

Special Meeting
Retiree Recognition
South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education
June 6, 2022

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 as well as utilizing the online video conference platform on June 6, 2022.

Board President Thair Joshua called the meeting to order at 7:37 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 Bergin, Board President Joshua,
Board Member Malespina, Board Member Siders,
Board Member Telesford, Board Member Vadlamani,
Board Member Winkfield, Board Member Wittleder,
Board Member Wright

Absent: Student Representative Morros

NINE VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Superintendent Dr. Ronald G. Taylor and the Board held a moment of silence to reflect on the tragic passing of Columbia High School student Moussa Fofana one year ago today.

Dr. Taylor welcomed the retirees, their families and spokespersons. Each retiree was recognized, thanked for their years of service and given the opportunity to speak about their time in the District.

Attending Retirees

Michaia Brown - Spokesperson Dara Gronau
Susan Donatelli - Spokesperson Malikah Majeed
Jonathan Fisher - Spokesperson Frank Sanchez
Donna Grohman - Spokesperson Dr. Jane Bean-Folkes
Lori Hersh - Spokesperson Ryann Varney

Retirees Attending Virtually

Nettie Davis - Spokesperson Tammy Talmadge
Ingrid Williams - Spokesperson Ryann Varney

Non-Attending Retirees

Sheila Bellini	Deborah Delorenzo	George Mauritzen
Susan Betcher	Carla Dos Santos	Renaud Pierre-Louis
Kathleen Bohm	Renee Joyce	Veronica Simmons

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Members presented the following topics for discussion:

Board Member Wittleder - Suspension Moratorium practices, outcomes, action plan and follow up meeting with the Suspension Taskforce.

Board Member Malespina - Target date for the Safety and Security Townhall Meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

Board President Joshua made the following motions, seconded by Board Member Siders:

The Board of Education will meet in a Special Public Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ, as well as using the online video conference platform, which will include Hearing of Individuals and Delegations. Immediately following the Public Session, the Board of Education will then move to go into Executive Session, in person and utilizing an online video conference platform to discuss the Chief School Administrator's evaluation. Action may be taken. Motion unanimously approved.

The Board of Education will meet in a Special Public Meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ, as well as using the online video conference platform, which will include Hearing of Individuals and Delegations. Immediately following the Public Session, the Board of Education will then move to go into Executive Session, in person and utilizing an online video conference platform to discuss the Chief School Administrator's evaluation. 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 may be taken. Motion unanimously approved.

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, June 27, 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 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. Action will be taken. Motion unanimously approved.

The Board of Education will meet in a Special Public Meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ, as well as using the online video conference platform, which will include Hearing of Individuals and Delegations. Immediately following the Public Session, the Board of Education will move to go into Executive Session, in person and utilizing an online video conference platform to discuss the Chief School Administrator's evaluation. Action may be taken. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion made by Board President Joshua, seconded by Board Member Siders to adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 9:01 p.m.

Eric Burnside, Board Secretary