

NUMBER: 20-1990
STATUS: APPROVED
PLACE: ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
DATE: MARCH 26, 1990
TEXT:

Re: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Jean Mallon, MCCPTA
2. Sharon Friedman, MCCPTA
3. Kay Gorman and Barbara Faigin, Sligo MS PTA

Re: PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Cronin moved and Mrs. Praisner seconded the approval of two personnel appointments for area associate superintendents.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO POSTPONE
ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS FOR AREA
ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to postpone action on appointments for area associate superintendent until after the County Council had acted on the Board of Education Operating Budget for FY 1991 failed with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Praisner, Ms. Serino, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 202-90 Re: PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Praisner, Ms. Serino, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Hobbs abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the following personnel appointment be approved:

APPOINTMENT	PRESENT POSITION	AS
Phinnize J. Brown	Principal Piney Branch ES	Area Associate Superintendent Area Administrative Office Effective: 7-1-90

RESOLUTION NO. 203-90 Re: PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Praisner, Ms. Serino, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the following personnel appointment be approved:

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APPOINTMENT	PRESENT POSITION	AS
Joseph Villani	Area Director for Ed. Services Area 3 Ad. Office	Area Associate Superintendent Area Administrative Office Effective: 7-1-90

For the record, Mr. Ewing made the following statement:

"(my abstaining) has not to do at all with my judgment with regard to the quality of the people but the reasons stated in my earlier comments (the timing of the appointments vis-a-vis Council action on the budget and the length of time Dr. Brown had been in her present position)."

RESOLUTION NO. 204-90 Re: PERSONNEL REASSIGNMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Praisner, Ms. Serino, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Hobbs abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the following personnel reassignment be approved:

REASSIGNMENT	FROM	TO
Mary Helen Smith	Acting Supervisor of Secondary Inst. Area 2 Admin. Office	Area Director for Ed. Services Area Administrative Office Effective: 7-1-90

RESOLUTION NO. 205-90 Re: PERSONNEL TRANSFER

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Praisner, Ms. Serino, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Hobbs abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the following personnel transfer be approved:

TRANSFER	FROM	TO
Francis Masci	Principal Gaithersburg HS	Principal Walter Johnson HS Effective: 7-1-90

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RESOLUTION NO. 206-90 Re: PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; and

WHEREAS, After review it has been determined that each of the four responses to Bid #107-90, Computer Carts, failed to meet bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, The number of carts to be purchased has decreased due to budget action by the County Council; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education reject Bid #107-90, Computer Carts, and it be rebid; and be it further

RESOLVED, That having been duly advertised, the following contracts be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as shown for the bids as follows:

90-08	Maintenance Service on Standard, Oil Immersion and Stereo Microscopes and Balances AWARDEE Alpha and Omega Service	\$ 28,782
132-88	Lamps - Extension AWARDEE Maurice Electrical Supply Company, Inc.	\$150,000
42-90	Guard Service - Extension AWARDEE Eagle Security and Detective Agency	\$104,040
76-90	Industrial Arts Automotive Supplies AWARDEES	
	Abrasive Accessories	\$ 339
	Auto Accessories Company, Inc.	8,948
	Brodhead-Garrett Company	453
	Estes Fleet Service and Supply	1,726*
	Graves-Humphreys, Inc.	875
	Harrington's, Ltd.	2,133
	Midwest Shop Supplies, Inc.	62*
	MSF County Services Company	3,421
	Satco, Division of Satterlee Company	99
	Schreiber Automotive	7,609
	Seldon Enterprises	911

	TOTAL	\$ 26,576

action to reflect the following changes under Bid No. 65-90,
Purchase of School Buses:

PATCO Distributors, Inc. from 64 to 59, sixty-nine passenger
buses - from \$3,542,656.00 to \$3,265,886.00

Wantz Chevrolet, Inc. from 23 to 19, thirty-six passenger
buses - from \$846,024.18 to \$698,889.54

Wayne Mid-Atlantic, Inc. for 12 (same), forty-eight
passenger buses - \$578,028.00 (same)

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education revise its January 9, 1990,
action to reflect the following changes under Bid No. 72-90,
Financing of School Buses:

First Continental Corporation - revise award to reduce the
number of school buses financed from 99 to 90 with four
equal annual lease/purchase payments not to exceed
\$1,245,620.99

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education president and the
superintendent of schools be authorized to execute the documents
necessary for these transactions.

