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Rockville, Maryland  
October 24, 1983

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, October 24, 1983, at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mr. Blair G. Ewing, President in the  
Chair

Dr. James E. Cronin  
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser\*  
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner  
Mr. Peter Robertson  
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt  
Mrs. Odessa M. Shannon

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

Resolution No. 888-83 Re: Board Agenda - October 24, 1983

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for October 24, 1983, with the deletion of the item on Update on Student Enrollment and Staffing.

Re: Announcement

Mr. Ewing announced that Dr. Greenblatt was ill, Mrs. Shannon was out of town, and Mrs. Peyser would be late.

Resolution No. 889-83 Re: Executive Session - October 24,  
1983

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Article 76A, Section 11(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland 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 October

24, 1983, at 8:30 p.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.

Resolution No. 890-83                      Re: Bid 20-84, Electronic Technology Equipment

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of electronic technology equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised September 6, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of electronic technology equipment for the period of October 25, 1983, through October 24, 1984, under Invitation to Bid 20-84 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Diversified Education Systems		
Berryville, Virginia	\$4,789	4
Empire Electronics Supply Company		
Bethesda, Maryland	398	2
Heathkit Electronic Center		
Rockville, Maryland	64	1
McKilligan Supply Corporation		
Johnson City, New York	140	1
Mark Electronics, Inc.		
Beltsville, Maryland	722	1
Total	\$6,113	9

Resolution No. 891-83                      Re: Bid 23-84, Communications Analyzer and Desk Top Controller

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of a communications analyzer and a desk top controller; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised September 16, 1983, the

contract for the furnishing of a communications analyzer and desk top controller under Invitation to Bid 23-84 be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Dollar Volume    Line Items Awarded

Motorola Communications and  
Electronics, Inc.  
BWI Airport, Maryland

\$14,595                    2

Resolution No. 892-83                    Re: Bid 27-84, Microcomputer Service  
Contract Including Modifications

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of microcomputer service contract including modifications; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised September 19, 1983, the contract for the furnishing of microcomputer service contract including modifications, under Invitation to Bid 27-84 be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Dollar Volume    Line Items Awarded

Community Computers  
Arlington, Virginia

\$24,160                    1

Resolution No. 893-83                    Re: FY 1984 Supplemental Appropriation  
for the High School Bilingual  
Support Services Program

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to establish the following ten-month positions: .5 teacher specialist (A-D), 1.0 media specialist (A-D), 1.0 counselor (A-D), and 1.0 parent services specialist (A-D), and 2.5 instructional assistants (Grade 10); and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend \$206,500 from the U.S. Department of Education under the ESEA, Title VII to provide an FY 1984 High School Bilingual Support Services Program in the following categories:

Category	Supplemental
02 Instructional Salaries	\$157,948
03 Instructional Other	7,895
10 Fixed Charges	40,657

Total \$206,500

and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this resolution to the County Council and a copy be sent to the county executive and County Council.

Resolution No. 894-83                      Re: Utilization of a Portion of the FY 1984 Appropriation for Supported Programs for a Drug/Alcohol Abuse School Team Approach Workshop

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, within the FY 1984 Appropriation of \$250,000 for Projected Supported Projects, a supplemental award of \$11,138 in the following categories from the Adelphi University National Training Institute of Sayville, New York, to conduct a School Team Approach Workshop for the prevention and reduction of drug/alcohol abuse and related destructive behaviors:

Category	Amount
02 Instructional Salaries	\$ 7,110
03 Instructional Other	3,578
10 Fixed Charges	450
Total	\$11,138

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.

\* Mrs. Peyser joined the meeting at this point.

Re: Board/Press/Visitor Conference

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. David Levine, Whitman High School SGA
2. Luene Heffley
2. Melanie Hudock
3. Jeff Andrews, Whitman High School Technical Crew

Resolution No. 895-83                      Re: Recognition of Outstanding Scholars

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, 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 twenty-three seniors from eighteen Montgomery County public high schools are among this year's semifinalists; and

WHEREAS, Twelve students from five 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 named who are semifinalists in the 1984 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

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the following students:

Aamodt, Sandra M	Rockville HS
Abrams, Andrew L.	John F. Kennedy HS
Adams, Lisa J.	Richard Montgomery HS
April, Kenneth M.	Charles W. Woodward HS
Banks, Tracey L.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Barnett, Benjamin N.	Springbrook HS
Bassin, Stuart H.	Rockville HS
Berman, Rachael	Walt Whitman HS
Blackburn, Judith F.	Rockville HS
Bolon, Todd R.	Rockville HS
Bowman, Laura E.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Braude, Brett D.	Charles W. Woodward HS
Brown, Valerie S.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Brubaker, Robert M.	Seneca Valley HS
Butsch, Alan L.	Northwood HS
Camp, Anna L.	Springbrook HS
Carter, Christopher J.	Walt Whitman HS
Cha, Lloyd C.	Springbrook HS
Chang, Susan S.	Thomas S. Wootton HS

Changchien, Yoshie C.	Rockville HS
Colodzin, Robin S.	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Cooper, Glenn E.	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Curzan, Elisabeth R.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Daniel, Lillian F.	Walt Whitman HS
Del Vecchio, Martin J.	Winston Churchill HS
DiPaolo, John K.	Walt Whitman HS
Donohue, Kathleen M.	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Dower, Michael C.	Paint Branch HS
Dubner, Julia P.	Winston Churchill HS
Ehrenstein, David H.	Walt Whitman HS
Ewing, Chatham B.	Montgomery Blair HS
Ferguson, Diane F.	Walt Whitman HS
Ferragut, Mabel M.	Northwood HS
Fitzpatrick, Scott	Springbrook HS
Friedberg, Leora R.	Winston Churchill HS
Fu, Terry	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Fulton, B. Edward	Charles W. Woodward HS
Gaffney, Maura	Paint Branch HS
Glucksman, Robert B.	Walt Whitman HS
Goldman, Marc A.	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Goldschmidt, Jay A.	Winston Churchill HS
Goldstein, Grant S.	Albert Einstein HS
Gollub, Laura R.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Gollsby, Ellen M.	Winston Churchill HS
Gray, Jan K.	Montgomery Blair HS
Green, Michelle R.	Winston Churchill HS
Green, Seth	Albert Einstein HS
Greenberg, Jonathan A.	Walt Whitman HS
Grossblatt, Benjamin D.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Hammer, Katherine C.	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Haque, Mustafa A.	Springbrook HS
Hartman, Kenneth A.	Springbrook HS
Hatzilambrou, Mark	Rockville HS
Henderson, Alison V.	John F. Kennedy HS
Heyde, John M.	Walt Whitman HS
Hoffman, Stacey B.	Springbrook HS
Hu, Wei-Yin	Albert Einstein HS
Huang, Charlene C.	Winston Churchill HS
Hughes, David A.	Walt Whitman HS
Intrater, March J.	Rockville HS
Isenman, Michael K.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Jackson, Sharon R.	Walt Whitman HS
Janes, Davis C.	Richard Montgomery HS
Joffe, Elana B.	Walt Whitman HS
Johns, Mary K.	Springbrook HS
Kakunaga, Shino	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Kanstoroom, Marci	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Klevan, Miriam	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Krizek, Beth A.	Springbrook HS
Kumar, Anjali	Rockville HS
Laessig, Katherine A.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Latham, Dionne J.	Paint Branch HS
Lemov, Rebecca M.	Walt Whitman HS

