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Rockville, Maryland  
May 3, 1982

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, May 3, 1982, at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Eleanor D. Zappone, President in the Chair  
Mr. Blair G. Ewing  
Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt\*  
Mr. Jonathan Lipson  
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser  
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Spencer  
Mrs. Carol F. Wallace

Absent: Mr. Joseph R. Barse

Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Announcements

Mrs. Zappone announced that Mr. Barse was out of town and that \*Dr. Greenblatt would be joining the Board in a few minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 360-82 Re: Approval of the Agenda - May 3, 1982

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for May 3, 1982.

Re: Montgomery County Council's Request for  
\$1,000,000 in Reductions to the FY 1983  
Operating Budget

On recommendation of the superintendent, Mr. Lipson moved the following which was seconded by Mrs. Zappone:

WHEREAS, On March 1, 1982, the Board of Education submitted the school system's FY 1983 Operating Budget Request to the Montgomery County Council in the amount of \$356,615,351; and

WHEREAS, The Council has had four public action sessions on this budget and has made tentative reductions amounting to \$3,143,009; and

WHEREAS, The Council believes that further budget reductions are required and has asked the Board of Education to provide a list of reductions amounting to approximately \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has the legal responsibility to respond to this request according to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Section 5-101(f), which states:

In addition to all other information required by this section, the Montgomery County Board of Education, on request of the county executive and County Council, shall provide with the annual budget the program implications of recommendations for reductions to or increases in its annual budget, at whatever different levels of funding and accompanied by whatever reasonable supporting detail and analysis, as may be specified by the county executive and County Council...;

now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education submits the attached information as directed by the Montgomery County Council with the following stipulations:

1. This list is not recommended by the Board of Education.
2. The Board's only budget recommendations for FY 1983 are those contained in the budget request agreed upon by the Board of Education on February 25, 1982, and totalling \$356,615,351.  
\$1,000,000 of Reductions to the Board Approved FY 1983  
Operating Budget and Their Impact as Required  
By the Montgomery County Council  
May 3, 1982

Eliminate the addition of 1 elementary reading teacher \$ 19,271

Impact: There will be no improvement in staffing elementary schools for reading

Reduce the request for behavioral assistants in the senior high schools by 2 positions 24,278

Impact: Limit expansion of the in-school suspension program to 5 senior high schools

Cut increase for inflation from the K-12 textbook accounts 120,000

Impact: Reduced number of textbooks would be purchased

Reduce private placement tuition account or release this amount from the \$450,000 provided for by Council in designated surplus 200,000

Impact: Eliminates provision for appeal decisions and increases the possibility of a deficit in this account

Reduce by one-half the request for word processing and modernized copying equipment in area offices 60,000

Impact: Would severely limit area offices' ability to

communicate with schools compounded by a loss of  
6 clerical positions in the current school year

Reduce the request for bus gasoline 150,000

Impact: Refined calculation for gasoline including two  
cents per gallon state tax reducing the amount  
per gallon required by seven cents

Reduce amount requested for additional buses 120,000

Impact: Revision of amount required for additional buses  
based on update of October, 1981, bus prices to  
current amounts

Reduce Maintenance request 100,000

Impact: A general reduction for supplies and materials and/or  
position reductions to be determined by the Board

Reduce the request for Management Information and Computer Services  
100,000

Impact: Change lease-purchase for computer from 3 year to 4  
year contract. This will be possible assuming the  
balance of the computer budget is funded by Council

Eliminate entire request for staff vehicle replacement 50,000

Impact: No vehicles have been replaced for 6 years.  
Deterioration of the fleet continues with  
ensuing maintenance costs

Reduce the request for the roving custodial crew by 3 positions

Impact: Reduce the flexibility to provide adequate substitute  
coverage to schools

Total Reductions \$1,006,049

Depending on the overall resource level finally approved by County  
Council for FY 1983, the Board may wish to reconsider further  
revisions to the driver education program as proposed on the March 9,  
1982, nonrecommended budget reductions sent to Council although it is  
not included on the above list.

RESOLUTION NO. 361-82 Re: An Amendment to the Proposed Resolution  
on the County Council's Request

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

RESOLVED, That the motion on the Montgomery County Council's request  
be amended by adding a final Whereas: "Whereas, On March 9, 1982,

the Board of Education, under the direction of the County Council and the county executive, submitted a list of additional reductions which would reduce the budget to the \$353 million level and are now submitting a revision of those reductions.