RESOLUTION NO. 208-90 Re: BID NO. 171-89, COPY MACHINES

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education on July 11, 1989, approved an
award for Bid No. 171-89 to Eastman Kodak Credit Corporation for
123 copy machines, with a provision for additional copy machines
in the future, on a five-year lease/purchase agreement with
preferred municipal financing rates; and

WHEREAS, On September 12, 1989, it was necessary because of the
preferred financing rates for the Board of Education to authorize
a master lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of additional
copy machines in accordance with the terms and conditions of the
bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education will from time to time receive
additional requests to lease/purchase other copy machines under
this arrangement depending upon appropriated funds; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary at this time and in the public interest

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for the Board to acquire three additional copy machines under a lease/purchase agreement to meet the present needs of the public schools; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County approve the use of the master lease/purchase agreement with Eastman Kodak Credit Corporation during this fiscal year for the acquisition of three additional copy machines at equipment cost of \$34,983.00 under the same terms and conditions contained in Bid No. 171-89, Copy Machines, in accordance with Section 5-110 of Maryland's Public School Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education president and the superintendent of schools be authorized to execute the documents necessary for these transactions.

RESOLUTION NO. 209-90 Re: REDUCTION IN RETAINAGE - BROAD
ACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Ms. Serino, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

WHEREAS, Caldwell & Santmyer, Inc., general contractor for Broad Acres Elementary School, has completed approximately 90 percent of all specified requirements, and has requested that the 10 percent retainage, which is based on the completed work to date, be reduced to 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, The project bonding company, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Co., has consented to this reduction; and

WHEREAS, The project architect, Turner Associates, recommended that this request for reduction be approved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 10 percent retainage withheld from periodic payments to Caldwell & Santmyer, Inc., general contractor for Broad Acres Elementary School, be reduced to 5 percent, with the remaining 5 percent to become due and payable after completion of all remaining requirements and formal acceptance of the completed project.

RESOLUTION NO. 210-90 Re: HADLEY FARMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Ms. Serino, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

WHEREAS, On March 20, 1990, the following bids were received for the construction of Hadley Farms Elementary School:

BIDDER

BID AMOUNT

BIDDER	BID
Harbei Communications Corporation	\$27,750
B & L Services, Inc.	28,200
Lite-Way Communications, Inc.	31,087
East Coast Cable Communications, Inc.	56,000

and

WHEREAS, Halstead Communications Corporation, a subsidiary company of Harbei Communications Corporation has performed satisfactorily on similar projects; and

WHEREAS, The low bid was within the staff estimate of \$35,000, and funds are available to award the contract; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a \$27,750 contract be awarded to Harbei Communications Corporation for the installation of cable TV/telecommunication networks at Woodlin Elementary School and Cabin John Middle School.

RESOLUTION NO. 212-90 Re: CHANGE ORDER - SLIGO MIDDLE SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Ms. Serino, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

WHEREAS, The Department of School Facilities has received a change order proposal for asbestos removal work at Sligo Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Staff has reviewed this proposal and found it to be equitable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve a change order in the amount of \$102,441 to the contract with Barco Enterprises, Incorporated, for the removal of asbestos material at Sligo Middle School.

RESOLUTION NO. 213-90 Re: AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 1990 AND FY
1991 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMS
- RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Ms. Serino, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Council, in taking action on the FY 1991-1996 CIP, reduced the E. Brooke Lee Middle School addition project by \$607,000, making it necessary to continue to

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education enter into the following contractual agreement subject to County Council approval for a work of art at Monocacy Elementary School:

ARTIST	WORK	COMMISSION
Rosalie Sherman	Relief	\$12,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Council be requested to approve the above commission to the indicated artist.

