

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
February 29, 2024

RESOLUTION 4576A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education receives and accepts the following financial reports:

1. Board Secretary's Report dated January 31, 2024
2. Expense Account Adjustment Analysis dated January 31, 2024
3. Revenue Account Adjustment Analysis dated January 31, 2024
4. Check Register #420252-420940 in the amount of \$
5. Check Register #200848-200849 in the amount of \$3,478,483.53
6. Check Register #200850 for January 2024 payroll in the amount of \$8,092,830.52
7. Treasurer's Reports of December 2023

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RESOLUTION 4576B

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(e), we certify that as of January 31, 2024 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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RESOLUTION 4576C

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE ATTENDANCE AND WORK RELATED TRAVEL
AND/OR WORKSHOP EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, the following employees have requested approval for the indicated work-related travel and/or online workshop; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated function was previously approved by the employees’ supervisor and superintendent as work-related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the attendance and related travel and/or workshop expenses for the following work-related events:

EMPLOYEE	WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE	DATE(S)	LOCATION	ESTIMATED COSTS
Tunde Adedoyin Central Office	Spring Mini Education Fair	3/1/24	Wayne, NJ	\$17.40
Tunde Adedoyin Central Office	Education Opportunities Fair	3/6/24	Ewing, NJ	\$49.10
Katia Alfano Central Office	Transportation Management & Supervisor Skills	3/28/24, 4/4/24, 4/11/24, 4/18/24, 4/25/24, 5/2/24, 5/9/24, 5/16/24, 5/23/24	virtual	\$853.00
Shawana Andrews Central Office	Critical Conversations at School	02/29/24- 03/01/24	New Brunswick, NJ	\$19.46
Elizabeth Barry Central Office	NJASBO Procurement Workshop	3/21/24	Whippany, NJ	\$250.00

Louis Brown Maplewood Middle	Education Opportunities Fair	3/6/24	Ewing, NJ	\$249.10
Eric Burnside Central Office	NJSBGA 25 th Annual Conference	3/19/24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$500.00
Eric Burnside Central Office	NJASBO Annual Conference	6/5/24 6/7/24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,186.42
Karen Cifuentes Columbia High School	Innovations in Special Education Technology	3/15/24	Monroe, NJ	\$184.74
Andrea Del Guercio Central Office	NJASBO Annual Conference	6/5/24 6/7/24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,186.42
Susan Ellis Central Office	Spring 2024 Careers in Education Job Fair	3/5/24	Union, NJ	\$79.40
Valerie Frost Tuscan School	Managing Anxiety in Our Schools and Classrooms	3/15/24	Ridgewood, NJ	\$0.00
Yves Hart Central Office	Critical Conversations at School	2/29/24- 3/1/24	New Brunswick, NJ	\$19.46
Luisa Iuliano-Cabrera Columbia High School	Women's Leadership Conference 2024	3/18/24- 3/19/24	Somerset, NJ	\$635.69
Leshia Johnson Tuscan School	Managing Anxiety in our Schools and Classrooms	3/15/24	Ridgewood, NJ	\$9.89
Keysha Knight Columbia High School	New Jersey Education Summit 23-24	3/21/24	Monroe Township, NJ	\$150.00
Nicole Monfasani Columbia High School	Spring Mini Education Fair	3/1/24	Wayne, NJ	\$17.40
Tracie Morrison Columbia High School	Women's Leadership Conference 2024	3/18/24- 3/19/24	Somerset, NJ	\$481.78
Christin Mullen Central Office	Special Education (504, IEP's, Mediation)	3/12/24 & 5/3/24	Monroe Township, NJ	\$367.68
Nicole Osher Tuscan School	Managing Anxiety in our Schools and Classrooms	3/15/24	Ridgewood, NJ	\$15.84
Corrina Parsio Columbia High School	Women's Leadership Conference 2024	3/18/24- 3/19/24	Somerset, NJ	\$635.69
Christopher Preston Central Office	Education Opportunities Fair	3/6/24	Ewing, NJ	\$49.10
Matthew Rice Central Office	Critical Conversations at School	2/29/24- 3/1/24	New Brunswick, NJ	\$0.00
Matthew Rice Central Office	American Educational Research Association	4/11/24- 4/14/24	Philadelphia, PA	\$1,714.04
Ramon Robles-Fernandez Columbia High School	AP Workshop and Reading	6/10/24- 6/14/24	Tampa, Fl	\$0.00