Levine, David A.	Walt Whitman HS
Levine, Jason H.	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Lissit, Daniel J.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Liu, Linda L.	Rockville HS
Lloyd, Rhea A.	Winston Churchill HS
Lourie, Robert D.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
MacDonald, Colin R.	Winston Churchill HS
Magazine, Adam	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Mansfield, Janet K.	Walt Whitman HS
Mazzocchi, Peter C.	Paint Branch HS
McCurdy, Alison	Richard Montgomery HS
Meigs, Stephen A.	Colonel Zadok Magruder HS
Millman, Sharon B.	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Mobley, David W.	Colonel Zadok Magruder HS
Moore, Cynthia M.	Springbrook HS
Na, Sang H.	Springbrook HS
Nashman, Sheryl R.	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Neta, Ram	Charles W. Woodward HS
Nevine, David A.	Walt Whitman HS
Nicholls, Vanessa L.	Springbrook HS
Norris, Sarah L.	Rockville HS
Nossal, Steven	Walt Whitman HS
Ozer, Emily J.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Park, Albert F.	Winston Churchill HS
Parker, David S.	Seneca Valley HS
Pekkanen, Robert J.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Platt, Elanna R.	Northwood HS
Plaut, Roger D.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Purvis, M. Leanne	Damascus HS
Richer, Joseph D.	Walt Whitman HS
Richter, Nicole	Walt Whitman HS
Rigopoulos, Andy M.	Rockville HS
Robertson, James W.	Walter Johnson HS
Robertson, Peter A.	Charles W. Woodward HS
Romano, David S.	Springbrook HS
Rosenberg, Daniel B.	Walt Whitman HS
Rosenberg, Deborah M.	Rockville HS
Rowe, Dorothy H.	Walt Whitman HS
Roy, Sujata	Gaithersburg HS
Schimke, Nathan H.	Seneca Valley HS
Schram, Kenneth M.	Walt Whitman HS
Seabold, Daniel E.	Damascus HS
Shaw, Sylvia Grace	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Silver, Rachel	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Singh, Namita	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Snead, Timothy M.	Winston Churchill HS
Sniegowski, Carol A.	Walt Whitman HS
Sparks, Joel	Thomas S. Wootton HS
Stickley, Nicole S.	Seneca Valley HS
Thomas, Grace A.	Springbrook HS
Tipton, Alzada	Walt Whitman HS
Van Vechten, Thomas C.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Wade, David H.	Springbrook HS
Weisberg, Eve M.	Charles W. Woodward HS

Wiener, Matthew C.  
Williams, Christopher S.  
Williams, Jane R.  
Womeldorf, Carole A.  
Wu, Marvin H.  
Yu, Lilly H.  
Ziselberger, Anthony E.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS  
Walter Johnson HS  
Walt Whitman HS  
Walt Whitman HS  
Thomas S. Wootton HS  
Winston Churchill HS  
Seneca Valley HS

Re: Executive Session

The Board of Education met in executive session from 8:30 to 9:10 p.m. on personnel matters.

Re: 1983 Annual Report of the  
Montgomery County Advisory Council  
for Vocational-technical  
Education

Ms. Sally Linn Nichols stated that she had been a member of the committee since 1980 and last year was the chairman. She explained federal and state law which required a council with membership appointed by the Board of Education and Montgomery College. The council served as liaison between the community and schools and the college. She said that they had trouble with their role because they did not want to duplicate the efforts of the Board's vocational committee and the College's craft committee. They had been trying to educate themselves about services offered by MCPS and Montgomery College, and Ms. Nichols listed the numbers and types of meetings they had held in the past year. She said that they were now seeking representation on the County's Private Industry Council and planned to ask a PIC member to be an ex officio member of their council. In June 1983, they elected their new officials and looked forward to reorganizing the council and redoing their bylaws. They felt there were interacting well with MCPS, Montgomery College, the state, the county government, and local employers. They would welcome the Board's suggestions.

Dr. Cronin indicated that he would like to hear the views of the council. He pointed out that the Board would be hearing from the Area 3 Task Force and asked whether the council would be working with the task force. Ms. Nichols replied they were aware of the need for another vocational center and would be happy to assist the task force.

Dr. Shoenberg asked whether it was their function to review programs offered in MCPS and in the College and to comment about their appropriateness. Ms. Nichols explained that they did have sign-off authority on annual plans involving federal funds; however, the other committees were closer to curriculum matters. Dr. Shoenberg was concerned that a lot of people were working over the same ground, and Ms. Nichols shared that concern. Dr. Frank Carricato, director of the Department of Career and Vocational Education, reported that the council would be involved in reviewing the needs of Areas 2 and 3. The council, the committee, and the foundations



would all be invited to be members of the Edison advisory group.

Mr. Ewing thanked Ms. Nichols for sharing the annual report.

Resolution No. 896-83                      Re: Personnel Appointment

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved:

Appointment	Present Position	As
Stanley A. Sirotkin	Quality Assurance Specialist Dept. of Educ. Acct.	Admin. Assistant Office of the Assoc. Supt. for Spec. & Alt. Educ. Grade M Eff. October 25, 1983

Resolution No. 897-83                      Re: Personnel Transfer

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Peyser voting in the negative (Mr. Robertson voting in the negative):

Mrs. Peyser indicated that she would vote against the transfer not because of Mr. Treibley, but because it was important that he remain at Walt Whitman.