RESOLUTION NO. 220-90 Re: WORK OF ART FOR EAST SILVER SPRING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Ms. Serino, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Authorization for the selection of artists to receive commissions to produce works of art is delineated in Article V, Section 1, Chapter 8, "Buildings," of the MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE; and

WHEREAS, Staff has employed the established selection procedures; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Arts Council has participated in the selection as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Funds have been appropriated for this purpose in the FY 1990 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, The law also requires County Council approval before the Board of Education can enter into a contract with the artists; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education enter into the following contractual agreement subject to County Council approval for a work of art at East Silver Spring Elementary School:

ARTIST	WORK	COMMISSION
Lilli Ann and Marvin Rosenberg	Ceramic Tile Mural	\$4,500

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Council be requested to approve the above commission to the indicated artists.

Re: SCHOOL INSPECTION DATES

Laytonsville Elementary School - Friday, March 30, 1:30 p.m.
Mrs. DiFonzo will attend.

Montgomery Knolls Elementary School - Monday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.
Dr. Shoenberg will attend.

Highland Elementary School - Wednesday, April 4, 1:30 p.m. Dr.
Cronin and Ms. Serino will attend.

RESOLUTION NO. 221-90 Re: UTILIZATION OF FY 1990 FUTURE
SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS AND
CATEGORICAL TRANSFER WITHIN THE
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms.
Serino 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 1990 Provision for Future
Supported Projects a grant award of \$11,316 from the Maryland
State Department of Education under the Carl D. Perkins
Vocational Education Act for vocational education programs in
Category 3 -- Instructional Other; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to
effect within the FY 1990 vocational education programs the
following categorical transfer in accordance with the County
Council provision for transfers:

CATEGORY	FROM	TO
3 Instructional Other	\$	\$14,395
4 Special Education	2,395	
10 Fixed Charges	12,000	
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TOTAL	\$14,395	\$14,395

and be it further

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

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. HOBBS TO SUPPORT
SB 628 - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES -
LABOR NEGOTIATIONS (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Hobbs to support SB 628 - Public School Employees - Labor Negotiations failed for lack of a second.

Dr. Shoenberg indicated that the Board's previous position of opposing the bill would stand.

Re: MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL
REPORT

Dr. Steven Tuck, chair of the Medical Advisory Committee, stated that the report was from July 1, 1988, to December of 1989. The committee commended the Board for eliminating student tobacco use which appeared to be effectively implemented. They strongly encouraged the Board in contract negotiations to have a tobacco-free environment for the entire school system. He thought that they could help with smoking cessation programs for teachers and staff.

In regard to needs of the seriously emotionally disturbed, Dr. Tuck commended the Board for setting up the newly appointed coordinator. The committee felt that the school system might have been missing some SED children. They had several recommendations. One would be accelerating of the provision of psychological services for testing and re-evaluation of students. They were concerned that there be an appropriate number of counselors in the schools, and in SED schools there should be a full-time counselor in addition to the regular allocation of counselors. He noted that there was no standardized mental health training for the school counselors, and they recommended increasing and standardizing training. They also recommended a half-day training program for staff on symptoms of depression or emotional problems.

Dr. Tuck said the committee thought it was important to coordinate the efforts of school health services, the county mental and physical health services, and private providers. They were concerned about elementary school children because minimal services were available. They should have more early identification of students with problems because it would cost less money later on.

Dr. Pitt hoped that the committee was aware of the fact that the Board's budget included funds for increased psychologist positions, some counselor help, and additional funds. He hoped that the committee would support this before the County Council.

Dr. Tuck indicated that they would be willing to help testify at the Council.

In regard to school health needs, Dr. Tuck said that the school health services were helping in the construction and renovation of the health room suites. They recommended that each school have a properly staffed and stocked health room, including a refrigerator, a sink, and a locked cabinet for medications. They recommended that tuberculosis testing be done on students entering schools from other areas of the country and that all kindergarten children should be tested. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommended reimmunization for measles at age 12. They hoped that the state would get involved here. They felt that no action be taken on the removal of vinyl asbestos flooring until definitive studies by appropriate federal agencies were completed. They also recommended that the Board publicize the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics that safety helmets be used by children when riding bicycles to decrease the incidences of head and facial injuries. Another recommendation would be the banning of skate boards from school property.

