

Special Meeting  
South Orange-Maplewood  
Board of Education  
May 8, 2023

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 May 8, 2023.

Board President Kaitlin Wittleder called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Star Ledger, the News Record, TAPintoSOMA.net, villagegreennj.com and posted on the District website.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Member Duvall Wilson, Board Member Eckert,  
Board Member Malespina, Board Member Vadlamani (6:43 p.m.),  
Board President Wittleder, Board Member Wrigh (6:38 p.m.)

Absent: Board Member Gifford, Board Member Winkfield,

*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. Written notice was sent from the Office of the Secretary of the Board at 11:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023.
- 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.

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BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Thank you for coming in-person and dialing-in by phone this evening. The South Orange - Maplewood Board of Education certainly respects that you've taken the time out of your busy day to address the Board at tonight's meeting. We value public involvement in our school district, and we are eager to hear what you have to say. The board does have time limits by policy, and it will be enforcing those to enable as many people to speak as possible this evening. Each individual will be given three

minutes to speak, please do your best to stay within the time afforded to you. The first public comment period is usually limited to one hour and the second public comment period may be limited to thirty minutes. All input shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and will inform future deliberations and work by the Board of Education and its committees.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

NONE.

Board President Wittleder made a motion, seconded by Board Member Malespina to adjourn to Executive Session to conduct Attorney Interviews to fill the vacancy. The length of the Executive Session is estimated to be approximately 160 minutes, after which the public meeting of the Board of Education will reconvene. Action will be taken.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session unanimously approved at 6:40 p.m.

***Board Members Reconvened at 9:27 p.m.  
7 VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT***

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Motion made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Board President Wittleder to move the following resolutions for discussion and voting 4454A-F excluding severed resolutions 4454C and 4454E.

4454A. WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education ("District") desires to become a member of the 1 Government Procurement Alliance national purchasing cooperative ("1GPA"); and WHEREAS, the District has the statutory authority to join an intergovernmental purchasing cooperative pursuant to the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the "Law" or "Chapter 139" and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2; and WHEREAS, the District published a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract on April 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the District desires join with other governmental entities in the performance of purchasing and procurement functions in order to promote efficiency and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to execute the necessary Cooperation Agreement and/or Membership Agreement in order to become a member of the 1GPA national purchasing cooperative.

4454B. WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 & 12 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, award

contracts for the purchase of any goods or services and that were procured through cooperative purchasing agreements; and

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education authorized participation in the 1 Government Procurement Alliance national purchasing cooperative ("1GPA"); and

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing these; and

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education intends to enter into contracts with the vendor below through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current cooperative contract; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to award a contract and purchase certain goods or services from the vendor listed below pursuant to all conditions of the individual contract.

VENDORS	SERVICE/SUPPLY	CONTRACT #
Hanover Research Group	Grant Consulting and Other Research Services	20-04P-01

4454C. Approves the attendance and related travel and/or workshop expenses for the following work-related events:

EMPLOYEE	WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE	DATE(S)	LOCATION	ESTIMATED COSTS
Dr. Ronald G. Taylor Central Office	On Target - NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference 2023	5/17/23- 5/19/23	Atlantic City, NJ	748.77

4454D. Approves the following provider(s) for the service indicated for the 2022-2023 school year:

Provider Name	Service	Rate
Smart Center Jenkintown, PA	Selective Mutism Evaluation	\$495.00
	Selective Mutism Interview	\$495.00
	Jumpstart Treatment	\$595.00
	S-CAT Individualized Intensive Treatment: Single Day Multi-Day	\$2,100.00 or \$3,100.00 \$2,900.00 or \$4,600.00
	CommuniCamp Intensive Group Treatment 3+ Day Program In-Person or Virtual 1 Day Program Virtual	\$1,995.00 \$600.00
	S-Cat Program Monthly Follow-up Consults	\$400 or \$500
	Psychotherapy Weekly Follow-up Consults:	\$130.00-\$150.00