RESOLUTION NO. 362-82 Re: An Amendment to the Proposed Resolution  
on the County Council's Request

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

RESOLVED, That the motion on the Montgomery County Council request be amended by adding a fifth Whereas: "Whereas, The Board of Education believes the Council has made grave errors in reductions already taken and that further actions would be unwise and would inflict still further damage on public education."

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt to Amend the  
Fifth Whereas of the Proposed Resolution on  
the County Council's Request (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Greenblatt to amend the fifth Whereas by deleting the words, "and would inflict still further damage on public education" failed with Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative (Mr. Lipson voting in the negative).

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt to Amend the  
Reductions to the Board Approved FY 1983  
Operating Budget

Dr. Greenblatt moved the following, seconded by Mrs. Wallace:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education delete \$150,000 - bus gasoline, \$120,000 - additional busses, \$100,000 - lease of computer, and \$130,000 - private Placement tuition provision for a total of \$500,000 to come down to the \$353 million level.

Re: A Substitute Motion to Dr. Greenblatt's  
Motion to Amend the Reductions to the Board  
Approved FY 1983 Operating Budget

Mrs. Spencer moved the following, seconded by Mr. Ewing:

RESOLVED, That the items listed in Dr. Greenblatt's motion be Group A, modifying the heading to \$500,000 instead of \$1,000,000, with the rest of the items on the list as Group B if the County Council chooses to cut below their targeted \$353 million level.

Dr. Greenblatt asked that the question be divided.

RESOLUTION NO. 363-82 Re: Tabling of Mr. Lipson's Motion on the  
Montgomery County Council's Request

On motion of Mr. Lipson seconded by Mrs. Wallace, the following  
resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Lipson's motion on the Montgomery County County's  
request be tabled until later in the meeting.

Re: Movement Towards Retiree-Under-65 Group  
Health Insurance Parity With the County  
Government

On recommendation of the superintendent, Mr. Ewing moved the  
following which was seconded by Mrs. Spencer

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education support the concept of equity  
between the county government and school system retiree-under-65  
group health insurance, support Category 10 budget of \$166,000 if  
money is in addition to and not part of total school budget for  
program, and the Board not formally commit itself to Plan E at this  
time.

Mrs. Wallace asked that the question be divided.

RESOLUTION NO. 364-82 Re: Tabling a Proposed Motion on Retiree-  
Under-65 Group Health Insurance

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Wallace, the following  
resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the proposed resolution to adopt the superintendent's  
recommendation on retiree-under-65 group health insurance be tabled.

Re: Mrs. Spencer's Substitute Motion on  
Alternatives for Reaching the County/  
Executive \$353 Million Target

Mrs. Spencer moved the following which was seconded by Mr. Ewing:

ALTERNATIVES FOR REACHING THE COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE  
\$353 MILLION TARGET FOR THE BOE BUDGET

1. If, based on further analysis, the Council determines that  
approximately \$500,000 should be cut from the Board's request for  
computer services, the \$353 million target will have been reached and  
no further reductions are necessary.

2. If however, the Council is persuaded to fund the Board's request for computer services, the following four reductions will achieve the \$353 million target level:

a. Reduce private placement provision	\$130,000
b. Reduce provision for bus gasoline	150,000
c. Reduce provision for additional buses	120,000
d. Extend computer lease from 3 to 4 years	100,000
Total	\$500,000

3. If the Council determines it must cut the Board's budget request below the \$353 million target level, it could consider the following items after those in item #2:

a. Eliminate 1 reading teacher	\$ 19,271
b. Reduce behavioral assistants by 2 positions	24,278
c. Cut the increase for textbook inflation	120,000
d. Reduce copying and wordprocessing by half	60,000
e. Reduce maintenance request	100,000
f. Eliminate staff vehicle replacement	50,000
g. Reduce the roving custodial crew by 3 positions	62,500
Total	\$436,049

RESOLUTION NO. 365-82 Re: Item #1 of Mrs. Spencer's Substitute  
Motion on Alternatives for Reaching the  
Council/Executive \$353 Million Target

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt item #1 of the alternatives for reaching the Council/executive \$353 million target.

RESOLUTION NO. 366-82 Re: Item #2 of Mrs. Spencer's Substitute  
Motion on Alternatives for Reaching the  
Council/Executive \$353 Million Target

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt item #2 of the alternatives for reaching the Council/executive \$353 million target.