Dr. Martin Wasserman, director of the Montgomery County Health Department, stated that they had passed legislation in the county to restrict smoking at the workplace. He pointed out that teenagers constituted the largest growing section of the population engaging in smoking. It was critical for the school system to set the example in encouraging a voluntary goal of a smokefree school system. There were 390,000 deaths annually from tobacco smoking. They would appreciate anything the Board could do to ban smoking. They had been working with the Council on legislation targeting the likelihood of student smoking. This involved billboard control and vending machine control.

Dr. Wasserman reminded the Board that the county executive would fulfill his commitment to place a health presence in schools at the conclusion of this budget cycle. He appreciated the Board's attempts to provide sufficient health room equipment. In regard to the second immunization for measles, he explained that the Academy was saying this should be done at 12 and the Centers for Disease Control was saying do this at school entry. Maryland was going with the Academy's recommendation, but it was going to be difficult to enforce the two dose strategy. Therefore, if the Board of Education adopted this, the Health Department would follow through with this. Dr. Pitt pointed out that while the state was recommending this, it was not mandating it. Therefore, they needed some clarification about this. He did not know how a local Board of Education could take action on a medical issue that the state had not required. Dr. Wasserman added that they had made a recommendation but were not providing funding. However, Montgomery County would find the dollars locally to support that. Dr. Shoenberg asked that the staff provide a recommendation and background material on this.

Dr. Wasserman reported that they had a small grant from the state

to work on a safety campaign for children. The Board knew about the county's efforts in expanding substance abuse prevention and training and treatment programs. The other area of concern was teenage pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases. They were also concerned about HIV infection. They were trying to work with their budget office, the county executive, and the Department of Environmental Protection on environmental issues including radon and lead. He noted that asbestos removal was costing millions of dollars in the county, and the relative risks compared with tobacco were of two different magnitudes. He believed they were spending far too much money on asbestos control. He hoped he could persuade people that it was really not necessary to spend that much money.

The largest group at risk from asbestos problems were the asbestos workers removing asbestos.

Mrs. Praisner suggested that it might be useful to provide the committee and Dr. Wasserman with copies of the federal law on asbestos. Dr. Pitt added that this was an example of a federal law which said they must remove asbestos and provide no funds for doing this. He said that a Council member had pointed out that asbestos control could pay for all their budget improvements and a few other things. The legislation was restrictive and fined school systems by the day if they did not do this. Dr. Wasserman thought this was something to look at if the Federal government had such a restrictive law and the scientific evidence was not there to back it up. He thought they could work with the lawyers to see what legal options there were. Dr. Pitt thought that every superintendent in Maryland would be interested in talking with Dr. Wasserman and other state health officials.

Dr. Shoenberg asked if there were posters readily available on the bicycle helmet safety issue. When he visited schools, he saw lots of anti-smoking posters. It seemed to him that these posters were continuous visual reminders. Dr. Wasserman thought that the Academy had some posters, and they could look into this.

Dr. Tuck added that there were posters available to pediatricians; however, there were drug company names on the posters. Mrs. Praisner suggested that they consider a poster contest among students.

Mr. Ewing asked for an update on the executive's commitment to a health presence in the schools. Dr. Wasserman replied that the budget included funding for health room technicians in each of the remaining schools without a tech. By January 1991, there should be a health room presence in every school. In addition, they were expanding the number of school nurses. The techs were trained in first aid, CPR, and other health issues. He thanked Carol Mathews of the county Health Department for her work in this area and in substance abuse. He added that the schools were very responsive.

Dr. Cronin noted that there was a recommendation for coordination. He recalled that the school system had started some coordination effort between the county government and MCPS.

He asked for an update on that coordination. Dr. Pitt replied that Dr. Carl Smith, associate superintendent, was part of a monthly group of the top county government leaders. In addition, MCPS had a special liaison with the Health Department, and Dr. Vance's office worked closely with them. Dr. Tuck explained that the recommendation had more to do with coordination with private providers. Dr. Wasserman added that he met every other week with human services directors, and he thought the executive was also interested in this area.

In regard to SED, Dr. Cronin asked about working with the family health care provider. Ms. Mary Lee Phelps replied that the medical community felt there should be increasing involvement in ARDs and with school personnel to provide additional assistance to schools. Dr. Cronin asked whether Board action was necessary here. Ms. Phelps thought this could be part of the initiative through the central ARD to encourage increasing contact with private physicians. Dr. Tuck added that there was a feeling that the private system was not being tapped. He explained that the school system could not recommend going to a particular physician, but there were referral services through the Medical Society that would give a list of people available. He felt it would not be a bad idea to ask that the child be evaluated by the family's physician.

Dr. Wasserman stated that with P.L. 99-457 they had not really dealt with the preschool problems and children at special risk. He was concerned that there was a small number of young people going through a crack pregnancy or some other substance abuse. Their children were going to be tremendous problems. He urged that human services agencies including schools give special consideration to this problem. Dr. Pitt commented that they had Child Find and had the potential to look at that. Dr. Cronin suggested that Dr. Wasserman meet with the Child Find people.

Mr. Goldensohn noted that there was a law that stated you could not purchase alcohol under the age of 21, and to varying degrees there was enforcement of that law. One of the biggest problems was older people buying alcohol for teenagers. The state law just increased the age to purchase cigarettes to the age of 18, but he did not think that was being enforced at all. In fact, most people did not know that the law had changed from 16 to 18.

If they were going to cut out smoking, the first step was the availability of cigarettes. It was county police or regulatory enforcement that was required. Dr. Wasserman thought it would be hard to convince the Police Department, but he thought there could be a consumer effort and educational effort to the retail establishments. Mr. Goldensohn pointed out that most places selling alcohol had signs that people must be 21 to purchase, but

he had not seen signs about cigarettes. Mrs. DiFonzo pointed out that the alcohol law stated that one under the age of 21 may neither purchase nor possess. She did not know about the law on cigarettes. If it said purchase, they did not have cigarette machines on school property. If the law said purchase and/or possess, she wondered about the role the school system could play with students in possession of cigarettes on school property.

Ms. Serino agreed with a lot of the recommendations of the committee, particularly the one on the smoking ban for staff, but this was a negotiable item. The majority of students speaking out on the issue did agree that the staff should contribute to the smokefree environment. She was also happy to see that the county executive had made a commitment to increasing health services personnel at the schools. In regard to the recommendation on training staff in early identification of emotional problems, she asked how much of this was being done currently. Mr. Edward Masood, director of the Department of Health and Physical Education, replied that two years ago MCPS received a \$10,000 grant from the state to provide awareness training for senior high school staff on adolescent depression. Presently they had an \$11,000 grant to provide similar training to mid-level staff. This was now being directed by psychological services and pupil services, and this was also being addressed by the Board's new mental health advisory committee.

Dr. Shoenberg thanked the committee for their good and very concise report.

Re: ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE ON
THE ARTS

On February 28, 1990, the Board of Education voted to schedule the following resolution for Board action;

WHEREAS, There have been significant increases over the past 15 years in the resources, programs and requirements for education in the arts in MCPS, greatly expanding student opportunities and improving education in the arts for many students; and

WHEREAS, Requirements for graduation, courses and course content, and programs for the arts have all changed significantly as a result of new state requirements both for credit in the arts and for a focus on the history and meaning of art in art courses; and

WHEREAS, Despite these major changes and improvements, the last systematic and comprehensive analysis of the arts and their role in the schools was done approximately 15 years ago; and

WHEREAS, In the light of the importance of the arts in general, the high priority MCPS has given the arts, the use of the arts in the education of the handicapped, and the need to assess the