Resolved, That the following personnel transfer be approved:

Transfer	From	To
Pete Treibley	Assistant Principal Walt Whitman High	Assistant Principal Cabin John Jr. High Eff. October 25, 1983

Re: Interim Report - Area 3 Task Force

Ms. Janet Garrison, co-chairperson, reported that their first meeting was two weeks ago and they divided into three groups to study staffing standards, educational opportunities with regard to program, and facilities standards and transportation. The second group then divided into groups on the senior high school, the junior/middle school, and the elementary school. The facilities/transportation group also divided into two subgroups. All groups were meeting on a regular basis.

Mr. Tim O'Shea stated that they had no conclusions at this point because they were still collecting data. He complimented the area office for its assistance; however, part of the problem was their

need to look at data about Areas 1 and 2 as well. The good news was that they did not see discrepancy in staffing among the areas. In regard to magnet and special programs there was a concentration downcounty for certain reasons. They did see a possible magnet school proposal which might bleed off some of the overcrowding in Area 3. He noted the southbound morning transportation problem which has resulted in longer bus runs than in previous years. In general, they had to look to a movement of students counter to the morning traffic problem. Mr. O'Shea explained that they had collected data on Gaithersburg, and everyone was astounded that the schools in the Gaithersburg area were coming in far higher than a year ago and far higher than projections. For example, in 1985 the high school would have 2,100 students in a building with a capacity of 1,600. In addition, Area 3 had significantly more oversized classes than the other two areas. He pointed out that Gaithersburg High School was close to Blair in regard to reading scores, and they were looking into a way of taking some ideas from QIE and applying them to Gaithersburg.

In regard to educational background and experience level of teachers, Mr. O'Shea said the areas appeared to be similar. However, Area 3 might have a little less help available for disadvantaged students. He thought they should start thinking about facilities and transportation. He suggested that it might be necessary to shorten some bus runs because of the increase in traffic.

Dr. Lee Etta Powell, area associate superintendent, reported that they were trying to get input from a wide range of people. She felt that the final report would be quite comprehensive. Mr. Ewing thanked the task force for their dedication and effort.

Re: Monthly Financial Report

Dr. Pitt commented that they saw a potential problem in the substitute teacher account, transportation, and utilities. He said they were carefully reviewing every expenditure they made and were trying to establish more thorough financial controls. Mr. Robertson asked for information about the placement of surplus staff. Dr. Pitt explained that they did not have a reduction in force and were carrying about seven staff members. They were hoping that these people would be placed. They were in situations where there was a need for help and from where they could be moved without disruption to the program.

Re: FY 1984 Supplemental Appropriation Request

Mrs. Praisner moved and Dr. Cronin seconded the following:  
WHEREAS, The projected enrollment for FY84, Head Start through Grade 12, was 90,294 students; and

WHEREAS, As of September 30, 1983, the actual enrollment was 91,058, or 764 above the projected figure; and

WHEREAS, Seven long-term substitute positions have been allocated to help relieve large classes; and

WHEREAS, As of October 7, 1983, there were 632 classes over the desired maximum class size guidelines established by the Board of Education; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education requests a supplemental appropriation for 22 teachers in the amount of \$316,400.00; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and the County Council be given a copy of this request for a supplemental appropriation and that the executive be requested to recommend approval of this supplemental appropriation to the County Council.

Resolution No. 898-83                      Re: An Amendment to the Proposed  
Resolution on a Supplemental  
Appropriation

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

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on a supplemental appropriation be amended to request 30 teachers to reduce overly large classes.

Resolution No. 899-83                      Re: FY 1984 Supplemental Appropriation  
Request

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

WHEREAS, The projected enrollment for FY84, Head Start through Grade 12, was 90,294 students; and

WHEREAS, As of September 30, 1983, the actual enrollment was 91,058, or 764 above the projected figure; and

WHEREAS, Seven long-term substitute positions have been allocated to help relieve large classes; and

WHEREAS, As of October 7, 1983, there were 632 classes over the desired maximum class size guidelines established by the Board of Education; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education requests a supplemental appropriation for 30 teachers in the amount of \$431,472.00.

