APPROVED Rockville, Maryland 50-1981 October 26, 1981

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at Wheaton High School, Wheaton, Maryland, on Monday, October 26, 1981, at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Carol F. Wallace,

President in the Chair Mr. Joseph R. Barse*
Mr. Blair G. Ewing

Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt
Mr. Jonathan Lipson
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Spencer
Mrs. Eleanor D. Zappone

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews,

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Harry Pitt,

Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner,
Executive Assistant
Mr. Thomas S. Fess,
Parliamentarian

Resolution No. 723-81 Re: Board Agenda for

October 26, 1981

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Greenblatt seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for October 26, 1981.

Resolution No. 724-81 Re: Executive Session -

October 26, 1981

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education change the time of its executive session on October 26, 1981, from 11 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Resolution No. 725-81 Re: Recognition of

Outstanding Scholars

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mr. Lipson, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Each year the National Merit Scholarship Corporation

provides an opportunity for able students to demonstrate their scholastic ability and to compete for a variety of scholarships for their higher education; and

WHEREAS, Each year students from Montgomery County Public Schools are well represented among the national semifinalists which are, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, among the top one-half of one percent of the graduating seniors in United States high schools; and

WHEREAS, One hundred sixteen seniors from nineteen Montgomery County Public high schools are among this year's semifinalists; and

WHEREAS, Twelve students from eight Montgomery County public high schools have been named semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students; and

WHEREAS, The achievements of these students have brought honor to themselves, their families, their teachers, and the Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education, on behalf of the school system staff and the citizens of Montgomery County, extends to each of the students who are semifinalists in the 1982 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Examination or the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students, sincere congratulations and its best wishes for future personal and academic success; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to each of the students honored:

Rajiv Bahl Brenda Barbour Susan E. Beekman Jeffrey L. Bennett Susan A. Berfield Ashutosh A. Bhagwat John A. Bourgeois William L. Bowen Michael P. Boyle Paul E. Brink Rebecca L. Browning Laura J. Cassidy Toussaint L. Celestin Robert N. Chiperfield Nancy J. Cho Martin F. Cohen John H. Cook Robert A. Cornell Leonard V. Covello Danny B. Cruz Anthony P. Datel

Walt Whitman Magruder Damascus Churchill Walt Whitman Churchill Walt Whitman Richard Montgomery Seneca Valley Northwood Sherwood Churchill Wootton Magruder Woodward Walt Whitman Wootton Peary Springbrook Wootton Wootton

David A. Deakin Neil R. Diener Koralleen T. Dolecek Kenneth A. Dubin Morris J. Dworkin Lindsey E. Eagle John K. Edwards Valarie D. Eiland Eileen J. Ennis Oren W. Etzioni Deborah L. Falb Edward A. Fallone Jennifer N. Farrow Ruth B. Felsen Mayer N. Fishman Cheryl A. Fox Russell C. Frazier Janet E. Frenck Daniel J. Friedma David K. Gayer Andrew E. Gelman Carol E. Gerry Felicia B. Gershberg Lisa M. Goldman Elisse J. Gottlieb Douglas B. Grabill Steven B. Grolnic Allen L. Handinson Monica A. Harrison Kevin R. Heath Elizabeth A. Hein Jeffrey S. Hendricks Nancy E. Hendrickson Catherine Hitti Benjamin L. Hsu Brian R. Hunt Janine M. Jackson Leo J. Jennings Kevin D. Joseph Eric Karten Gregory W. Kellogg Jacqueline T. Kelly Diane P. Kilcoyne Orde F. Kittire Michael B. Kirk David H. Kramer Dean C. Kremer Douglas W. Kress Doritt L. Kushner Steven C. Lessoff Carol P. Lubsdorf Marybeth Levin Jane E. Levine Antje H. Lewis