directions in which MCPS is heading and in which it should be moving, it is time to make a new, thorough and comprehensive analysis of the arts, drawing on the staff of the school system, those in the community who are professional artists or are involved in the arts, the organizations and institutions which give support to or are advocates for the arts in the county and in the metropolitan area, as well as parents and students who are interested in the arts and art education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education establish a task force of 15 to 19 members, chaired by a distinguished Montgomery County artist or by a person who manages a major organization or institution involved in the arts in Montgomery County (the arts are defined as including the visual arts, drama, dance, and choral and instrumental music); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force shall be appointed by the Board of Education, on recommendation of the superintendent of schools, in a manner consistent with the policy of the Board of Education on advisory committees, its term of office to be for one year or until it completes its work and makes its recommendations to the superintendent and Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force shall include in its membership teachers in all areas of art education, administrators from the central and area offices and from the schools, representatives of institutions which exist to support the arts, representatives of organizations in the county that are advocates for the arts in the schools and in the community, PTA representatives, amateur and professional artists, representatives of the business community, representatives of local government agencies other than the school system, and university professors involved in the arts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the chairman of the task force shall be appointed by the Board of Education from among the members, with preference given to a distinguished local artist or other person distinguished by his or her involvement in the arts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the work to be done by the task force would be to review present goals and objectives for arts education, review present programs, curricula at all levels and arts requirements for graduation, as well as staffing levels, organizational arrangements for managing arts education in the schools and throughout MCPS; and, further it should review the relationship of MCPS arts programs to local government, state government, the Federal government, and especially the relationship and/or integration of school programs with community resources, the role of local arts in the schools and school programs and curricula; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force shall develop proposals for more effective education in the arts and should propose goals and methods for achieving them, including all possible methods and

alternatives for achieving the goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force should complete its work, if at all possible within one year of its appointment, or in April, 1991, providing an interim report with any FY 1992 budget proposals in late January or early February, 1991, together with a final report in April, 1991, unless the task force shall request more time to complete its work successfully.

Mrs. Praisner suggested deleting the references to the chair as being a distinguished Montgomery County artist or a person managing a major organization connected to the arts which appeared in the first and fourth Resolved clauses. Dr. Cronin pointed out that the definition of the arts was in that first Resolved clause and should be added to the first Whereas clause.

Ms. Serino asked that two students be added to the committee. Mr. Ewing and Mr. Goldensohn as the makers of the motion agreed with these suggestions.

RESOLUTION NO. 224-90 Re: TASK FORCE ON THE ARTS

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

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WHEREAS, Despite these major changes and improvements, the last systematic and comprehensive analysis of the arts and their role in the schools was done approximately 15 years ago; and

WHEREAS, In the light of the importance of the arts in general, the high priority MCPS has given the arts, the use of the arts in the education of the handicapped, and the need to assess the directions in which MCPS is heading and in which it should be moving, it is time to make a new, thorough and comprehensive analysis of the arts, drawing on the staff of the school system, those in the community who are professional artists or are involved in the arts, the organizations and institutions which give support to or are advocates for the arts in the county and in the metropolitan area, as well as parents and students who are interested in the arts and arts education; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That the task force shall include in its membership teachers in all areas of art education, administrators from the central and area offices and from the schools, two students, representatives of institutions which exist to support the arts, representatives of organizations in the county that are advocates for the arts in the schools and in the community, PTA representatives, amateur and professional artists, representatives of the business community, representatives of local government agencies other than the school system, and university professors involved in the arts; and be it further

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Re: CODICIL TO SCHOOL NAMING POLICY

While Board members had postponed action on this item, Mr. Goldensohn noted that the Board had had some correspondence on this subject. The correspondence referenced the list of names,

and some people had taken it as a mandatory review list and the only place from which names could be chosen. He asked staff to advise people that the list was a suggested list and not an exclusive list.

Re: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mrs. Praisner said that she had enjoyed the Elementary School Administrators Conference and the workshops associated with that.

She congratulated the committee chairs and Ms. Fowlkes as president of the association. It was an excellent conference.

2. Mrs. Praisner reported that the school system was very actively involved in Earth Day activities. There was to be a workshop for teachers this Thursday at the Smith Center, and MCPS had been working with the Audubon Society on a combination of activities. The Society would be supplying schools with tree seedlings, compost, and planting information. They were also providing guidance for students working on developing school sites. She felt that Earth Day was an important issue for all, not just students.

3. Dr. Cronin requested a summary of efforts to hire new teachers for next year. He asked about numbers of teachers under contract at the present time, what the minority population was, and whether they saw any difficulties in obtaining those people.

He recalled that last year at this time they were offering open contracts. Dr. Pitt explained that he had not yet given permission to offer open contracts, but he intended to do this shortly.

4. Ms. Serino reported that this past weekend she had attended the Maryland Association of Student Council convention which was hosted by Montgomery County. She congratulated Robert Yoon, Laura McClintock, Maureen Witt, and Mike Michaelson because it was an excellent convention.

