

Regular Meeting
Retiree Recognition
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
June 2, 2014

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, on June 2, 2014.

Board President Mrs. Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:05 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.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. Eastman,
Ms. Karriem, Ms. Kritzberg, Ms. Pai,
Mrs. Wren-Hardin, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Dr. Gaudelli, Mrs. Lawson-Muhammad

7 MEMBERS AND 1 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Mrs. Daugherty opened the meeting by reading the names of all district retirees. Each attending retiree was recognized and thanked by an administrator for their years of service [list of retirees on file in Board Secretary's office].

Dr. Osborne added a word of gratitude to the retirees and noted that this would be Dr. Lydia Furnari's last meeting as she moves on to become the superintendent of Franklin Lakes school district and thanked her for her service.

Board recessed at 8:12 p.m.
Board reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Ralph Solages District Parent	Parent and member of South Orange Maplewood Parents of African-American Students expressed the desire of members of the group to serve on the interview panels for superintendent and Jefferson School principal.
Hannah Edelman South Orange Resident	Commended tonight's recognition of retirees. Hopes for increased communication in the district. Asked that staff and students be part of discussions regarding capital plan to collaborate with ideas and problem solving.

Dr. Alissa Gardenhire
District Parent

Member of South Orange Maplewood Parents of African-American Students shared her interest in engaging the Board to support African-American students, selection of superintendent and principal, and affirmative action officer.

Michael Dixon
South Orange Resident

Spoke about difficulty getting his child's 504 plan implemented and asked for the Board's advice on how to get it done.

Mary MacDonald
South Orange Resident

Reminded Board of the community's request as the superintendent search proceeds - take time to be sure we have the right person for the position and involve the community in the decision making process.

Zena Hardy
District Parent

Member of South Orange Maplewood Parents of African-American Students voiced her concern about opportunities for achievement for all students. Asked how the district is preparing for PARCC, and volunteered to help with superintendent search.

John Teitfert
South Orange Resident

Voiced his concern that allegations against SOMS principal have not been resolved. Cautioned Board to not rush superintendent decision.

Thelma Ramsey
Maplewood Resident

Spoke on behalf of black parents workshop about curriculum and availability of curriculum to parents and asked where the district is regarding closing the achievement gap.

DISCUSSION

Superintendent's Search

A resolution to approve Request for Proposals from search firms is on the agenda tonight to begin the process. Comments are appreciated about not rushing to make a decision. Options for acting and/or interim superintendent will be discussed in executive session.

Board discussion included comments regarding the process used previously.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

MOTION made by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, seconded by Mr. Bennett that the Board of Education approve the following:

3155. Directs the business Administrator, as Purchasing Agent for the School District, to solicit proposals for a superintendent search consultant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the specifications for the superintendent search consultant solicitation.

ROLL CALL: Motion 3155 passed; 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Mrs. Wright)

Future Meetings - *Read by Mrs. Daugherty*

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, June 16, 2014, 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 pm in the District Meeting Room, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ. Action will be taken.

MOTION made by Mrs. Pai, seconded by Mrs. Wren-Hardin, that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session.

Motion unanimously approved at 9:21 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider