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November 25, 1995

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, November 25, 1996, at 8:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Ms. Ana Sol Gutiérrez, President
in the Chair
Mr. Stephen Abrams
Dr. Alan Cheung
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Reginald Felton
Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon
Mrs. Nancy King
Ms. Mona M. Signer, Board Member-Elect
Ms. Rachel Prager
Dr. Paul L. Vance, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

#indicates student vote does not count. Four votes needed for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 779-96 Re: **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for November 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION NO. 780-96 Re: **PANASONIC CHALLENGE RECOGNITION**

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Kevin Keegan, journalism teacher at Rockville High School, and Mr. Michael Kravitz, chemistry teacher at Montgomery Blair High School, convened and successfully coached the 1996 Maryland All-Star Team comprised of six high school students from the state of Maryland, five of whom were from Montgomery County Public Schools at Quince Orchard, Walter Johnson, Montgomery Blair, and Thomas S. Wootton high schools; and

WHEREAS, The 1996 TEAM MARYLAND competed against students from across the country on June 9, 1996, at the annual Panasonic Academic Challenge competition held at the Contemporary Resort at Disney World in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The 1996 TEAM MARYLAND won the three-day competition and was named national champions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and superintendent of schools congratulate the students and sponsors of the 1996 TEAM MARYLAND for their outstanding performance at the Panasonic Academic Challenge competition.

Re: **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people appeared before the Board of Education:

	<u>Person</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1.	Sen. Chris McCabe	Sherwood Cluster
2.	Ann Block	Sherwood Cluster
3.	Marc Elrich	Takoma Park Unification
4.	Steve Wetzler	Boundaries
5.	Sarah Steel	Human Relations
6.	Joyce Schoeppach	Human Relations
7.	Laura Reed	Boundaries
8.	Diane Reinke	Human Relations
9.	Susan Bateman	Boundaries
10.	Maureen McNamara	Boundaries
11.	Debbie Camp	Preferred Choice
12.	Dennis Troute	Special Education
13.	Richard Helgeson	Preferred Choice
14.	Dr. Judi Frum	Boundaries
15.	Gail Makulowich	Boundaries

RESOLUTION NO. 781-96 Re: **PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS MORE THAN \$25,000**

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

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

WHEREAS, Schools and vendors have expressed concerns that MCPS might be able to obtain copier maintenance at a much lower rate than on our current contract, and

WHEREAS, Our current contract contains a cancellation clause for the maintenance service, and

WHEREAS, The evaluation of the responses to RFP No. 165-96, Full Service Maintenance and New Acquisition of Copy Machines, showed that there would be no reduction of cost over the current contract, which has 18 months remaining; now therefore be it

Resolved, That RFP No. 165-96, Full Service Maintenance and New Acquisition of Copy Machines, be rejected; 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:

148-97 Snack Foods, Chips and Popcorn

Awardees

Smelkinson/Sysco	\$ 125,250
Wise Products - National Capital Area, Inc.	<u>3,365</u>
Total	\$ 128,615

206-97 Elementary Mathematics Supplies

Awardees

Cuisenaire Company of America	\$ 11,887
Delta Education, Inc.	5,265
Education Outlet, Inc.	7,126
Educational Teaching Aids	6,621
J.L. Hammett Company	584
Intac, Inc.	627 *
School Specialty	<u>1,670</u>
Total	\$ 33,780

214-97 Disk Drives

Awardee

International Business Machines	\$162,960
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MORE THAN \$25,000 \$325,355

* Denotes MFD vendors

RESOLUTION NO. 782-96

Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACTS - MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids represent the sixth in a series of subcontracts that were bid as part of a construction management process for the Montgomery Blair High School project:

<u>Low Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Roofing and Roof Accessories</u> Orndorff & Spaid, Inc.	\$1,167,966
<u>Fireproofing</u> Southern Insulation, Inc.	469,000
<u>Food Service Equipment & Residential Equipment</u> Restaurant Equipment Sales Co., Inc.	367,761
<u>Wood Floor</u> Weyer's Floor Service, Inc.	170,732
<u>Folding Partitions</u> Modern Door & Equipment	114,700

and

WHEREAS, Details of the bid activity are available in the Department of Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, The low bids exceed the estimates; however, sufficient funds are available to award the contracts; and

WHEREAS, The award of contracts for the above bids will exhaust the funds available for the Montgomery Blair High School project and additional funds are required to complete the balance of the construction work; now therefore be it

Resolved, That contracts be awarded for the above referenced subcontractors meeting specifications for the Montgomery Blair High School project for the bids and amounts listed; and be it further

Resolved, That an emergency supplemental appropriation be requested for the Montgomery Blair High School project in the amount of \$3.7 million; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the county executive and he be requested to recommend approval of the emergency supplemental appropriation to the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 783-96 Re: **AWARD OF PHASE II CONTRACT - NORTHEAST AREA HIGH SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, On November 7, 1996, the following sealed bids were received for Phase II of the new Northeast Area High School project:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Gassman Corporation	\$26,097,000
Hess Construction Company	26,115,600
Sigal Construction Corporation	26,226,000
Cam Construction Company, Inc.	27,001,000
Dick Enterprises, Inc.	27,462,000

and

WHEREAS, The low bid exceeds the budget; and

WHEREAS, The County Council tentatively agreed to provide additional funds for this project when the bids were received for Phase II; and

WHEREAS, Surplus funds are available in the West Farm Vehicle Maintenance Facility project that can be transferred without impacting the completion schedule or facility design; now therefore be it

Resolved, That \$260,000 from the West Farm Vehicle Maintenance Facility project be transferred to the Local Unliquidated Surplus account; and be it further

Resolved, That \$260,000 be transferred from the Local Unliquidated Surplus account to the new Northeast Area High School project; and be it further

Resolved, That an emergency supplemental appropriation be requested for the new Northeast Area High School project in the amount of \$4,985,000; and be it further

Resolved, That a contract in the amount of \$26,097,000 be awarded to The Gassman Corporation contingent upon the approval of the fund transfers and the emergency supplemental appropriation for Phase II of the new Northeast Area High School project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Delmar Architects, P.A.; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the county executive and he be requested to recommend approval of the emergency supplemental appropriation and transfer request to the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 784-96 Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT VARIOUS FACILITIES**

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

WHEREAS, Sealed bids for various maintenance projects were received on October 31, and November 7, 1996, in accordance with MCPS procurement practices, with work to begin on November 26, 1996 and to be completed on or before June 2, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Details of the bid activity are available in the Department of Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, The low bids are below staff estimates, and the low bidders meeting specifications have completed similar work successfully for Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That contracts be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications for the projects and amounts listed below:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement Eastern Middle School Low Bidder: Interstate Service Company, Inc.	\$ 190,666
Chiller(s) Replacement Brown Station Elementary School Low Bidder: EMD Mechanical Specialists	122,240
Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement Benjamin Banneker Middle School Low Bidder: John J. Kirlin, Inc.	226,000

RESOLUTION NO. 785-96 Re: **ARCHITECTURAL ADJUSTMENT - TAKOMA PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, The initial architectural/engineering services fee for the Takoma Park Middle School project was based on a modernization and expansion of the existing facility; and

WHEREAS, A feasibility study was conducted during schematic planning to compare the cost of a modernization to a new facility; and

WHEREAS, The feasibility study determined that it was more cost-effective to construct a new facility because of site constraints and difficulties associated with modernizing/expanding the existing building; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested a replacement facility for Takoma Park Middle School, and the County Council approved funds as part of the FY 1997 - 2002 Capital Improvements Program for the project; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee adjustment for services associated with the new school design; and

WHEREAS, The adjusted fee is 5 percent of the construction budget; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the architectural contract with Grimm and Parker, P.C., for the Takoma Park Middle School project be increased \$160,000 for design services in conjunction with a replacement facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 786-96 Re: **UTILIZATION OF FY 1997 FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS FOR THE LITERACY WORKS PROGRAM**

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend within the FY 1997 Provision for Future Supported Projects a grant award of \$15,114 from the U.S. Department of Education, under the Adult Basic Education Act, via the Maryland State Department of Education for the Literacy Works program, in the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2 Instructional Salaries	\$ 8,596
3 Other Instructional Costs	5,830
10 Fixed Charges	<u>688</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,114</u>

and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 787-96 Re: **UTILIZATION OF FY 1997 FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS FOR THE DELINQUENT AND AT-RISK YOUTH PROGRAM**

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend within the FY 1997 Provision for Future Supported Projects a grant award of \$40,347 from the U.S. Department of Education, under Title I programs, via the Maryland State Department of Education for the Delinquent and At-Risk Youth Program in the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2 Instructional Salaries	\$20,064
3 Other Instructional Costs	18,677
10 Fixed Charges	<u>1,606</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$40,347</u>

and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 787(a)-96 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective November 26, 1996:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Elaine H. Clarke	Resource Teacher, Herbert Hoover MS	Coordinator Takoma Park Magnet

RESOLUTION NO. 788-96 BOUNDARY REASSIGNMENTS FOR WALTER JOHNSON CLUSTER

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

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1996, the superintendent of schools convened a boundary advisory committee comprised of representatives from each of the Walter Johnson cluster elementary schools, Tilden Middle School, and Walter Johnson High School to develop boundary recommendations for the new Walter Johnson Middle School #2 and Tilden Middle School, and subsequently made recommendations to the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed and recommended to the Board of Education the same boundary proposals as recommended by the boundary advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 18, 1996, on the superintendent's recommendation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the middle school boundaries for the Walter Johnson cluster middle schools be as follows:

<u>Tilden Middle School</u>	<u>Walter Johnson Middle School #2</u>
Farmland ES	Ashburton ES
Garrett Park ES	Kensington-Parkwood ES
Luxmanor ES	Wyngate ES

and be it further

Resolved, That the assignments to the new Walter Johnson Middle School #2 begin with Grades 6 and 7 in September 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That students living on Brewer House Court, Brewer House Road, Inman Park Circle, Kings Riding Way, Antigua Terrace, Balsam Grove Court, Barbados Place, Bloomingdale Court, Bloomingdale Drive, Bloomingdale Terrace, Cedarwood Court,

Cedarwood Drive, Chapman Mill Drive, 10800-10999 Gloxinia Drive, Hampton Mill Terrace, Linden Square Court, Loganwood Court, Loganwood Drive, Luxberry Court, Luxberry Drive, Mayfair Manor Drive, Mossrock Drive, Snowshoe Lane, 5526-5549 Sugarbush Lane, and 5501-6099 (odd) Tuckerman Lane who are within walking distance to Tilden Middle School and are assigned to Walter Johnson Middle School #2 be given the option to attend Tilden Middle School through the transfer process.

RESOLUTION NO. 789-96 Re: **BOUNDARY REASSIGNMENTS FOR WATKINS MILL CLUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

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

WHEREAS, In the winter of 1996, the superintendent of schools convened a boundary advisory committee comprised of representatives from Capt. James E. Daly, Stedwick, and Whetstone elementary schools to develop boundary recommendations to relieve Capt. James E. Daly Elementary School, and subsequently made recommendations to the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed and recommended to the Board of Education the same boundary proposals as recommended by the boundary advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 19, 1996, on the superintendent's recommendation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Autumn Leaf Place, Greenriver Terrace, Misty Moon Place, Risingdale Court, Sandsfield Terrace, Watkins Meadow Drive, Watkins Mill Road, Wayfarer Road, Crown Laurel Court, Crown Laurel Drive, Crown Ridge Court, Cedarbluff Drive, Cedarbluff Lane, Choctaw Court, Yellow Leaf Terrace, and Yellow Leaf Way be reassigned from Capt. James E. Daly Elementary School to Stedwick Elementary School beginning with Grades K-4 in September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the community on Ridgeline Drive be reassigned from Stedwick Elementary School to Whetstone Elementary School beginning with Grades K-4 in September 1997.

Re: **AN AMENDMENT BY MR. ABRAMS ON DARNESTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FAILED)**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mr. Ewing to have Darnestown Elementary School attend Ridgeview Middle School and Quince Orchard High School failed with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, and Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting in the negative. #

Re: **NORTHWEST AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
NORTHWEST AREA HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARIES**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Ms. Prager, the following was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, Secondary school enrollment growth in the Quince Orchard and Seneca Valley clusters and the scheduled September 1997 reorganization of Ridgeview Middle School to serve Grades 6-8 require the opening of a new middle school and a new high school to serve growing enrollments in the two clusters; and

WHEREAS, A community boundary advisory committee met and made recommendations to the superintendent for boundaries for the Northwest Area Middle School and Northwest Area High School; and

WHEREAS, The community boundary advisory committee report acknowledged the lack of a broad consensus on their recommendation and submitted an alternative which had received nearly as many votes of support as the committee's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed and carefully considered the committee's recommendation and the alternative presented in its report, and then recommended elements he supported which come from both approaches submitted by the advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 19, 1996, on the superintendent's recommendation and Board-adopted alternatives; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the service area of the new Northwest Area Middle School will consist of the service areas of Brown Station, Diamond, Jones Lane, and Ronald A. McNair elementary schools; consistent with these assignments, the service area of Ridgeview Middle School will consist of the service areas of Rachel Carson, Darnestown, Fields Road and Thurgood Marshall elementary schools; the service area of Roberto W. Clemente Middle School will consist of the service areas of Clopper Mill, Germantown, S. Christa McAuliffe elementary schools, and the portion of Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School's service area south of Middlebrook Road; and the service area for Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School will consist of the service areas of Fox Chapel, Lake Seneca and Waters Landing elementary schools, and the portion of Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School's service area north of Middlebrook Road; and be it further

Resolved, That the reassignments to the new Northwest Area Middle School begin with Grades 6 and 7 in September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the service area of the new Northwest Area High School will consist of the service areas of Clopper Mill, Darnestown, Diamond, Germantown and Ronald A. McNair elementary schools; consistent with these assignments, the service area of Quince Orchard High School will consist of the service areas of Brown Station, Rachel Carson, Fields Road, Jones Lane and Thurgood Marshall elementary schools; the service area of Seneca Valley High School will consist of the service areas of Fox Chapel, Lake Seneca, S. Christa McAuliffe, Dr. Sally K. Ride and Waters Landing elementary schools; and be it further

Resolved, That reassignments to the new Northwest Area High School begin with Grades 9-11 in September 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That the new residential community known as the "Parklands," north of Great Seneca Highway and east of Quince Orchard Road, be reassigned from Rachel Carson Elementary School to Diamond Elementary School, and to the secondary schools that Diamond Elementary School's service area is assigned, effective immediately; and be it further

Resolved, That a thirteen-room addition be constructed to the new Northwest Area Middle School to open September 1999, and a ten-room addition be constructed to the new Northwest Area High School to open September 2001.

Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO HAVE A SIGNATURE PROGRAM
AT THE NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL**

On motion of Dr. Cheung and seconded by Mrs. King, the following amendment was placed on the table:

Resolved, That a signature program be established for the Northwest Area High School to be in place when the school opens in September 1998, the signature program be developed with the participation of all of the schools assigned to this new high school, and that in the future signature programs be developed at Quince Orchard and Seneca Valley high schools so that three clusters — Seneca Valley, Quince Orchard, and Northwest — can function as a consortium of high schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 790-96

Re: **SUBSTITUTE MOTION ON SIGNATURE PROGRAMS
IN THE NORTHWEST AREA**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. Felton, the following substitute motion was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager; Mr. Abrams and Dr. Cheung abstained.

Resolved, That the Board of Education direct the superintendent to notify the communities involved in the restructuring of boundaries in the northwest area and explain the process

for developing signature programs and encourage those communities to utilize that process for proposals for Board approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 791-96 Re: **NORTHWEST AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
NORTHWEST AREA HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARIES**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Ms. Prager, the following resolution as amended was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams voting in the negative: #

WHEREAS, Secondary school enrollment growth in the Quince Orchard and Seneca Valley clusters and the scheduled September 1997 reorganization of Ridgeview Middle School to serve Grades 6-8 require the opening of a new middle school and a new high school to serve growing enrollments in the two clusters; and

WHEREAS, A community boundary advisory committee met and made recommendations to the superintendent for boundaries for the Northwest Area Middle School and Northwest Area High School; and

WHEREAS, The community boundary advisory committee report acknowledged the lack of a broad consensus on their recommendation and submitted an alternative which had received nearly as many votes of support as the committee's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed and carefully considered the committee's recommendation and the alternative presented in its report, and then recommended elements he supported which come from both approaches submitted by the advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 19, 1996, on the superintendent's recommendation and Board-adopted alternatives; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the service area of the new Northwest Area Middle School will consist of the service areas of Brown Station, Diamond, Jones Lane, and Ronald A. McNair elementary schools; consistent with these assignments, the service area of Ridgeview Middle School will consist of the service areas of Rachel Carson, Darnestown, Fields Road and Thurgood Marshall elementary schools; the service area of Roberto W. Clemente Middle School will consist of the service areas of Clopper Mill, Germantown, S. Christa McAuliffe elementary schools, and the portion of Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School's service area south of Middlebrook Road; and the service area for Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School will consist of the service areas of Fox Chapel, Lake Seneca and Waters Landing elementary schools, and the portion of Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School's service area north of Middlebrook Road; and be it further

Resolved, That the reassignments to the new Northwest Area Middle School begin with Grades 6 and 7 in September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the service area of the new Northwest Area High School will consist of the service areas of Clopper Mill, Darnestown, Diamond, Germantown and Ronald A. McNair elementary schools; consistent with these assignments, the service area of Quince Orchard High School will consist of the service areas of Brown Station, Rachel Carson, Fields Road, Jones Lane and Thurgood Marshall elementary schools; the service area of Seneca Valley High School will consist of the service areas of Fox Chapel, Lake Seneca, S. Christa McAuliffe, Dr. Sally K. Ride and Waters Landing elementary schools; and be it further

Resolved, That reassignments to the new Northwest Area High School begin with Grades 9-11 in September 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That the new residential community known as the "Parklands," north of Great Seneca Highway and east of Quince Orchard Road, be reassigned from Rachel Carson Elementary School to Diamond Elementary School, and to the secondary schools that Diamond Elementary School's service area is assigned, effective immediately; and be it further

Resolved, That a thirteen-room addition be constructed to the new Northwest Area Middle School to open September 1999, and a ten-room addition be constructed to the new Northwest Area High School to open September 2001; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education direct the superintendent to notify the communities involved in the restructuring of boundaries in the northwest area and explain the process for developing signature programs and encourage those communities to utilize that process for proposals for Board approval.

The Board took a break from 9:45 to 10:05 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 792-96

Re: **VOTE OF RECONSIDERATION ON THE NORTHWEST
AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND NORTHWEST AREA
HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARIES**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. Felton, the Following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education reconsider the Northwest Area Middle School and Northwest Area High School boundaries.

RESOLUTION NO. 793-96 Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHWEST AREA
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND NORTHWEST AREA HIGH
SCHOOL BOUNDARIES**

On motion of Mr. Felton and seconded by Mrs. King, the following amendment was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative: #

Resolved, That the Longdraft Estates walkers to retain their current articulation into Ridgeview Middle School and Quince Orchard High School.

RESOLUTION NO. 794-96 Re: **NORTHWEST AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
NORTHWEST AREA HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARIES**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Ms. Prager, the following resolution as amended was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams voting in the negative: #

WHEREAS, Secondary school enrollment growth in the Quince Orchard and Seneca Valley clusters and the scheduled September 1997 reorganization of Ridgeview Middle School to serve Grades 6-8 require the opening of a new middle school and a new high school to serve growing enrollments in the two clusters; and

WHEREAS, A community boundary advisory committee met and made recommendations to the superintendent for boundaries for the Northwest Area Middle School and Northwest Area High School; and

WHEREAS, The community boundary advisory committee report acknowledged the lack of a broad consensus on their recommendation and submitted an alternative which had received nearly as many votes of support as the committee's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed and carefully considered the committee's recommendation and the alternative presented in its report, and then recommended elements he supported which come from both approaches submitted by the advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 19, 1996, on the superintendent's recommendation and Board-adopted alternatives; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the service area of the new Northwest Area Middle School will consist of the service areas of Brown Station, Diamond, Jones Lane, and Ronald A. McNair elementary schools; consistent with these assignments, the service area of Ridgeview Middle School will consist of the service areas of Rachel Carson, Darnestown, Fields Road and Thurgood Marshall elementary schools; the service area of Roberto W. Clemente

Middle School will consist of the service areas of Clopper Mill, Germantown, S. Christa McAuliffe elementary schools, and the portion of Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School's service area south of Middlebrook Road; and the service area for Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School will consist of the service areas of Fox Chapel, Lake Seneca and Waters Landing elementary schools, and the portion of Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School's service area north of Middlebrook Road; and be it further

Resolved, That the reassignments to the new Northwest Area Middle School begin with Grades 6 and 7 in September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the service area of the new Northwest Area High School will consist of the service areas of Clopper Mill, Darnestown, Diamond, Germantown and Ronald A. McNair elementary schools; consistent with these assignments, the service area of Quince Orchard High School will consist of the service areas of Brown Station, Rachel Carson, Fields Road, Jones Lane and Thurgood Marshall elementary schools; the service area of Seneca Valley High School will consist of the service areas of Fox Chapel, Lake Seneca, S. Christa McAuliffe, Dr. Sally K. Ride and Waters Landing elementary schools; and be it further

Resolved, That reassignments to the new Northwest Area High School begin with Grades 9-11 in September 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That the new residential community known as the "Parklands," north of Great Seneca Highway and east of Quince Orchard Road, be reassigned from Rachel Carson Elementary School to Diamond Elementary School, and to the secondary schools that Diamond Elementary School's service area is assigned, effective immediately; and be it further

Resolved, That a thirteen-room addition be constructed to the new Northwest Area Middle School to open September 1999, and a ten-room addition be constructed to the new Northwest Area High School to open September 2001; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education direct the superintendent to notify the communities involved in the restructuring of boundaries in the northwest area and explain the process for developing signature programs and encourage those communities to utilize that process for proposals for Board approval; and be it further

Resolved, That the Longdraft Estates walkers to retain their current articulation into Rigeview Middle School and Quince Orchard High School.

Re: **CITY OF TAKOMA PARK STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS
AND SCHOOL FACILITY PLANS**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, The City of Takoma Park voted in November 1995 to unify in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools is expecting approximately 495 unification students to enter our schools in September 1997, and this number is expected to increase to approximately 600 to 715 students by 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education assigned the unification students to the Montgomery Blair cluster in March 1996; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is committed to returning the French Immersion program to the Montgomery Blair cluster when space is available; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent convened a boundary advisory committee in Fall 1994 to consider elementary school facility plans for 300-400 incoming unification students and to address current overcrowding in Montgomery Blair Cluster elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The committee recommended building a new elementary school or purchasing an existing private school to accommodate elementary students from the unification area, reinstate a French Immersion program in the Montgomery Blair cluster, and relieve elementary schools in the cluster that are over utilized; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed the committee's report and recommended to the Board of Education that a new school be opened in the Montgomery Blair cluster subject to identification of a building/site; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education took action in March 1996 to open a new elementary school in the Montgomery Blair cluster to accommodate Grades K-5 unification students, relieve over utilized schools in the cluster, and reinstate the French Immersion program subject to identification of a building/site; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested staff to explore site possibilities for a new school for Board of Education action no later than November 1996; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent convened a site selection committee to find a suitable site for the new elementary school; and

WHEREAS, The site selection committee recommended purchasing a private school near the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed the site selection committee's recommendation and recommended the purchase of the private school; and

WHEREAS, The identified site needs rehabilitation and an addition to accommodate the unification students and the French Immersion program; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient middle school space to accommodate the unification students will be available when the third middle school on Wayne Avenue opens in September 1998; and

WHEREAS, Interim assignment is needed for the middle school students for September 1997; and

WHEREAS, The Grade 6 mathematics/science magnet students were assigned to White Oak Middle School for the 1995-96 through 1997-98 school years, but space will be available at Takoma Park Middle School when the school moves to the Tilden holding facility during modernization beginning in September 1997; and

WHEREAS, The new Montgomery Blair High School is being constructed with adequate core facilities to accommodate the unification high school students; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended to the Board of Education interim assignments for unification elementary and middle school students; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 18, 1996, on the superintendent's recommendations; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a private school near the City of Takoma Park be purchased to open a new elementary school in the Montgomery Blair cluster to accommodate Grades K-5 unification students, relieve over utilized schools in the cluster, and return the French Immersion program to the Montgomery Blair cluster; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education request \$400,000 in FY 1998 for planning the new elementary school and request \$6.45 million in FY 1999 in construction funds for the rehabilitation/addition to the elementary school; and be it further

Resolved, That a second French Immersion program be created at Maryvale Elementary School, and the two French Immersion programs serve different geographic areas of the county by splitting the current program along geographic boundaries so that the two programs begin in September 1999 with two classes per grade for Kindergarten and Grade 1, and one class per grade for Grades 2-5; and be it further