5. Ms. Serino indicated that she had met with the Montgomery County Junior Councils as she did every month. She had discussed the mid-level task force report, and she would provide Board members with information about this discussion. In addition, they had spent time on the National Junior Honor Society. The president of MCJC was also the president of her local National Junior Honor Society. MCJC would try to help staff efforts in replacing the National Junior Honor Society, and they thought it was important to establish service clubs open to all students. They also thought there should be local recognition of students.

6. Mr. Ewing stated that MCEA had commissioned and published a poll. For a number of years he had run a research organization in the Federal government and had commissioned polls. Therefore, he had learned a fair amount about how polls were done and what

the statistical procedures were as well as how polls could be manipulated by those who commissioned them and conducted them and how to avoid that. His review of what he had seen of the work of the Mason/Dixon organization hired by MCEA to conduct the poll indicated to him that it was a highly professional operation. The procedures were designed to protect against bias. Therefore, those saying that the poll was tainted by those who commissioned it did not know what they were talking about. It was a fair, honest, and professional poll. It was a good sample, and the size of the sample was adequate to represent with a very small range of error the opinions of the Montgomery County electorate at the time the poll was taken. This did not mean those opinions would not change. Nevertheless, there was probably more support for public education today than at any time in the last ten years. It was astonishing to him that the members of the County Council did not understand that. He thought the evidence was clear in its support for public education and for the teachers' contract and support for the budget.

7. Mr. Goldensohn asked staff to put together a list of schools doing a tremendous job in sharing the benefits that they were deriving from the computer programs with the cash register tapes from the two local supermarket chains. A number of schools were taking excess tapes and donating them to other schools that had trouble collecting including small and special schools. He suggested putting together a list of those and recognizing those schools. Dr. Pitt said that he would ask Brian Porter, director of the Department of Information, to handle this.

8. Mr. Goldensohn reported that there had been articles in some of the local papers about the traffic intersection of Quince Orchard Road and Route 28 adjacent to Quince Orchard High School. If the newspapers were accurate, there was a problem at that intersection. When the high school had been built, they had asked the county Department of Transportation to widen the road and put curbing in. This had been done, but functionally the work was not adequate. The driveway was too tight for the turn traffic, and the sidewalk had not been completed. Students were walking in the street, and turn traffic into the local shopping center blocked the school entrance. He asked that MCPS staff get in touch with the county DOT to see if safety and access could be improved.

9. Mr. Goldensohn reminded the Board that the state Odyssey of the Mind competition would be held on April 28 at the Baltimore campus of the University of Maryland. Approximately 40 teams from Montgomery County would be competing at the state level.

10. Mrs. Hobbs reported that this month she had had the opportunity to attend the summer teen job fairs. On March 9 a fair had been held at Seneca Valley High School, and this past Saturday a fair had been held at Richard Montgomery High School.

Both were well organized and well attended. Over 300 students were at Seneca Valley, and over 400 students attended Richard Montgomery. She thanked the staff at both high schools for their participation and acknowledged the efforts of Walter Wolfe of the county government.

11. Dr. Shoenberg stated that he had had the pleasure of judging the county forensics tournament. Students had done a wonderful job, and it was one of the best tournaments ever. The intelligence, taste, poise, and confidence that students derived and exhibited was wonderful.

12. Mrs. DiFonzo commended Janet Lottero, the editor of the MCPS BULLETIN. The last few issues had been outstanding. She was particularly impressed by the story on the candlelight march and the historical edition. In the most recent issue there was an article on Laytonsville Elementary School and the trial of Goldilocks. She complimented Ms. Lottero on her sense of humor and the professional manner in which she put out the BULLETIN week after week.

13. Dr. Pitt noted that Alison Serino had been selected as a member of the all star basketball team.

RESOLUTION NO. 225-90 Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION - APRIL 17, 1990

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Section 10-508, State Government Article 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 April 17, 1990, 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 that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter as permitted under the State Government Article, Section 10-508; 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. 226-90 Re: MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 1990

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 13, 1990, be approved as corrected.