Walt Whitman Springbrook Paint Branch Springbrook Albert Einstein Kennedy Woodward Kennedy Churchill Walt Whitman Walt Whitman Magruder Springbrook Northwood Walt Whitman Richard Montgomery Woodward Seneca Valley Paint Branch Northwood Springbrook Woodward Wootton Wootton Kennedy Gaithersburg Wootton Magruder Kennedy Northwood Woodward Walt Whitman Springbrook Walter Johnson Seneca Valley Blair Churchill Woodward Kennedy Walt Whitman Springbrook Rockville Richard Montgomery Walt Whitman Peary Churchill Springbrook Springbrook Walt Whitman Churchill Bethesda-Chevy Chase Wootton Walt Whitman Woodward

Eli E. Liang Sheryl B. Libman Jeffrey S. Lin Sam C. Lin Anne E. Linton Andrew F. Maddox William R. Malzahn Carol A. Mansfield Nancy J. Martin Nancy E. Mauer Bruce H. McIntosh Lise M. Mendel Steven D. Miller Cheryl J. Moore David W. O'Brien Elizabeth M. Oudens Jennifer L. Owens Stephen J. Parr David R. Pittillo John D. Prince Rebecca Robertson Jonathan H. Romberg Caroline E. Rossi Clare A. Sazama Katherine T. Schwarz Maria F. Scinto Derek M. Scissors Carol R. Sessions Joel D. Shore Teri J. Silvio Brian R. Smith Judith E. Sobeloff Lawrence B. Speckler Anna K. Surr Erika M. Sutherland Margaret A. Thomas Nancy E. Thompson Donald E. Tsai Elizabeth R. Turner Margaret L. Usdansky Jean R. Van Tuyl Audrey L. Watson Eric C. Weaver Karen E. Weaver Glenn E. Weinstein Erica H. Weiss Lisa L. Weiss Michael D. Weiss Kenneth C. Whang Gwenan K. Wilbur Alan A. Yamamura John H. Yim

Wootton Wootton Paint Branch Walt Whitman Churchill Bethesda-Chevy Chase Churchill Walt Whitman Woodward Walt Whitman Paint Branch Walt Whitman Richard Montgomery Springbrook Churchill Walt Whitman Bethesda-Chevy Chase Springbrook Woodward Walt Whitman Walt Whitman Walt Whitman Magruder Walt Whitman Walt Whitman Richard Montgomery Churchill Walt Whitman Kennedy Walt Whitman Walt Whitman Walt Whitman Churchill Walt Whitman Walt Whitman Churchill Wootton Walter Johnson Churchill Walter Johnson Springbrook Sherwood Walt Whitman Damascus Wootton Churchill Gaithersburg Bethesda-Chevy Chase Springbrook Walter Johnson Northwood Walt Whitman

Re: Deaf Dimensions

To celebrate the International Year of the Disabled Person, Board members viewed a performance by Deaf Dimensions.

Resolution No. 726-81 Re: Authorization to Transfer

State Funds for Various

Capital Projects

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The State Interagency Committee transferred funds for various capital projects to recognize approved capital project fund adjustments, thereby necessitating an amendment to the FY 1975 through FY 1982 Capital Improvements Programs; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the superintendent, subject to approval by the County Council, be authorized to receive and expend funds to effect one supplemental appropriation and four fund reduction between projects listed below:

School No	<u>.</u> State Supp	<u>plemental</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>Amount</u>
999-59	To Energy Conservation	<u>From</u> State Grant	82	\$12,400
	From	<u>To</u>		
701-07 424-08 799-04 702-07	Damascus High Walter Johnson Stephen Knolls Damascus Elementary	St. Unliq. Surplus St. Unliq. Surplus St. Unliq. Surplus St. Unliq. Surplus	76 79	\$ 5 65 54,109 2,598

and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of these actions to the County Council.

Mr. Barse joined the meeting at this point.

Re: Board/Press/Visitor Conference

Mrs. Judy Dworkin and Mrs. Ann Rose appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent explained that this was the first monthly financial report of the fiscal year and it was very general. He said that after the budget was approved the Council increased the refuse rate from \$14 to \$22 per ton. He had no intention of taking this \$60,000 out of educational funds and would be

requesting funds from the County Council. He indicated that the major problem area appeared to be transportation which was balanced off by a projected surplus in Category 15.

