

Special Meeting  
South Orange-Maplewood  
Board of Education  
April 11, 2019

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 April 11, 2019.

Board President Annemarie Maini called the meeting to order at 7:35 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

ROLL CALL: Present: Board Member Adamson, Board Member E. Baker, Board Member R. Baker, Board Member Cuttle, Board Member Lawson-Muhammad, Board Member Maini, Board Member Mazzocchi, Board Member Wright, Student Representative Hannah Silver

Absent: Board Member Farfan

8 VOTING MEMBERS AND ONE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

Christine Houseworth                      Welcomed the new Superintendent.  
Maplewood

DISCUSSION

*Board President Annemarie Maini spoke of the collaborative efforts of the Board, the community and Dr. William Librera of West Hudson Associates to locate the best candidate during the Superintendent search process.*

*President Maini provided a brief overview of Dr. Ronald Taylor's background and accomplishments as a Superintendent and why these attributes made Dr. Taylor the best choice for the South Orange Maplewood School District.*

*Each Board member commented on the Superintendent search process and welcomed Dr. Taylor as the new Superintendent.*

ITEM FOR ACTION

Motion made by Board Member Lawson-Muhammad, seconded by Board Member R. Baker that the Board of Education approve the following:

3856. Approves an agreement appointing the Superintendent of Schools for the period of July 8, 2019 through June 30, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the President of the Board of Education is Authorized to execute the agreement with the Superintendent on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL: Motion 3856 passed. YES: Board Member Adamson, Board Member E.

Baker, Board Member R. Baker, Board Member Lawson-Muhammad, Board Member, Maini, Board Member Mazzocchi NO: None ABSTAIN: Board Member Cuttle, Board Member Wright

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Kevin Mason, ASCA President,  
Lynn Irby, ASCA Vice President,  
Melissa Butler ASCA Member,  
Elizabeth Aaron ASCA Member

Ms. Aaron read a Statement of Welcome to Dr. Taylor on behalf of ASCA (Association of Supervisors, Coordinators and Administrators.

Dr. Taylor thanked the Board and Dr. Librera for the opportunity to serve as the next Superintendent; He read a statement to the community providing further insight into his background as an educator, his beliefs and plans to continue the work of Board and his predecessors. Dr. Taylor also thanked his wife for her unwavering support, partnership and encouragement.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Future Meetings

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, April 29, 2019 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 meet in Public Session at 7:30 p.m. in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Action will be taken.

MOTION made by Board Member Lawson-Muhammad, seconded by Board Member Mazzocchi that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 8:18 p.m.

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Paul Roth, Board Secretary