Ramon Robles-Fernandez Columbia High School	Multilingual Learners Summit	3/1/24	Monroe Township, NJ	\$38.99
Bianca Silva Columbia HS	St. Johnsbury Academy APSI	7/17/23- 7/21/23	St. Johnsbury, VT	\$2,249.69 Price Adjustment
David Velder Columbia High School	Understanding Eating Disorders	3/21/24	Kenilworth, NJ	\$6.20
Kendra Wolsky Central Office	Transportation Management & Supervisor Skills	3/28/24, 4/4/24, 4/11/24, 4/18/24, 4/25/24, 5/2/24, 5/9/24, 5/16/24, 5/23/24	Virtual	\$853.00
Michael Zarabi South Orange Middle	CBT for Chronic Pain and Medical Conditions	3/7/24- 3/8/24	Virtual	\$500.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New Jersey travel regulations (NJAC 6A:23B), Board Policy 8880 – Reimbursement of Travel Related Expenses, and newly enacted legislation [18A:11-12] require prior approval by the Superintendent and by a majority of the full membership of the Board of Education for reimbursement of travel and related expenses of an employee.

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RESOLUTION 4576D

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE RELATED SERVICE PROVIDER(S)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following provider(s) for the service indicated for the 2023-2024 school year:

Provider Name	Service	Rate
Brookfield Schools/Brookfield Academy Cherry Hill, NJ	Homebound Instruction	\$50.00/hour
New Frontiers in Learning, LLC Syosset, NY	Direct Services - Executive Function, Social, and Life Skills Coaching and Classes	\$270/hour in person \$220/hour virtual

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The providers will perform services and/or evaluations for students as needed.

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RESOLUTION 4576E

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVES USE OF VENDORS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the use of the following vendors in excess of the \$44,000 for the 2023-2024 school year:

VENDOR NAME	PRODUCT	TYPE OF VENDOR
B&H Photo	Technology & Photography Supplies and Equipment	Co-op
Map International Import & Export Corp.	Commercial Kitchen Equipment & Service	Co-op
NRG Business Solutions	Energy Utility	Other
Power Place, Inc.	Grounds Equipment	Co-op
R&L Data Center, Inc.	Payroll Services	Other
Rich Tree Service, Inc.	Tree Services	State Contract

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board is required to approve spending authority above \$44,000 for items not awarded by public bidding. Copyrighted materials and vendors on co-op and state contract are exempt from public bidding.

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RESOLUTION 4576F

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION TO PARENTING CENTER

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation to the Parenting Center in the amount of \$13,730.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following budget is increased and the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to administer it:

20-019-200-890	Parenting Center	\$13,730.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contracts and reports on behalf of the Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

These generous donations were made by United Methodist Women Morrow and the Rent Pantry Inc. to support the Parenting Center.

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RESOLUTION 4576G

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE ACHIEVE FOUNDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation from the Achieve Foundation in the amount of \$1,540.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following budget is increased and the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to administer it:

20-006-200-890	Education Foundation	\$1,540.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contracts and reports on behalf of the Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This Achieve Foundation Educator Grant was awarded to Patti Smith, an Evidenced Based Reading Teacher at Clinton Elementary School. These funds will be used to purchase Lexia Core 5, a program designed to help struggling students learn foundational skills essential for reading.

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RESOLUTION 4576H

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION OF FURNITURE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation of furniture (approximate value \$5,000) from the South Orange Library, as described below.

- 5 round tables
- 20 padded chairs
- 2pc counter unit (circulation desk)
- 1 six person privacy desk unit
- 20 chairs on rack
- 1 Playhouse

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This furniture will be used by South Orange Middle School and the playhouse will be used by Clinton Elementary School.

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RESOLUTION 4576I

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPLY FOR NJ HIGH IMPACT TUTORING GRANT FUNDS-
REISSUE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the submission of an application for NJ High Impact Tutoring Grant Funds- Reissue in the amount of \$150,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

It is the intent of the New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program High Impact Tutoring Grant to support districts to provide high dosage, intensive tutoring by focusing on high-impact tutoring interventions for students that have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. This grant opportunity prioritizes districts with elementary schools and their students in grades three (3) and four (4) but will allow LEAs awarded the grant to serve additional students as needed and optimizes funding for targeted tutoring through identified vendors or organizations in addition to schools and districts that meet established, research-based criteria.

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RESOLUTION 4576J

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO
AN AGREEMENT WITH ULTIMATE FRISBEE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Ultimate Frisbee of South Orange, New Jersey for Facility Usage at Underhill field. This agreement is to include the waiver of facility use fees unless there is a cost to the district.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ultimate Frisbee has requested use of the Underhill Field turf/track.