Resolved, That Grades K-5 unification students be assigned on an interim basis to Takoma Park Elementary School for Grades K-2 and Pine Crest Elementary School for Grades 3-5 beginning in September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That Grades 6-8 unification students be assigned to a Montgomery Blair cluster middle school that will be determined no later than November 1997 as part of the middle school boundary changes when the third middle school is opened in September 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That Grades 6-8 unification students be assigned on an interim basis to Takoma Park Middle School for September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the Grade 6 mathematics/science magnet students return to Takoma Park Middle School beginning in September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the enrollment at Montgomery Blair High School be monitored to determine if additional permanent classroom space is needed in the future; and be it further

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

Re: **AN AMENDMENT BY MR. ABRAMS TO STRIKE THE RESOLVED CLAUSE ON A SECOND FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM (FAILED)**

On motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to strike the resolved clause that a second French Immersion program be created at Maryvale Elementary School, and the two French Immersion programs serve different geographic areas of the county by splitting the current program along geographic boundaries so that the two programs begin in September 1999 with two classes per grade for Kindergarten and Grade 1, and one class per grade for Grades 2-5 failed with Mr. Abrams and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative.#

Re: **AN AMENDMENT BY MS. GUTIÉRREZ TO ELIMINATE THE SECOND FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM (FAILED)**

On motion of Ms. Gutiérrez and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following motion to amend the motion on City of Takoma Park Student Assignments and School Facility Plans and the resolved clause on the French Immersion program by eliminating the reference to the creation of a second French Immersion program at this time and the resolved clause refer to the return of the French Immersion program to the Blair Cluster failed with Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative.#

RESOLUTION NO. 795-96 Re: **CITY OF TAKOMA PARK STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SCHOOL FACILITY PLANS**

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

WHEREAS, The City of Takoma Park voted in November 1995 to unify in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools is expecting approximately 495 unification students to enter our schools in September 1997, and this number is expected to increase to approximately 600 to 715 students by 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education assigned the unification students to the Montgomery Blair cluster in March 1996; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is committed to returning the French Immersion program to the Montgomery Blair cluster when space is available; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent convened a boundary advisory committee in Fall 1994 to consider elementary school facility plans for 300-400 incoming unification students and to address current overcrowding in Montgomery Blair Cluster elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The committee recommended building a new elementary school or purchasing an existing private school to accommodate elementary students from the unification area, reinstate a French Immersion program in the Montgomery Blair cluster, and relieve elementary schools in the cluster that are over utilized; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed the committee's report and recommended to the Board of Education that a new school be opened in the Montgomery Blair cluster subject to identification of a building/site; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education took action in March 1996 to open a new elementary school in the Montgomery Blair cluster to accommodate Grades K-5 unification students, relieve over utilized schools in the cluster, and reinstate the French Immersion program subject to identification of a building/site; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested staff to explore site possibilities for a new school for Board of Education action no later than November 1996; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent convened a site selection committee to find a suitable site for the new elementary school; and

WHEREAS, The site selection committee recommended purchasing a private school near the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed the site selection committee's recommendation and recommended the purchase of the private school; and

WHEREAS, The identified site needs rehabilitation and an addition to accommodate the unification students and the French Immersion program; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient middle school space to accommodate the unification students will be available when the third middle school on Wayne Avenue opens in September 1998; and

WHEREAS, Interim assignment is needed for the middle school students for September 1997; and

WHEREAS, The Grade 6 mathematics/science magnet students were assigned to White Oak Middle School for the 1995-96 through 1997-98 school years, but space will be available at Takoma Park Middle School when the school moves to the Tilden holding facility during modernization beginning in September 1997; and

WHEREAS, The new Montgomery Blair High School is being constructed with adequate core facilities to accommodate the unification high school students; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended to the Board of Education interim assignments for unification elementary and middle school students; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 18, 1996, on the superintendent's recommendations; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a private school near the City of Takoma Park be purchased to open a new elementary school in the Montgomery Blair cluster to accommodate Grades K-5 unification students, relieve over utilized schools in the cluster, and return the French Immersion program to the Montgomery Blair cluster; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education request \$400,000 in FY 1998 for planning the new elementary school and request \$6.45 million in FY 1999 in construction funds for the rehabilitation/addition to the elementary school; and be it further

Resolved, That a second French Immersion program be created at Maryvale Elementary School, and the two French Immersion programs serve different geographic areas of the county by splitting the current program along geographic boundaries so that the two programs begin in September 1999 with two classes per grade for Kindergarten and Grade 1, and one class per grade for Grades 2-5; and be it further

Resolved, That Grades K-5 unification students be assigned on an interim basis to Takoma Park Elementary School for Grades K-2 and Pine Crest Elementary School for Grades 3-5 beginning in September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That Grades 6-8 unification students be assigned to a Montgomery Blair cluster middle school that will be determined no later than November 1997 as part of the middle school boundary changes when the third middle school is opened in September 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That Grades 6-8 unification students be assigned on an interim basis to Takoma Park Middle School for September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the Grade 6 mathematics/science magnet students return to Takoma Park Middle School beginning in September 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the enrollment at Montgomery Blair High School be monitored to determine if additional permanent classroom space is needed in the future; and be it further