Mr. Ewing pointed out that there was no change in the revenue anticipated from the state; however, much of the state funds were federal dollars, and he thought they should begin to factor it into the estimates. The superintendent said that most federal projects were advanced funded so much of what they were going to receive was known. The problem would come when they began to build the budget for next year.

Re: Annual Report of the Commission on Children and Youth

Mrs. Lila Trachtenberg explained that the Commission was advisory to the Board of Education, county executive, and County Council. They would like their role to be an active one and wanted to work toward a cooperative resolution of their differences. She commended the Board for its outstanding efforts regarding drug abuse as well as for outstanding work in combating hate and violence activities. She urged the Board to take into full consideration the loss of the use of schools for day care and for services to the elderly. The Commission was actively supporting the opening of a third RICA cottage. She reported that last year the Commission had undertaken a study of adolescent pregnancy, and they were anxious to see the new health curriculum implemented.

Mrs. Tatyana Moss said that the Board had received copies of the updated report on teenage pregnancy. They had looked at last year's concerns and found that the statistics remained the same for this year; therefore, they felt their concern with preventive education was fully justified. They were greatly interested in the school system's effort to implement the health curriculum at an early age.

Mrs. Zappone called attention to the 500 live births to 15 to 19 year olds and asked about the number who were post high school. Mrs. Moss replied that they did not have those statistics. explained that the collection of statistics had been difficult and an interagency committee was now charged with getting that The school system did not require a specific information. statement on why a student withdrew. Mrs. Zappone wondered how they could assure that these girls completed their education. She reported that another school system had an infant care program to allow young people to complete their education. thought they needed prenatal information and child care and In some cases there would be a need for parenting education. vocational courses. Mrs. Moss replied that they had no specific clearing house for these services; however, they hoped to collect the statistics and then have a coordinated effort to address this. Mrs. Zappone commented that should the Commission find

there were sufficient numbers she would propose setting aside on of their school buildings for such a program.

Dr. Pitt reported that they did not keep records for this purpose, but there were 64 youngsters on home instruction at the moment. They knew when the youngsters were pregnant and in school but did not have the reason for their dropping out. Mrs. Zappone said the Commission had mentioned space for day care. She reported that they had been subsidizing day care by not having a direct line item in the Board's budget; however, she did not think they could afford to do that anymore. The superintendent indicated that he had had breakfast with Mr. Gilchrist and Dr. Shaw and they were cognizant of the day care situation.

In regard to school nurses, Mrs. Spencer asked whether they had discussed the Health Department when they had met with the Council. Mrs. Trachtenberg replied that they did not, and Mrs. Spencer suggested that this was an area where they had to work together.

Mr. Ewing thought the Commission was right in that the Board ought to be giving more attention to day care and should work with the Council to make sure day care was available. He had the feeling the school system had done its job in pursuing the development of the health education curriculum. He asked when they would be seeing something on the health curriculum. The superintendent said it was clear the Board had not had a chance to react to the health education program. They would be proposing a mandatory nine-week unit to be given in the eighth grade. There would be parental permission involved in the mandatory unit. He expected that the Board would have something by winter action scheduled for the spring.

Mrs. Peyser pointed out that the Commission was recommending that every child take a course in parenting. She said they did have sex education courses, and she asked whether they had any statistical research that evaluated the effectiveness of these program in preventing teenage pregnancies. Mrs. Moss replied that they did not have statistics on Montgomery County and nothing was conclusively proven in the national studies. However, since they considered pregnancy at this age level to be a serious problem they wanted to try everything possible.

Mr. Austin Heyman stated that they recognized the difficulty the school system had in developing the health curriculum and they share some of Mr. Ewing's impatience. He hoped that when the Board received the curriculum that the Commission would have an opportunity to comment on it. In regard to day care, he recognized the complexity of closing schools, but he asked that the Board be mindful of that population.

Mrs. Spencer said they were recommending an education component aimed at preventing teenage pregnancy and the development of

courses in parenting and child development. She was sure that part of the problem was finding a place in the curriculum for courses such as this. The superintendent said they did have courses in child development but had had a drop in enrollment probably because of the elimination of the seven period day.

