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TEXT:



Efforts are already being taken to reduce costs, control expenditures, and evaluate existing programs for additional savings. The superintendent has already imposed an extensive hiring freeze, overtime controls and cutbacks in the use of substitutes, consultants, part-time staff and out-of-state travel in order to save \$2.2 million this year. All equipment funds, for example, have been frozen.

The Board of Education has authorized additional measures to identify immediate and long-term cost reductions through greater efficiency and cost savings. Furthermore, a review a next year's operating budget will be made by the Board to further identify significant reductions in the budget. Detailed discussions with internal auditors have been initiated to obtain information about potential areas of expenditure controls for this year, as well as next year.

The Board has also authorized a comprehensive analysis of management improvements that may produce greater efficiency and cost reductions, particularly in the areas of transportation, plant operations, procurement and maintenance. The analysis will also review management systems for curriculum and instruction, special education, program evaluation, and staff development.

Furthermore, the Board is to appoint a task force of citizens knowledgeable about the school system and external management innovation to assist the Board in identifying areas where other savings may be made. The Board is seeking recommendations from employee and parent organizations, community and civic groups, and other public representatives on ways in which the school system can create greater efficiency and cost containment.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING ON OPERATING BUDGET  
PROPOSALS FOR THE SCHOOL AND FISCAL  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1992

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Roxanna Martell, Chapter I
2. Frank Soo Hoo, WHE CARE
3. Cory Moore, SACRIH
4. Ron Smetanick, Montgomery County Science Teachers Association
5. Eugene Thirolf, Community Coalition for the Schools
6. Linda Johnson, PADI
7. Ethelyn Owen, Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Gifted and Talented
8. Avi Ostchega and Steve Frank, Gifted and Talented/Learning Disabled
9. Marilyn Berger, Gifted and Talented Association
10. Akmal Muwallif, Middle Start
11. Frank Soo Hoo and Eddie Arnold, Interrelated Arts/TAPESTRY

12. Peggy Driver, St. Martin's and St. Mary's Catholic Schools
13. Maysel Jackson, Gray Panthers

The following representatives of the Area 4 clusters appeared before the Board:

1. Kennedy Cluster - Mary Batchter, Cluster Coordinator; Margaret Smith, Lee Middle School; Lisa Itt , Kemp Mill Elementary School; and Erik Olson, Glenallan Elementary School.
2. Magruder Cluster - Jane Martin, Co-cluster Coordinator
3. Paint Branch Cluster - Cyndy Brewer, Cluster Coordinator
4. Sherwood Cluster - Howard Zuses, Cluster Coordinator
5. Springbrook Cluster - Evelyn Roebuck, Cluster Coordinator

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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