Category	Description	Amount
02	Instructional Salaries	\$393,024
10	Fixed Charges	38,448
		\$431,472

and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and the County Council be given a copy of this request for a supplemental appropriation and that the executive be requested to recommend approval of this supplemental appropriation to the County Council.

Resolution No. 900-83                      Re: Outline of Presentation for  
Civiletti Task Force Hearing

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Peyser abstaining (Mr. Robertson voting in the affirmative):

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the proposed outline of presentation for Civiletti Task Force Hearing.  
Mrs. Peyser left the meeting at this point.

Re: Board Member Comments

1. Mrs. Praisner called attention to the new photograph of Dr. Andrews which had been placed in the Board room with photos of previous superintendents.
2. Mrs. Praisner reminded Board and staff of the television programs about the CARE program which would appear on Channel 26 on November 2 and 9. She continued to be concerned about the lack of funding after February for the PACT II program. She asked that the Board president and superintendent communicate with the county executive about this funding.
3. Mrs. Praisner noted that Mrs. Nancy Wiecking, reporter for the Potomac Almanac had received the School Bell award from the Maryland State Teachers Association.
4. Dr. Cronin reminded Board members that the culminating activity for SAS Day would be held on November 3, at 7:30 p.m., at Richard Montgomery High School and Board members were invited.
5. Mr. Ewing reported that he had visited Rosemary Hills Elementary and was very heartened by what he had found. However, the school had a shortage of supplies and supply money, and he hoped that staff could look into this.
6. Mr. Ewing said that the Board had received a list of applications for its advisory committee on minority student education. He asked that the Board postpone appointment of this committee until November 21 so that a letter could be sent to minority group organizations. Dr. Cronin suggested that a letter be sent to other major organizations as well, and Mrs. Praisner asked that the letter make clear that this would not be an appointment by organization or a spot reserved for a particular organization.

7. Mr. Ewing stated that he was still concerned about the issue of citizen group involvement in the advisory group related to the Edison Center. He urged staff to make sure there was representation from groups concerned about the impact on the Wheaton community. Dr. Cody agreed that this could be built into the process.

Resolution No. 901-83                      Re: Executive Session - November 8,  
1983

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Article 76A, Section 11(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland 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 8, 1983, 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

Resolved, That such meeting continue in executive closed session at noon to discuss the matters listed above 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. 902-83                      Re: Minutes of August 31, 1983

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

Resolved, That the minutes of August 31, 1983, be approved.

Resolution No. 903-83                      Re: Minutes of September 28, 1983

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

Resolved, That the minutes of September 28, 1983, be approved.

Resolution No. 904-83                      Re: Minutes of October 3, 1983

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs.

Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the minutes of October 3, 1983, be approved.

Re: New Business

1. Mr. Robertson moved and Dr. Shoenberg seconded the following:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has established high school final examinations countywide that account for 20% of final course grades;

and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is currently addressing issues relating to the format and content of those exams; and

WHEREAS, The issues of exam scheduling and course requirements during periods for exam administration are of concern to many; and

WHEREAS, Final exams often severely infringe on instructional time in the final grading period of high school courses because teachers must provide review time and exam administration time; and

WHEREAS, Students cannot review for and concentrate on final exams to the extent that they must if they are to perform well when work is being required of them in courses during the actual administration of exams; now therefore be it

Resolved, That beginning in the 1984-85 school year, the Board shall establish a one-week exam period at the end of each semester for the purpose of review for and administration of final exams; and be it further

Resolved, That no course work outside the classroom shall be assigned to or required of students taking exams during these exam periods; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution not be considered to be a separate policy, but that its provisions be incorporated into the appropriate policies and administrative regulations and implemented by the superintendent or his designee; and be it further

Resolved, That the provisions of this resolution be made known to affected staff and students well before actual implementation to minimize confusion.

Mrs. Praisner assumed the chair.

2. Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Shoenberg seconded that the Board discuss the issue of whether or not they should pursue a moratorium on school closures for some period of time to permit them to focus on school educational issues.

Mr. Ewing assumed the chair.

Re: Items of Information

Board members received the following items of information:

1. Proposed Resolution on Board of Education Policies
2. Limitation on Sealed Bidding and Requirements for Formal Bidding

Re: Adjournment

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

President

Secretary

WSC:mlw