Mr. Barse said that while he appreciated the discussion he felt that the relative lack of attention to drug and alcohol abuse was He said that the health curriculum would include an imbalance. drug and alcohol abuse, and he would be interested in the Commission's thoughts and recommendations on this difficult Mr. Heyman replied that they had been very pleased with the work of the interagency planning group. He commented that he did not know that something positive was happening, but he had not data. Mr. Chuck Short remarked that the effort that the Board, County Council, and county executive embarked upon several years ago was exemplary in the nation. He felt that their ability to involve parents had been greatly enhanced in the Thirty-six businesses were involved in publicizing the need for drug and alcohol abuse prevention. He said that they should be proud that in the last couple of year they had a truly effective prevention program in place.

Mrs. Becky Allen, 4 C's, stated that Montgomery County was a leader in the early seventies in providing space for day care. She pointed out that they had 43 centers in the schools, and she hoped that there would be some flexibility in school closures and that staff could give some guidance so as few as possible centers would be closed. Mrs. Wallace commented that they were all concerned about this; however, the County Council and county executive had not come up with the funds to keep day care. She explained that 70 to 90 percent utilization was ideal for schools, and at 70 percent day care could still be in the Mr. Barse remarked that he was in sympathy with Mrs. schools. Allen's remarks and would request a list of those schools nominated for closure which did have day care. Mrs. Spencer also requested a list of receiving schools with day care programs.

Re: 1981 Annual Report of the Citizens' Advisory
Committee for Career and Vocational Education

Mr. Lauren Connery stated that the committee had visited quite a few schools and students were concerned about having one more period a day which led to their first recommendation on the restoration of the seven-period day. They had held one meeting at Peary in the career center and were recommending that the mass of information available be computerized. They had also visited a junior high school and found that students were not receiving enough career information. One of their recommendations dealt with providing vocational assessment centers similar to the Walter Johnson Center. Mr. Lipson remarked that he could speak

for the students because they did back the work of the committee and were interested in the seven-period day being added.

Mrs. Wallace said that she would be coming forth with a proposal for the Board on a seven-period day. She recalled that the seven-period day had started as an extended period, and she hoped that they might have a seventh period which would be a little cheaper than having the seven-period day. She said that she was impressed by the kinds of meetings the committee had held and the work that the committee had done. She indicated that staff would be working on the recommendations of the committee.

Re: Executive Session

Mrs. Wallace announced that the Board had met in executive session from 10:25 p.m. to 11 p.m. on personnel matters.

Re: Board Member Comments

- 1. Mr. Ewing stated that it was his understanding that one of the two black members on the Minority Affairs Advisory Committee had resigned from the committee and planned to join the other minority committee. He said that he had predicted they would have trouble attracting and keeping members because as soon as Mr. Baldwin learned of the history of the committee he had resigned. Mr. Ewing thought the Board would continue to have difficulty with the committee because it could not keep black members who could speak for the black community.
- 2. Mr. Ewing called attention to the <u>Journal</u> article which gave the message that it was impossible to find out who on the Board spent what funds for what purpose. He felt that it was important for the Board to be accountable, and he expected to propose to the Board a way this could be done. He would be proposing a report on expenses and a report on time allocations among the various functions performed on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Spencer commented that accountability was a good idea, and she explained that she and the Board president had tried to give an accounting of their time. Mrs. Wallace added that even with one resignation on the Minority Affairs Advisory Committee there were still two black citizens on the committee.
- 3. Dr. Greenblatt said the Board had received a class size report, and she had asked Mr. Bowers to do a study on the number of classes over the Board guidelines. She asked the superintendent to look into classes that were over by three or four students and see whether the problem could be addressed by part-time teachers.
- 4. Mr. Lipson reported that sometime in the near future he would be introducing a motion on providing for a smooth transition

once the Board had made its closure decisions.

5. Mrs. Zappone announced that the Metropolitan Area Boards of Education had set their fall meeting for November 20 at 6 p.m. The meeting would be held in Ellington High School in the District of Columbia.

