

South Orange-Maplewood  
Board of Education  
January 3, 2018

A Reorganizational 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 3, 2018.

Board Secretary Paul Roth 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Roth administered the oaths of office to the elected Board Members: Elizabeth Baker, Robin J. Baker and Anthony Mazzocchi [The signed Oaths of Office are on file in the Board Secretary's Office.]

ROLL CALL: Present: Ms. Adamson, Ms. E. Baker, Ms. R. Baker, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Maini, Mr. Mazzocchi, Ms. Pai, Mr. Sabin, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Ms. Sandor

*9 VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Roth called for nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Sabin nominated Ms. Elizabeth Baker for president, seconded by Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad. There were no further nominations for President.

ROLL CALL for Ms. E. Baker as President: YES: Ms. Adamson, Ms. E. Baker, Ms. R. Baker, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Maini, Ms. Pai Mr. Sabin, NO: Mr. Mazzocchi and Mrs. Wright

Elizabeth Baker was elected President and assumed the Chair as President.

Ms. Elizabeth Baker called for nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Board.

Ms. Pai nominated Mr. Sabin for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, seconded by Ms. Robin Baker. There were no further nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

ROLL CALL for Mr. Sabin as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: YES: Ms. Adamson, Ms. E. Baker, Ms. R. Baker, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Maini, Mr. Mazzocchi, Ms. Pai, Mr. Sabin, NO: none ABSTAIN: Mrs. Wright

Mr. Sabin was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Ms. Baker called for nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Board.

Ms. Adamson nominated Ms. Maini for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, seconded by Ms. Pai. There were no further nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

ROLL CALL for Ms. Maini as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: YES: Ms. Adamson, Ms. E. Baker, Ms. R. Baker, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Maini, Mr. Mr. Mazzocchi, Ms. Pai, Mr. Sabin, NO: none ABSTAIN: Mr. Mazzocchi and Mrs. Wright

Ms. Maini was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

ITEM FOR ACTION - ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

MOTION made by Ms. Pai, seconded by Ms. Lawson-Muhammad, that the Board of Education approves the following:

1. Paul Roth as Board Secretary and authorize him to sign checks, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptance, undertakings or other orders for payment of money.
2. Appoint Paul Roth as the Qualified Purchasing Agent and authorize Mr. Roth to negotiate and award contracts pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-3.
3. Appoint Paul Roth as Custodian of Records for the school district.
4. Appoint Andrea Del Guercio as Assistant Board Secretary and authorize her to sign checks, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptance, undertakings or other orders for the payment of money in the absence of the Board Secretary.
5. Pamela Murray as the District ADA/504 Compliance Committee Coordinator for students.
6. Sidney Sayovitz as the District ADA/504 Compliance Committee Coordinator for employees.
7. Sidney Sayovitz of Schenck, Price, Smith & King as the District Title IX Coordinator.
8. Approve Kevin Walston as Affirmative Action Officer for the school district.
9. Approve Dr. Kalisha Harris-Morgan as District Liaison for the Education of Homeless Children (per N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.5).
10. Approve Lauren Reisenauer, Executive Director Special of Services Youth Development as Liaison to the Division of Children and Families.
11. Appoint the law firm of Schenck, Price, Smith & King as the school district's attorney at the rate of \$170 per hour for legal work performed by attorneys of the firm to provide services on legal matters including work as special counsel related to Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying and litigation, \$125 per hour for paralegals and \$160 per hour for Sidney Sayovitz to act as In-house Counsel.
12. Appoint the firm of Phoenix Advisors, Inc. as the Continuing Disclosure Agent, Municipal Advisor of Record and to provide annual Financial Advisory Services necessary by the Board of Education; fees are determined per agreement on file in Board Secretary's Office
13. Appoint the firm of Spiezle Architectural Group as the school district's Architect; fees are determined per agreements on file in Board Secretary's Office.

14. Accept the By-Laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations.
15. Adopt the Public Meeting Calendar for 2017-2018 per attached.
16. Adopt the following newspapers for legal advertisements for the 2017-2018 school year: The Star Ledger, the News Record and the New York Times.
17. Adopt Code of Ethics

ROLL CALL: Resolution 1-17 passed. YES: Ms. Adamson, Ms. E. Baker, Ms. R. Baker, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Maini, Ms. Mazzocchi, Ms. Pai, Mr. Sabin, Mrs. Wright NO: none

Board members discussed committee and liaison assignments. Ms. Baker explained the process used to select committee chairs and assignments.

MOTION made by Ms. Maini, seconded by Ms. Jones, that the Board of Education approves the following:

18. Approve Board member committee assignments as noted on the attached spreadsheet [on file in Board Secretary's office].

ROLL CALL: Resolution 18 passed. YES: Ms. Adamson, Ms. E. Baker, Ms. R. Baker, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Maini, Ms. Mazzocchi, Ms. Pai, Mr. Sabin NO: None ABSTAIN: Mrs. Wright

MOTION made by Ms. Pai, seconded by Mr. Sabin, that the Board of Education approves the following:

19. Approve Board member liaison assignments as noted on the attached spreadsheet [on file in Board Secretary's office].

ROLL CALL: Resolution 19 passed. YES: Ms. Adamson, Ms. E. Baker, Ms. R. Baker, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, Ms. Maini, Ms. Mazzocchi, Ms. Pai, Mr. Sabin, Mrs. Wright NO: None

MOTION made by Ms. Maini, seconded by Mr. Sabin to recess to executive session.

Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Board recessed at 8:00 pm**  
**Board Reconvened at 9:10 pm**

MOTION made by Ms. R. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad, that the Board of Education approves the following:

3659A. RESIGNATION

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
LoBianco, Judy	Supervisor of Health, Physical Ed. & Nursing DIST - 1.0 FTE	3/2/18

3659B. APPOINTMENTS

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ANNUAL SALARY
Cosgrave, Jeffrey	School Library Media Specialist CHS - 1.0 FTE	3/5/18 6/30/18	\$63,662* +\$1,000 flex time

Esposito, Christine	T SPED/INC MAR - 1.0 FTE	3/5/18 6/30/18	\$58,295*
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3659C. APPOINTMENT OF LEAVE REPLACEMENT STAFF

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ANNUAL SALARY
Canela, Esther	T Spanish CHS - 1.0 FTE	1/2/18 3/30/18	\$53,304*
Rodriguez, Antonio	T SPED CHS - 1.0 FTE	1/2/18 2/6/18	\$49,409*

3659D. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Brown, Brenda	T SPED/INC CHS - 1.0 FTE	12/18/17-1/31/18 (Paid Medical Leave)
Grierson, Susan	Assistant Superintendent DIST - 1.0 FTE	1/2/18-1/31/18 (Paid Medical Leave)
Ortiz, Janice	Transportation Coordinator DIST - 1.0 FTE	1/3/18-5/8/18 (Unpaid Medical Leave)

3660. Approves David B. Rubin, Esq. of David B. Rubin, PC of Metuchen, New Jersey as Special Counsel to the Board of Education for the period December 18, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a rate of \$185 per hour, plus reimbursement of all costs, disbursements and expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in connection with this agreement.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
Elissa Malespina	Ms. Malespina thanked the Board for restoring librarian positions.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30pm 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 7:30pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:30pm 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 7:30pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Action will be taken.

MOTION made by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Sabin, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the January 22, 2018 Board 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. Adamson, seconded by Ms. Pai that the Board of Education adjourn Motion unanimously approved at 9:25 p.m.

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Paul Roth, Board Secretary