Re: Amendment to Mrs. Spencer's Substitute  
Motion on Alternatives for Reaching the  
Council/Executive \$353 Million Target

Mrs. Peyser moved the following, seconded by Dr. Greenblatt:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education amend item #3 of the alternatives for reaching the Council/executive \$353 million target by deleting item a. - 1 reading teacher - \$19,271, item b. - reduce behavioral assistants by two positions - \$24,278, and item c. - cut

the increase for textbook inflation - \$120,000, and by adding \$70,000 from private placement tuition and \$93,550 from .01. Mrs. Wallace asked that the question be divided.

RESOLUTION NO. 367-82 Re: First Section of Item #3 of the Alternatives for Reaching the Council/Executive \$353 Million Target

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education delete item a. - 1 reading teacher -\$19,271, item b. - reduce behavioral assistants by 2 positions - \$24,278, and item c. - cut the increase for textbook inflation - \$120,000 and move items d. through g. up in the alphabet.

RESOLUTION NO. 368-82 Re: Second Section of Item: #3 of the Alternatives for Reaching the Council/Executive \$353 Million Target

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education add a new item e. - reduce private placement provision - \$70,000.

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend the Third Section of Item #3 of the Alternatives for Reaching the Council/Executive \$353 Million Target (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Peyser seconded by Dr. Greenblatt to amend the third section of item #3 of the alternatives for reaching the Council/executive \$353 million target by adding a new item f. - reduce the .01 - \$93,550 failed with Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative; Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Wallace abstaining (Mr. Lipson abstaining).

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing to Amend the Third Section of Item #3 of the Alternatives for Reaching the Council/Executive \$353 Million Target (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Spencer to amend the third section of the alternatives for reaching the Council/executive \$353 million target by adding a new item f. - \$10,000 from the Board's own budget (\$7,000 from expenses and \$3,000 from travel) failed with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Spencer voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Peyser and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative; Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Wallace

abstaining (Mr. Lipson abstaining).

Re: Item #3 of the Alternatives for Reaching  
the Council/Executive \$353 Million Target  
(FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Peyser seconded by Dr. Greenblatt, to amend the item #3 of the alternatives for reaching the Council/executive \$353 million target by deleting item a. - 1 reading teacher - \$19,271, item b. - reduce behavioral assistants by 2 positions - \$24,278, and item' c. - cut the increase for textbook inflation - \$120,000 and by adding \$70,000 from private placement tuition failed with Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative (Mr. Lipson voting in the affirmative).

RESOLUTION NO. 369-82 Re: An Amendment to the Proposed Resolution  
on the County Council's Request

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, To amend the resolution on the Montgomery County Council's request for \$1,000,000 in reductions to the FY 1983 operating budget by adding another Whereas: Whereas, The Board of Education at the urging of the County Council and county executive closed many schools in order to save money to invest in program improvements but now- is precluded from making those improvements because of Council actions."

RESOLUTION NO. 370-82 Re: Reconsideration of Dr. Greenblatt's  
Motion on the Fifth Whereas of the  
Proposed Resolution on the County  
Council's Request

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

RESOLVED, To reconsider Dr. Greenblatt's motion to amend the fifth Whereas of the resolution on the Montgomery County Council's request for \$1,000,000 in reductions to the FY 1983 operating budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 371-82 Re: An Amendment to the Fifth Whereas of the  
County Council's Request

On motion of Dr. Greenblatt seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing and

Mrs. Spencer voting in the negative (Mr. Lipson voting in the negative):

RESOLVED, To amend the fifth Whereas of the resolution on the County Council's request for \$1,000,000 in reductions to the operating budget by deleting the words, "and would inflict still further damage on public education."

RESOLUTION NO. 372-82 Re: Montgomery County Council's Request for  
\$1,000,000 in Reductions to the FY 1983  
Operating Budget

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

WHEREAS, On March 1, 1982, the Board of Education submitted the school system's FY 1983 Operating Budget Request to the Montgomery County Council in the amount of \$356,615,351; and

WHEREAS, The Council has had four public action sessions on this budget and has made tentative reductions amounting to \$3,143,009; and