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RESOLUTION 4576K

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT,
AUDITOR’S MANAGEMENT REPORT, AUDIT FINDINGS,
RECOMMENDATIONS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR
THE 2022-2023 AUDIT

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education has received the audit; reviewed the recommendations contained in the Management Report on Administrative Findings, Financial, Compliance and Performance Reporting Audit Report for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as prepared by PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP; and

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby,

1. Authorize the Board Secretary to enter said discussion in the minutes of this meeting;
2. Accept the audit and approve and authorize the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan that addresses the Audit Findings and Recommendations in the Management Report on Administrative Findings, Financial, Compliance and Performance for the Fiscal Year ending June 2023, presented by PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator to produce two (2) certified copies of said Corrective Action Plan to be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools and the State Department of Education.

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RESOLUTION 4576L

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RENOVATIONS AND
 ADDITIONS TO CLINTON AND DELIA BOLDEN SCHOOL
 PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with DMD Contracting, Inc. for Renovations and Additions to Clinton and Delia Bolden School Projects.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DMD Contracting	#12	\$39,506.05 (increase contract)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Change order # 12 includes the following changes to the Clinton Elementary School Project:

- Water service connection not completed per utility
- Furnish and install new brick in lieu of salvaged
- Credit for shaft wall
- Additional anchoring costs for new cornice due to unsuitable existing conditions

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RESOLUTION 4576M

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RENOVATIONS AND
 ADDITIONS TO COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with G&P Parlamas, Inc. for Renovations and Additions to Columbia High School Project.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
G&P Parlamas, Inc.	2	\$348,629.00 (Hazardous Material Allowance)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Change order# 2 is for asbestos abatement and impact costs.

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RESOLUTION 4576N

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE PARTNERSHIP WITH KEAN UNIVERSITY
SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a partnership with Kean University Social Work Undergraduate and Graduate Program in development and implementation of the field work experience phase of its Social Work program for the period September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The partnership between Kean University and SOMSD will allow Kean University Social Work Program undergraduate and graduate students to obtain field work experience.

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RESOLUTION 45760

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO RAISE ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR SUCH CAPITAL PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 18A:22-27

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of South Orange and Maplewood, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board of Education") has determined that certain capital projects authorized by law should be undertaken by the Board of Education and that it is necessary to raise money for such capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board originally authorized the issuance of bonds for these projects via a proposal that was adopted by the Board on July 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are now necessary to complete these projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to record its determination that additional funds are necessary in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-27; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of South Orange and Maplewood, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmative concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby determines that it is necessary to supplement the capital projects as set forth on the Attached Exhibit A (the "Projects") and to incur additional costs associated therewith as set forth therein.

Section 2. The Board of Education hereby determines that the additional costs described in Section 1 hereof are estimated to be \$29,992,765 as set forth in Exhibit A, which estimate is determined by the Board of Education to be readily understandable and is incorporated by this reference as if set forth in this resolution. It is reasonably believed that all of the costs to be borne by the Board of Education will be funded through the issuance of additional school bonds and/or notes and may be funded through the issuance of temporary notes, or may be funded on a permanent basis through the issuance of one or more series of bonds.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that a public hearing will be held by the Board of School Estimate with respect to the additional amounts of money to be raised for the Projects described herein at the Administration Building in the District Meeting Room at a date and time as approved by the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator.

Section 4. The Board Secretary/School Business Administrator of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to each member of the Board of School Estimate not more than thirty (30) days nor less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the public hearing and shall cause a notice of the public hearing and this resolution to be published at least once and not less than seven (7) days prior to the public hearing in the Board's paper of record and shall cause the resolution to be on file and open to examination of the public and to be produced at the public hearing for the information of those attending. The notice of the public hearing and the resolution shall include a statement that the resolution will be on file and open to examination to the public between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the office of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator from the date of such notice until the date of the public hearing.

Section 5. This resolution shall also constitute a declaration of intent by the Board of Education to issue tax-exempt obligations for the purpose of paying expenditures for the Projects pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 6. The Board of Education hereby (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the letters of the New Jersey Department of Education (the "NJDOE Eligibility Letter") and as set forth in Exhibit A; (ii) agrees to locally fund any excess costs; and (iii) delegates the supervision of the Projects to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Exhibit A

Supplemental Authorization

SCHOOL	DOE PROJ. NUMBER(S)	PROJECT	Estimated Cost
South Orange Middle School	4900-050-19-1000 4900-050-19-2000	Air Conditioning Renovations	\$21,001,365.00
Columbia High School	4900-030-19-1000	Renovations	\$8,991,400.00