giles, Ms. Karriem, Mr. Laine, Mrs. Wren-Hardin.

MOTION made by Mr. Laine, seconded by Ms. Crawford, to amend Resolution 2714A to approve 2% increase and direct the superintendent to identify modest reduction to cost drivers.

ROLL CALL: Motion to amend 2714A to approve 2% increase and direct the superintendent to identify modest reduction to cost drivers was defeated. YES: Ms. Crawford, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Laine. NO: Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Giles, Mr. Gleason, Ms. Karriem, Mrs. Wren-Hardin.

Motion 2714A passed as presented. YES: Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Giles, Ms. Karriem, Mrs. Wren-Hardin. NO: Mr. Gleason, Mr. Laine.

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

2714B. WHEREAS, the following employees have requested approval for the indicated work-related travel; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated function was previously approved by the employees' supervisor and superintendent as work-related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient

operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves
the attendance and related travel expenses for the following
work-related events:

EMPLOYEE	WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE	DATE	Location	Estimat ed Cost (\$'s)
Barnadine Smith SOMS	The Administrative Assistant	3/16/11	Princeton, NJ	219
Lisa Weber M&T	The Administrative Assistant	3/16/11	Princeton, NJ	199
Ramon Robles CHS	ACA Conference	3/25/11	New Orleans, LA	539
Terry Kohn CHS	Wilson's "Just Words"	3/23- 24/11	New Providence, NJ	185

2714C. Awards the bid for New Air Conditioning Columbia High School Auditorium to AMCO Enterprises, Inc. of Kenilworth, New Jersey, for the lowest responsible bid of \$644,000.

2714D. Awards the bid for Security Gates at the South Orange and Maplewood Secondary Schools to Cypreco Industrsries, Inc. of Neptune, New Jersey, for the lowest responsible bid of \$437,000.

2714E. Awards the bid for Asbestos Abatement at Columbia High School to Tricon Enterprise, Inc. of Keyport, New Jersey, for the lowest responsible bid of \$75,000.

2714F. Awards the bid for Asbestos Abatement at Maplewood Middle School to Control Environmental Systems of Spring House, Pennsylvania, for the lowest responsible bid of \$32,920

2714G. Withdrawn

2714H. Approves the awarding of a joint contract with the Township of South Orange Village and the Township of Maplewood to Nicola Matera & Sons, LLC. of Towaco, New Jersey, for the mowing of large natural turf areas for the amount of \$68,105.00. The Board of Education's share of the total bid is \$14,045.39 for 28.8 acres of the total 139.65 acres.

2715. WHEREAS, Student ID No. 26886 has been duly noticed and afforded the opportunity to participate in a hearing before the Board of Education, and has been afforded certain due process rights; and

WHEREAS, the student's parents were advised of their right to appeal to the Commissioner of Education; and,

WHEREAS, the student's parents do not wish to contest the administration's disciplinary recommendation and have determined that they do not wish a Board hearing at this time; and

WHEREAS, the student has admitted that he/she engaged in prohibited conduct on February 18, 2011 and that said behavior constitutes good cause for further discipline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Student ID No. 26886 will be suspended from February 18, 2011 through March 10, 2011, and placed on long-term suspension if the student fails to comply with terms and conditions of the behavior agreement dated March 7, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Student ID No. 26866 will be excluded from participating in all Columbia High School extracurricular school activities and is not permitted on any school property or at any other school function without prior approval of the Superintendent during the period February 18, 2011 through and including, March 10, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Motion 2714B-F, H, 2715 passed; 8 yes, 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider a resolution in support of last best offer legislation to be put on the agenda for the March 21, 2011 meeting.

Future Meetings - Read by Mr. Gleason

MOTION made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the March 21, 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. Daugherty, that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 12:35 a.m.

Cheryl Schneider, Board Secretary