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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, February 2, 1995, at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon, President
in the Chair
Mr. Stephen Abrams
Dr. Alan Cheung
Ms. Wendy Converse
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Reginald Felton
Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez
Mrs. Nancy King

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent
Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy
Mr. Larry A. Bowers, Acting Deputy
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Gordon announced that this evening the Board would continue its action on the FY 1996 Operating Budget with final action scheduled for February 8.

Re: ADULT EDUCATION

Mr. Ewing requested information on what it would cost to add another six sections in Adult Education ESOL classes, assuming they could find space. Mr. Felton asked if it would be possible to determine if those adults turned away in the first session subsequently enrolled in the second session. Ms. Gutierrez requested a more generic description of the data on the records kept by Adult Education.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE
FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL
EDUCATION (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding \$300,000 for salaries or contractual services for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech pathologists failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Ms. Converse abstaining.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE
FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL
EDUCATION (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding \$150,000 for salaries or contractual services for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech pathologists failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Converse, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: TRANSPORTATION - AUTISM PROGRAM

Mr. Ewing asked where in the Transportation budget the funds were for the autism program.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE
FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, EMPLOYEE
ASSISTANCE (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding one professional staff member to the Employee Assistance unit failed for lack of a second.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE
FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, STAFF
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cheung seconded the following:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended by the following additions to support staff development

K-12		\$230,000
School Improvement Training Unit		170,000
Systemwide Training Unit	<u>100,000</u>	
		\$500,000

Re: STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Ewing wanted more specificity on where the \$230,000 would be spent, given that there was a fair amount in the budget for global access training. Mrs. Gordon asked how the additional \$100,000 for A&S training would be used. She also asked for information on how the training funds would be used for supporting services personnel.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-95 Re: POSTPONING ACTION ON MOTION REGARDING
STAFF DEVELOPMENT

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

Resolved, That the proposed motion on staff development be postponed until February 8.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO FY 1996
OPERATING BUDGET, MAINTENANCE

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. King voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended to add \$400,000 for contractual services for maintenance as detailed in the response to Question 33.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE
FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, SAFETY
AND SECURITY (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding \$23,000 for communications equipment replacement for Safety and Security failed with Ms. Converse and Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: SAFETY AND SECURITY

Dr. Cheung requested information on the number of schools where the Police Department had adopt-a-school programs.

Re: TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Gordon inquired about the savings for consolidating bus routes for closer to capacity use at the high school for buses. She also asked about the capability of adjusting bus stops with the computerized routing system and what the savings might be. Ms. Gutierrez requested a sheet on the savings they were projecting in transportation. She asked about the impact of eliminating contractual services for maintenance and repairs in transportation. She also asked about the rationale for their paying for the Maryland driver's permits. She asked for the written rationale for the increase in bus parts, supplies, and materials (the basis of the estimates for the increases). Mrs. King requested a breakdown on the ages of their school buses.

Re: TECHNOLOGY PLANNING AND DATA
OPERATIONS

Mr. Ewing asked whether a budget amendment was needed for a specific plan for an executive information system and whether it would be valuable to support further development in this area now. He also asked whether this could be pursued with existing resources and whether or not there was a specific plan to do this. Ms. Gutierrez requested that the information include all the investment that they had made on administrative computers (prior to SIMS - the plan to equip all offices with local area networks - PC-based). She asked about the status of the MIS program that was to be developed in-house so that there could be a downloading capability of management information.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE
FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, PARENT
RESOURCE CENTERS (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by removing the \$86,259 for the parent resource centers from the enterprise fund and putting it in the Operating Budget failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 58-95 Re: ADJOURNMENT

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 10:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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