RESOLUTION NO. 227-90 Re: MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 1990

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Ms. Serino, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 15, 1990, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 228-90 Re: DISCUSSION ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education schedule a discussion of the current status of professional development in the training programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 229-90 Re: TABLING OF PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARENT INVOLVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED, That Dr. Cronin's proposed resolution to discuss the establishment of a parent involvement advisory committee be tabled until the Board discussed a policy on parent involvement.

Re: A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT BRIGGS CHANEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM CHANGES IN SCHOOL NAMING POLICY

On March 13, 1990, Mrs. Praisner moved and Mrs. DiFonzo seconded the following:

RESOLVED, That Briggs Chaney Middle School be given an exemption from the changes in the School Naming Policy.

Mrs. Praisner amended her resolution to take account of the fact that the Board had not yet adopted the changes in the School

Naming Policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 230-90 Re: EXEMPTION OF BRIGGS CHANEY MIDDLE
SCHOOL FROM PROPOSED CODICIL TO THE
SCHOOL NAMING POLICY

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

RESOLVED, That Briggs Chaney Middle School be given an exemption from the proposed codicil to the School Naming Policy as contained in the resolution to come before the Board of Education on April 17, 1990.

RESOLUTION NO. 231-90 Re: NOMINEES FOR COMMISSION TO REVIEW
THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
GOVERNMENT

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

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Council has established a nine-member commission to review the efficiency and effectiveness of government; and

WHEREAS, The County Council will select two members from a list of at least five people submitted by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has contacted five outstanding citizens who have agreed to have their names placed in nomination; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby nominates the following individuals (in alphabetical order):

Dr. J. Edward Andrews, Jr.
Mr. Fredric Bell
Mrs. Phyllis Feldman
Dr. Constance Gordon
David Tatel, Esq.

RESOLUTION NO. 232-90 Re: APPOINTMENTS TO TELEVISION
FOUNDATION

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County has determined that it is in the public interest to accept private funds for the enhancement of educational television; and

WHEREAS, On the advice of our attorney, a foundation needs to be established to accept and expend these funds; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education voted on January 9, 1990, to establish the Montgomery County Public Schools Television Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Our attorney has filed the Articles of Incorporation of the Montgomery County Public Schools Television Foundation, Inc., with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation on January 11, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Under the bylaws of the Foundation the Board of Education shall elect one of its members to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, The bylaws require the Board of Education to appoint one member of the community-at-large to a three-year term, one to a two-year term, and one to a one-year term; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education appoint the following Board of Education member to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Schools Television Foundation, Inc., beginning April 1, 1990, and ending March 31, 1993:

Sharon DiFonzo

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoint the following person to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Schools Television Foundation, Inc., beginning April 1, 1990, and ending March 31, 1993:

Michael Buchanan

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoint the following person to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Schools Television Foundation, Inc., beginning April 1, 1990, and ending March 31, 1992:

Samuel Yette

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoint the following person to a one-year term of the Board of Directors of the

Montgomery County Public Schools Television Foundation, Inc.,
beginning April 1, 1990, and ending March 31, 1991:

Jean Mallon

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. HOBBS TO
RECONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 39-90
WHICH ELIMINATED THE NATIONAL
JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Hobbs to reconsider Resolution No. 39-90 which eliminated the National Junior Honor Society failed with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mrs. Praisner, Ms. Serino, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO SCHEDULE A
MOTION TO RESCIND ACTION ON THE
NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Mr. Ewing moved and Mr. Goldensohn seconded the following:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education schedule a time on an agenda to consider a motion to rescind Board Resolution No. 39-90, which eliminated the National Junior Honor Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board request from mid-level schools the views of the PTA's and principals with regard to their views on whether or not the National Junior Honor Society should be, in fact, eliminated.

Dr. Shoenberg stated that this was not a policy matter and could be voted on. Mrs. Praisner appealed the ruling of the chair.

Re: RULING OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Mrs. Hobbs supported the ruling of the chair. Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mrs. Praisner, and Ms. Serino did not support the ruling of the chair. Dr. Shoenberg abstained. Therefore, the proposed resolution would be scheduled on the agenda of April 17, 1990.

Re: ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Board members received the following item of information:
Recommended Approval for PROGRAM OF STUDIES for Business Education.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

HP:mlw