	Master Level Clinician Dr. Elisa Shipon-Blum	\$125.00
	Support Consults	\$44.00-\$50.00
	Medication Management Consultation	\$125 or \$300
	School Consultation 30 minutes 60 minutes	\$300 or \$350 \$500 or \$600
	On-Site School Observation & Training	\$2,500 +travel expenses
	General Training Opportunities Onsite Trainings: 1 Hour Fee 3 Hour Fee 6 Hour Fee	\$750.00 \$1,750.00 \$3,000.00
	Virtual Trainings: 1 Hour Fee 2 Hour Fee 3 Hour Fee	\$500.00 \$1,000.00 \$1,500.00
	Social Communication Full Battery Evaluation	\$2,995.00
	Autism Spectrum Disorder Evaluation	\$1,500.00
	Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Evaluation	\$1,500.00
	Learning Disorder Evaluation	\$1,500.00
	Training & Coaching Services	\$500.00 or \$600.00
	Speech and Language Evaluation	\$1,900.00
	Case Management Training for Treatment Professionals	\$500.00 or \$600.00

4454E. Awards the contract for renovations and additions to Columbia High School to G&P Parlamas of Neptune, New Jersey for the following amounts:

Base Bid	\$32,607,100
Alternate AB-03	\$ 2,200,000
Total	\$34,807,100

	BASE BID	ALTERNATE BIDS				
	Includes Allowance	AB-1	AB-2	AB-3	AB-4	AB-5
CONTRACTOR	AL-1 \$200,000 AL-2 \$100,000 AL-3 \$950,000	Guidance Suite Alterations	Classroom Alterations	Roof Replacement & Coatings	Lockers at Girls Locker Room	Building Addition & Stair Alterations
G&P Parlamas	\$32,607,100.00	\$850,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$2,200,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$4,450,000.00
Morganti Group	\$44,104,963.00	\$974,776.90	\$344,938.00	\$2,285,000.00	\$144,546.00	\$7,101,348.00

Niram	\$37,600,000.00	\$1,093,000.00	\$334,000.00	\$1,120,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$4,499,000.00
The Bennett Company, Inc	\$38,654,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$2,100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$5,300,000.00

4454F. Awards the contract for Legal Services - General Counsel to Lenox Law Firm of Lawrenceville, New Jersey effective, May 9, 2023 at the following rates: Partner \$180.00/hour, Associate \$165/hour, Paralegal \$95/hour, plus the cost of filing fees, investigation costs, transcripts costs, expert fees, witness fees, service charges and the like, Federal Express (overnight) and messenger charges where the use of a messenger is necessary to meet a client's requirements and copying services for projects in excess of 100 pages.

ROLL CALL: Motion 4454A-B, 4454D, 4454F PASSED YES: Duvall Wilson, Eckert, Malespina, Telesford, Vadlamani, Wittleder, Wright  
NO: None

Motion made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Board President Wittleder to move resolution 4454C for discussion and voting. Motion passed unanimously.

ROLL CALL: Motion 4454C PASSED YES: Duvall Wilson, Eckert, Telesford, Vadlamani, Wittleder, NO: Malespina, Wright

Motion made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Board Member Malespina to move resolution 4454E for discussion and voting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Board Member Vadlamani, seconded by Board Member Telesford to table resolution 4454E. Motion unanimously approved.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Board President Wittleder made the following motions, seconded by Board Member Malespina:

The Board of Education will meet in Public Session on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Immediately following the opening of Public Session, the board will move to go into Closed Session in the Superintendent's Office, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ, as well as using an online video conference platform to discuss personnel, matters within the attorney-client privilege, legal, negotiations, and other matters that may arise and require discussion, 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 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 Public Session on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Immediately following the opening of Public Session, the board will move to go into a Closed Session in the Superintendent's Office, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ, as well as using an online video conference platform to discuss personnel, matters within the attorney-client privilege, legal, negotiations, and other matters that may arise and require discussion, to be announced at a later date. Immediately following the Closed Session, the Board of Education will meet in Public Session (estimated to be 7:30 pm) in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ in person, 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.

Motions unanimously approved.

Motion made by Board President Wittleder, seconded by Board Member Malespina to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 9:46 p.m.

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Eric Burnside, Board Secretary