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

Re: NORTHEAST AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Ms. Prager, the following resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, An extensive community involvement process spanning five years has been conducted to enable a comprehensive plan for high school space needs in the eastern portion of Montgomery County to be developed; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive planning statement, "Framework for Eastern Area Facilities Decisions," was adopted by the Board of Education in March 1993 which included: construction of Montgomery Blair High School on the Kay Tract; construction of a new Northeast Area High School to address projected overutilization of Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook high schools; construction of additions at other eastern area high schools as needed, based on enrollment forecasts; and formation of two high school consortiums -- the first made up of Montgomery Blair, John F. Kennedy, and Albert Einstein high schools, with initial participation of Springbrook High School (BEKS), and the second to be made up of Paint Branch, Sherwood, Springbrook, and the new Northeast Area High School --beginning in September 1998; and

WHEREAS, A community advisory committee studying facility issues in the eastern county requested MCPS study alternatives to traditional boundaries for the new Northeast Area High School that would involve a choice model to make student assignments; and

WHEREAS, Two study groups consisting of MCPS program and facility staff, as well as community representatives, developed a controlled choice model for northeast area high schools and MCPS staff subsequently presented this model to communities in the Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook clusters for comment in the fall of 1996; and

WHEREAS, Public response to the controlled choice model indicated community concerns with the level of uncertainty over school assignments and, therefore, a modified version was developed, termed preferred choice; and

WHEREAS, Preferred choice addresses concerns over the school assignment process since it enables students to choose among four high schools (Paint Branch, Sherwood, Springbrook, and the new Northeast Area) based on signature programs, as well as guaranteeing a student their base area school assignment if desired; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the superintendent's recommendations for "Northeast Area High School Solutions," as well as Board-adopted alternatives, all of which encompassed controlled and preferred choice models, on November 18, 1996; now therefore be it

Resolved, That preferred choice be implemented in the Northeast Consortium high schools (Paint Branch, Sherwood, Springbrook, and the new Northeast Area) beginning with Grades 9 and 10 in September 1998 when the new high school opens; and be it further

Resolved, That signature programs, counselling, and transportation elements necessary for preferred choice, as described in Supplement E of the superintendent's recommended FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program, be put into place to enable the preferred choice program to operate effectively; and be it further

Resolved, That the preferred choice student assignment process be operated in a fair way that enables the four high schools involved to operate within the 80 to 100 percent utilization range, and with race/ethnic compositions that fall within the range currently existing in the three high schools, and with male or female composition of each of the four high schools falling in the 45 to 55 percent range; and be it further

Resolved, That the preferred choice process be conducted in a manner which guarantees that students whose first choice is their base area high school will be guaranteed this assignment; students whose first choice is not their base school, but they are unable to receive this assignment as a result of the choice guidelines, are guaranteed their base school assignment; and students who do not make a selection will automatically be assigned to their base area high school; and be it further

Resolved, That a computer program be instituted to provide a fair means for determining, based on the guidelines for school utilization, race/ethnic and gender diversity, students who will not be able to receive their first choice; and be it further

Resolved, That students who do not receive their first choice, but who have specified second and third choices that do not include their base area high school, will be processed through the computer program and an attempt will be made to provide placement in one of these alternative choices of high schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the guidelines described for preferred choice assignments be periodically reexamined to determine their effectiveness in promoting school choice, student and parent satisfaction, efficient school utilizations, and desired race/ethnic and gender diversity; and be it further

Resolved, That the development of base area assignments for the four high schools be conducted as recommended in Supplement E of the superintendent's recommended FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program, with Board of Education action in the spring of 1997 -- this study to include a comprehensive assessment of facility space and boundaries K-12; and be it further

Resolved, That the development of signature programs for the four high schools continue with community input and a status report be presented to the Board of Education in March 1997.

Re: **AN AMENDMENT BY MR. FELTON TO DELETE
SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE NORTHEAST
AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mr. Felton and seconded by Mrs. King, the following motion was placed on the table:

To omit Sherwood High School from preferred choice; in March 1997, the Board will decide the Sherwood Cluster boundaries including base school assignments; move forward with the Supplement E process with final decision in June 1997.

Re: **SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY DR. CHEUNG ON THE
NORTHEAST AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS
(RULED OUT OF ORDER)**

On motion of Dr. Cheung and seconded by Mr. Abrams to support the superintendent's preferred choice with substituting the second to last resolved clause with

Resolved, that the base population for the new Northeast Area High School would be developed from projected over enrollment of Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook high schools with the remaining population of each of the existing clusters thereby forming the respective base area assignment; any compulsory reassignment of students from the three existing clusters would be limited to sending them to the new Northeast Area High School, provided that the base area assignments and boundaries are to be determined in accordance with existing MCPS policy; and, notwithstanding the determination of new high school boundaries, no student from within the four base areas shall be precluded from voluntarily attending any of other schools through the preferred choice model.

was ruled out of order by the chair based on the Long-Range Facilities Policy and the Policy on Policyssetting.