Resolution No. 727-81

Re: Executive Session - November 3, 1981

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse abstaining (Mr. Lipson voting in the affirmative):

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Article 76A, Section 11(a) of the <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> to conduct certain of its meetings in executive closed session; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meeting in executive closed session beginning on November 3, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. to consider matters and issues in connection with collective bargaining negotiations as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business.

Resolution No. 728-81 Re: Executive Session - November 10, 1981

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse abstaining (Mr. Lipson voting in the affirmative):

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized under Article 76A, Section 11(a) of the <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> to conduct certain of its meetings in executive closed session; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meeting in executive closed session beginning on November 10, 1981, at 9 a.m. to discuss, consider, deliberate, and/or otherwise decide the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline, removal, or resignation of employees, appointees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement

protecting particular proceedings or matters from public disclosure as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That such meeting continue in executive closed session at noon to discuss the matters listed above, and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session.

Resolution No. 729-81 Re: BOE Hearing 1981-12

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse and Mrs. Wallace voting in the negative (Mr. Lipson voting in the affirmative):

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education deny a hearing in the matter of BOE Hearing 1981-12.

Resolution No. 730-81 Re: BOE Hearing 1981-4

On motion of Mrs. Zappone seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

<u>Resolved</u>, That in the matter of BOE Hearing 1981-4 the Board of Education has referred the matter to the Hearing Examiner for further proceedings consistent with MCPS Regulation 201-8.

For the record, Mr. Ewing stated he would vote against the proposed resolution on the counseling and guidance committee, not because he was opposed to any of these people, but because these recommendations deprived the committee of the current chairman and the current secretary. He said that both of these people had provided fine leadership to the committee, and he believed it was a mistake and would cause problems in terms of the effectiveness of the committee. Mrs. Spencer stated that it had been the practice for the student advisor to recommend students from committees, for the Board to appoint parents, and for the staff to appoint staff. In this case, the Board changed the staff recommendations. For the record, Mrs. Wallace stated that she would be abstaining because she had reservations similar to those of Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Spencer.

Resolution No. 731-81

Re: Appointment of Members to the Advisory Committee on Counseling and Guidance

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Barse seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Barse, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Spencer voting in the negative; Mrs. Wallace abstaining (Mr. Lipson abstaining):

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Policy Statement on Counseling and Guidance adopted by the Board of Education on October 22, 1973, revised and adopted on June 12, 1978, the members of the Advisory Committee on Counseling and Guidance are appointed by the Board; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the following persons be appointed to the Advisory Committee on Counseling and Guidance for a two-year term:

Elizabeth Boone

Stanton Boteler
Bonnie Fitzpatrick
Dedra Green
Kathy McGuire
Joseph Monte

Christine Ney
Patricia Wener
Kay Hyangbo
Eric Wickman
Greg Robbins
Elizabeth Arnold
Jane Segal
Barbara West
Anne Williams

Resolution No. 732-81

Area 1, Supervisory of Secondary Instruction

Counselor, Tilden Junior High Counselor, Walter Johnson High Counselor, Julius West Middle Counselor, Highland Elementary Resource Counselor,

Einstein High

Teacher, Gaithersburg High Teacher, Key Junior High Student, Wootton High Student, Churchill High

Student, Walter Johnson High

Parent Parent Parent Parent

Re: Employment of Legislative

Aide

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Greenblatt seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly has and regularly exercises the authority to enact laws that control the organization, financing, and other aspect of public education at both state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, It is vitally important for the Board of Education and superintendent of schools to be aware of and knowledgeable about legislative proposals, and to offer viewpoints on these matters to the legislators from Montgomery County so that the best interests of the public schools and their students may be served; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has engaged the services of a legislative aide since the 1978 General Assembly session and that had resulted in better liaison with the Montgomery County Delegates and Senators, and in legislation that was generally favorable to the public schools of the county; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education hereby appoints Mrs. Lois Stoner as its part-time legislative aide for the period beginning October 26, 1981, and ending June 30, 1982, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an appropriate letter of agreement.

Re: Items of Information

Board members received the following items of information:

- 1. Evaluation of Concord, Longview, and Stephen Knolls
- 2. Report on RICA
- 3. Office Automation Report
- 4. Class Size

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

President

Secretary

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