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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, January 29, 1990, at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg, President
 in the Chair
 Dr. James E. Cronin
 Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
 Mr. Blair G. Ewing
 Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn
 Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs
 Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
 Ms. Alison Serino

 Absent: None

 Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools
 Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent
 Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

 Re: REVIEW OF FY 1991 OPERATING BUDGET

Board members had the following requests for additional information:

1. Mrs. Praisner requested information on issues and positions in county budgets that the Board had supported in the past. For example, was the Department of Health proposing more school nurses, the Police Department more crossing guards?
2. In regard to schools with high ESOL enrollment, Mr. Ewing asked what costs would be if they reduced the 15 percent figure to 12 percent and reduced class size by one student.
3. Dr. Cronin inquired about the cost of providing 2.5 secretaries when an elementary school had an enrollment of 640 rather than 800.
4. Dr. Cronin requested a breakout for salaries and materials of instruction for the Summer Institute.
5. Dr. Cronin asked about the status of his request last month on a chart about media center programs.
6. Dr. Cronin requested information on teacher training funds as to how much was budgeted for math training, science training, and other areas.
7. Mrs. Praisner asked about savings in mainframe computer use if the high schools were going to be using microcomputers for scheduling.
8. Mrs. Praisner asked for information on the status of peer

counseling in the high schools and any budgetary implications of the program.

9. Mr. Ewing asked that the budget include descriptions of the Commission on Excellence program and the Essential Schools pilot.

10. Dr. Cronin requested a list of training priorities for the next year for all three levels.

11. Mr. Ewing asked that he be provided with copies of the evaluations for the last couple of years for the Extended Elementary School Program.

12. Dr. Cronin requested that he be provided with the multiyear plan to increase enrollment of the Department of Career and Vocational Education. He also asked to be kept informed of the status of cooperative arrangements with Montgomery College.

13. Dr. Cronin requested a write-up on a half-time position to televise Board meetings rather than paying overtime to technical staff.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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