

Special Meeting
Budget Workshop
South Orange-Maplewood
Board of Education
March 11, 2019

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, on March 11, 2019.

Board President Annemarie Maini called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 Adamson, Board Member E. Baker, Board Member R. Baker, Board Member Cuttle, Board Member Farfan, Board Member Maini, Board Member Mazzocchi, Board Member Wright

Absent: Board Member Lawson-Muhammad

8 VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION

2019-20 Preliminary Budget - Paul Roth, Business Administrator

Dr. Thomas Ficarra, Interim Superintendent opened the discussion by reviewing the current year budget appropriations.

Mr. Roth presented a Powerpoint presentation that included the following information:

- Appropriations
- Projected Revenue 2019-2020
- Tax Levy Cap Adjustments & Banked Cap
- Estimated Tax Impact
- Estimated Household Tax Impact
- Projected Appropriations 2019-2020
- 2019-2020 Appropriations
- 2019-2020 Revenue vs. Appropriations
- Managing the \$3.9 Million Budget Deficit
- 2019-2020 Preliminary Proposed Budget
- Next Steps
- Tentative Budget Calendar

[Presentation on file in Board Secretary's office and on district website]

The presentation was followed by a discussion among Board members that included the following questions and/or comments:

- What information will be recorded and stored in the data warehouse? How will this information be used?
- Will the data warehouse import information from Powerschool?
- How is staff currently using the data warehouse system?
- When will preschool expansion plan be shared with the Board?
- How do we compare with other school districts per pupil spending?
- What is the impact if the district does not receive title funding?
- As maintenance needs are addressed with bonding, the district can plan to apply funds for emergency repairs towards funding a maintenance plan and transportation services.

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TOPIC

Mr. Donoghue
Maplewood

Spoke on behalf of SEPAC. Thank Dr. Ficarra and Mr. Roth for the work that went into creating the budget. SEPAC is excited to hear there will be a third supervisor position added to Department of Special Services; would like to know more about the role of the new position. Mr. Donoghue also stated that while SEPAC understands that out of district program costs are one of the District's biggest financial challenges, they encourage the Board to do its due diligence in understanding special education needs when planning and creating programs to reduce out of district costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member E. Baker gave update regarding state aid as reported at the New Jersey School Board Association Legislative Committee meeting held on March 9, 2019.

Future Meetings

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session on Monday, March 18, 2019 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 Board Member Adamson, seconded by Board Member Wright, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session prior to the March 18, 2019 public meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues, negotiations, security and other matters to be announced at a later date.

MOTION made by Board Member Adamson, seconded by Board Member E. Baker that the Board of Education adjourn Motion unanimously approved at 8:57 p.m.

Paul Roth, Board Secretary