

Special Meeting  
South Orange-Maplewood  
Board of Education  
December 28, 2022

A Regular 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 December 28, 2022.

Board President Thair Joshua called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Member Bergin, Board President Joshua,  
Board Member Malespina, Board Member Siders,  
Board Member Telesford, Board Member Vadlamani,  
Board Member Winkfield

Absent: Board Member Wittleder, Board Member Wright

*SEVEN VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT*

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

Please take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the following manner:

- A. That written notice was sent from the Office of the Secretary of the Board at 7:30 p.m. on June 27, 2022.
- B. That said notice was sent via email to Maplewood and South Orange Township Clerks and the Editors of the News Record, Star Ledger, and the Village Green.

Pledge of Allegiance

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

The school board meeting is a business meeting in public and 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 then shared with the other Board members for consideration. Only then is it placed on the agenda for Board discussion and action at a public meeting.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

ITEM FOR ACTION

Motion made by Board President Joshua, seconded by Board Member Siders to move Resolution 4389 for discussion and voting.

4389. Reject all bids received December 13, 2022 for Building Additions and Renovations for Marshall Elementary School and Montrose ECC. The bids received exceed the project budget and therefore are rejected.

ROLL CALL: Motion 4389 PASSED YES: Bergin, Joshua, Malespina, Siders, Telesford, Vadlamani, Winkfield NO: None

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Future Meetings

Board President Joshua made the following motion seconded by Board Member Bergin:

The Board of Education will meet in Public Session and hold its annual Reorganization Meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ as well as using the online video conference platform. Action will be taken. The Board of Education will adjourn to Closed Session 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 return to Public Session at 7:30 pm. The community can view the meeting by following the steps which will be listed on the agenda.

Motion made by Board President Joshua, seconded by Board Member Siders to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 5:13 p.m.

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Eric Burnside, Board Secretary