WHEREAS, The Council believes that further budget reductions are required and has asked the Board of Education to provide a list of reductions amounting to approximately \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has the legal responsibility to respond to this request according to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Section 5-101(f), which states: In addition to all other information required by this section, the Montgomery County Board of Education, on request of the county executive and County Council, shall provide with the annual budget the program implications of recommendations for reductions to or increases in its annual budget, at whatever different levels of funding and accompanied by whatever reasonable supporting detail and analysis, as may be specified by the county executive and County Council...; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education believes the County Council has made grave errors in reductions already taken and that further actions would be unwise; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education at the urging of the County Council and the county executive closed many schools in order to save money to invest in program improvements but now is precluded from making those improvements because of Council actions; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 1982, the Board of Education, under the direction of the County Council and the county executive, submitted a list of additional reductions which would reduce the budget to the \$353 million level and are now submitting a revision of those reductions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education submits the attached information as directed by the Montgomery County Council with the following stipulations:

1. This list is not recommended by the Board of Education.
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ALTERNATIVES FOR REACHING THE COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE  
\$353 MILLION TARGET FOR THE BOE BUDGET

1. If, based on further analysis, the Council determines that approximately \$500,000 should be cut from the Board's request for computer services, the \$353 million target will have been reached and no further reductions are necessary.

2. If however, the Council is persuaded to fund the Board's request for computer services, the following four possible reductions will achieve the \$353 million target level:

a. Reduce private placement provision	\$130,000
b. Reduce provision for bus gasoline	150,000
c. Reduce provision for additional buses	120,000
d. Extend computer lease from 3 to 4 years	100,000
Total	\$500,000

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing on a Statement to the  
County Council (FAILED)

The following motion by Mr. Ewing which was seconded by Mrs. Spencer failed of adoption with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Spencer voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the negative; Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Zappone abstaining (Mr. Lipson voting in the affirmative:

WHEREAS, The County Council requested the Board of Education to provide a list of additional cuts totalling \$1 million in addition to cuts already made to date by the Council; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education believes the Council is taking these actions on the basis of a belief that the public will not support at the polls those who support public education, a belief the Board believes to be totally wrong; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Council should fund the MCPS budget and take leadership in generating public support for public education in the county.

RESOLUTION NO. 373-82 Re: An Amendment to the County Council's Request for \$1,000,000 in Reductions to the FY 1983 Operating Budget

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education amend its resolution on the County Council's request by adding a final RESOLVED: "RESOLVED, That the Council should fund the MCPS budget and take leadership alongside the Board of Education in generating public support for public education in the county."

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Operating Budget

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WHEREAS, The Board of Education believes the County Council has made grave errors in reductions already taken and that further actions would be unwise; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education at the urging of the County Council and the county executive closed many schools in order to save money to invest in program improvements but now is precluded from making those improvements because of Council actions; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 1982, the Board of Education, under the direction of the County Council and the county executive, submitted a list of additional reductions which would reduce the budget to the \$353 million level and are now submitting a revision of those reductions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education submits the attached information as directed by the Montgomery County Council with the following stipulations:

1. This list is not recommended by the Board of Education.

2. The Board's only budget recommendations for FY 1983 are those contained in the budget request agreed upon by the Board of Education on February 25, 1982, and totalling \$356,615,351; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Council should fund the MCPS budget and take leadership alongside the Board of Education in generating public support for public education in the county.

ALTERNATIVES FOR REACHING THE COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE  
\$353 MILLION TARGET FOR THE BOE BUDGET

1. If, based on further analysis, the Council determines that approximately \$500,000 should be cut from the Board's request for computer services, the \$353 million target will have been reached and no further reductions are necessary.

2. If however, the Council is persuaded to fund the Board's request for computer services, the following four possible reductions will achieve the \$353 million target level:

a. Reduce private placement provision	\$130,000
b. Reduce provision for bus gasoline	150,000
c. Reduce provision for additional buses	120,000
d. Extend computer lease from 3 to 4 years	100,000

Total \$500,000

RESOLUTION NO. 374-82 Re: Return to the Table of Item #2 - Movement  
Towards Retiree-Under-65 Group Health In-  
surance Parity With The County Government

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education return Mr. Ewing's motion on retiree-under-65 group health insurance to the table.

Re: Movement Towards Retiree-Under-65 Group  
Health Insurance Parity With the County  
Government

On recommendation of the superintendent, Mr. Ewing moved the following which was seconded by Mrs. Spencer:

WHEREAS, MCPS retirees have long sought parity with county retirees who receive 83% of the cost of their employee benefit plan from county funds; and

WHEREAS, The county executive has strongly urged the Council and Board to incorporate funds in the FY 1983 Board of Education budget to implement the recommendations of the committee on retired school



Mr. Ewing said the record should show that in its view the action just adopted by the Board does not preclude it from seeking additional funding for the Blair High School academic improvements.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

President

Secretary

EA:ml