

Special Meeting
Budget Hearing
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
April 28, 2022

A Special Public Meeting of the Board of Education of South Orange-Maplewood was held utilizing the online video conference platform on April 28, 2022.

Board President Thair Joshua called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Star Ledger, the News Record, TAPintoSOMA.net, villagegreennj.com and the District website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Member Bergin, Board Member Joshua,
Board Member Malespina, Board Member Siders,
Board Members Vadlamani, Board Member Winkfield,
Board Member Wittleder, Board Member Wright

Absent: Board Member Telesford, Student Rep. Noah Morros

EIGHT VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Motion made by Board President Joshua, seconded by Board Member Bergin to hold this meeting in a hybrid setting. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion made by Board President Joshua, seconded by Board Member Wittleder to recall his previous motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion made by Board President Joshua, seconded by Board Member Siders to hold this meeting in a virtual setting. Motion unanimously approved.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

The School Board meeting is a business meeting in public not a meeting with the public. Oftentimes it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases a unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the Administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools/Chief School Administrator (CSA). If the Superintendent of Schools/Chief School Administrator is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred to the appropriate Board Committee. The Members of the Board Committee work with Administration and the Superintendent to assure that the members fully understand the matter. After the committee discusses the matter, it is presented to the full Board for

discussion before any action is taken. Only then, is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

2022-2023 FINAL BUDGET - Eric Burnside, Business Administrator

Business Administrator Eric Burnside presented the Final Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year. The presentation included the following:

- Budget Development Process
 - Budget Meetings in November & December
 - Estimate Revenue (January)
 - Estimate Appropriations (Expenditures) (February)
 - Balance the budget (February/March)
- Projected Revenue
 - 2022-23 Operating Revenue
 - Revenue Source
 - Tax Levy Cap Adjustments & Banked Cap
- Enrollment
- Expenditures
 - Salaries, Benefits and Contract Services (\$1M increase)
 - Tuition
 - Other Benefits
 - Revenue vs. Appropriations
 - Reserves
- Tax Impact
 - Estimated School Tax Impact
 - 2022-23 Debt Service
- Highlights
 - Technology \$1.7 Million (Lease Purchase Finance)
 - Personnel
 - Athletic Fields Renovation-Estimated \$1 Million
 - Playgrounds for schools under construction- \$500k

[Presentation on file in Board Secretary's office and on the district

ITEMS FOR ACTION

4294A. WHEREAS, on March 21, 2022, the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education approved a preliminary budget to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget was advertised in the News Record of Maplewood and South Orange on April 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget was presented to the public during a public hearing on March 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the 2022-2023 budget shall be:

	2022-2023 Total Expenditures	Less: Anticipated Revenues	Tax Levy
General Fund	145,379,869	17,214,468	128,165,401
Special Revenues	9,698,848	9,698,848	0
Debt Service	10,830,762	2,295,448	8,535,314
Total	165,909,479	29,208,764	136,700,715

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2022-2023 School District Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT there should be raised for the General Fund \$128,165,401 for the ensuing 2022-23 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT there should be raised for Debt Service Fund, \$8,535,314 for the ensuing 2022-23 school year.

ROLL CALL: Motion 4294A PASSED YES: Bergin, Joshua, Siders, Vadlamani, Winkfield, Wittleder NO: Malespina, Wright

4294B. WHEREAS, the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education established \$225,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$23,192.45 as of this date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7, to a maximum expenditure of \$225,000, for all staff and Board members; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

ROLL CALL: Motion 4294B PASSED YES: Bergin, Joshua, Malespina, Siders, Vadlamani, Winkfield, Wittleder, Wright NO: None.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Superintendent's Office, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ, as well as using an online video conference platform 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 8:00 pm for an Organizational/Staff Renewal Meeting in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ in person and utilizing an online video conference platform which will include Hearing of Individuals. The community can view the meeting by following the steps which will be listed on the agenda. If there are members of the community who would like to attend the meeting in person, please note that masks and social distancing are optional in accordance with the guidance received from the local DOH and the CDC. Action will be taken.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Superintendent's Office, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ, as well as using an online video conference platform 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 pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ in person and utilizing an online video conference platform which will include Hearing of Individuals. The community can view the meeting by following the steps which will be listed on the agenda. If there are members of the community who would like to attend the meeting in person, please note that masks and social distancing are optional in accordance with the guidance received from the local DOH and the CDC. Action will be taken.

Motion made by Board President Joshua, seconded by Board Member Bergin, that the Board of Education will meet in Executive Session prior to the May 9, 2022 and May 16, 2022 Public Meetings to discuss personnel and legal issues, negotiations and other matters, the nature of which will be made public at a future date. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion made by Board President Joshua, seconded by Board Member Bergin to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel, legal issues and negotiations. The Board will not return to public session. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session Unanimously approved at 6:56 p.m.

Eric Burnside, Business Administrator