

Special Meeting
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
July 23, 2016

A Special 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 July 23, 2016.

Board President Ms. Baker called the meeting to order at 8:15 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. Baker, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Maini, Ms. Pai, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Saulean

Also present: Dr. Ramos, Mrs. Schneider

8 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Board president Ms. Baker introduced Ms. Charlene Peterson, Field Service Representative, New Jersey School Boards Association, who facilitated the Board Retreat.

Ms. Peterson discussed policy governance and Board of Education roles including the definition and top ten principles of policy governance.

Board recessed at 10:12 a.m.
Board reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Discussion continued including discussion of the primary roles of the Board.

MR. SAULEAN ARRIVED 11:20 A.M.

8 BOARD MEMBERS, 1 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Discussion included defining the role of the Board and the role of the Superintendent and explored the relationship between the Board and the Superintendent. The purpose of a Board meeting is for the Board to do their work in the public, not the public's meeting. The public should understand the Board's role in policy governance.

Ms. Peterson explained the difference between District goals and Board goals and presented considerations for goal development. Ms. Peterson also explained the New Jersey School Boards Association Board certification program.

Lunch break 12:25 - 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Ramos led a discussion for goal development. The Board discussed goals proposed by Dr. Ramos to develop the District Goals for 2016-17.

MOTION made by Ms. Pai, seconded by Ms. Lawson-Muhammad, to adjourn.

Motion unanimously approved at 3:11 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider
Board Secretary