**Re: AN AMENDMENT BY MR. FELTON TO DELETE
SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE NORTHEAST
AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS (FAILED)**

On motion of Mr. Felton and seconded by Mrs. King to omit Sherwood High School from preferred choice; in March 1997, the Board will decide the Sherwood Cluster boundaries including base school assignments; move forward with the Supplement E process with final decision in June 1997 failed with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams abstaining.

**Re: AN AMENDMENT BY MR. ABRAMS TO DEVELOP A
POLICY GOVERNING THE NORTHEAST AREA HIGH
SCHOOL SOLUTIONS (Ruled Out of Order)**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Dr. Cheung to develop a policy which implements the intent of stating that the selection criteria to be used for the signature programs will be automatic admission if space is available and applying the standards of the QIE policy was ruled out of order by the chair.

**Re: A MOTION BY MR. ABRAMS TO OVERRULE THE
CHAIR (FAILED)**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded Dr. Cheung to overrule the chair's decision to call the motion on selection criteria by Mr. Abrams out of order failed with Mr. Abrams and Dr. Cheung voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative.#

**Re: NORTHEAST AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS
(FAILED)**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Ms. Prager, the following resolution failed with Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams abstaining:#

WHEREAS, An extensive community involvement process spanning five years has been conducted to enable a comprehensive plan for high school space needs in the eastern portion of Montgomery County to be developed; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive planning statement, "Framework for Eastern Area Facilities Decisions," was adopted by the Board of Education in March 1993 which included: construction of Montgomery Blair High School on the Kay Tract; construction of a new Northeast Area High School to address projected overutilization of Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook high schools; construction of additions at other eastern area high schools as needed, based on enrollment forecasts; and formation of two high school

consortiums -- the first made up of Montgomery Blair, John F. Kennedy, and Albert Einstein high schools, with initial participation of Springbrook High School (BEKS), and the second to be made up of Paint Branch, Sherwood, Springbrook, and the new Northeast Area High School --beginning in September 1998; and

WHEREAS, A community advisory committee studying facility issues in the eastern county requested MCPS study alternatives to traditional boundaries for the new Northeast Area High School that would involve a choice model to make student assignments; and

WHEREAS, Two study groups consisting of MCPS program and facility staff, as well as community representatives, developed a controlled choice model for northeast area high schools and MCPS staff subsequently presented this model to communities in the Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook clusters for comment in the fall of 1996; and

WHEREAS, Public response to the controlled choice model indicated community concerns with the level of uncertainty over school assignments and, therefore, a modified version was developed, termed preferred choice; and

WHEREAS, Preferred choice addresses concerns over the school assignment process since it enables students to choose among four high schools (Paint Branch, Sherwood, Springbrook, and the new Northeast Area) based on signature programs, as well as guaranteeing a student their base area school assignment if desired; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the superintendent's recommendations for "Northeast Area High School Solutions," as well as Board-adopted alternatives, all of which encompassed controlled and preferred choice models, on November 18, 1996; now therefore be it

Resolved, That preferred choice be implemented in the Northeast Consortium high schools (Paint Branch, Sherwood, Springbrook, and the new Northeast Area) beginning with Grades 9 and 10 in September 1998 when the new high school opens; and be it further

Resolved, That signature programs, counselling, and transportation elements necessary for preferred choice, as described in Supplement E of the superintendent's recommended FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program, be put into place to enable the preferred choice program to operate effectively; and be it further

Resolved, That the preferred choice student assignment process be operated in a fair way that enables the four high schools involved to operate within the 80 to 100 percent utilization range, and with race/ethnic compositions that fall within the range currently existing in the three high schools, and with male or female composition of each of the four high schools falling in the 45 to 55 percent range; and be it further

Resolved, That the preferred choice process be conducted in a manner which guarantees that students whose first choice is their base area high school will be guaranteed this

assignment; students whose first choice is not their base school, but they are unable to receive this assignment as a result of the choice guidelines, are guaranteed their base school assignment; and students who do not make a selection will automatically be assigned to their base area high school; and be it further

Resolved, That a computer program be instituted to provide a fair means for determining, based on the guidelines for school utilization, race/ethnic and gender diversity, students who will not be able to receive their first choice; and be it further

Resolved, That students who do not receive their first choice, but who have specified second and third choices that do not include their base area high school, will be processed through the computer program and an attempt will be made to provide placement in one of these alternative choices of high schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the guidelines described for preferred choice assignments be periodically reexamined to determine their effectiveness in promoting school choice, student and parent satisfaction, efficient school utilizations, and desired race/ethnic and gender diversity; and be it further

Resolved, That the development of base area assignments for the four high schools be conducted as recommended in Supplement E of the superintendent's recommended FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program, with Board of Education action in the spring of 1997 -- this study to include a comprehensive assessment of facility space and boundaries K-12; and be it further

Resolved, That the development of signature programs for the four high schools continue with community input and a status report be presented to the Board of Education in March 1997.

RESOLUTION NO. 796-96 Re: **RECONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE 1 FOR
NORTHEAST AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education reconsider Alternative 1.

Re: **ALTERNATIVE 1 FOR NORTHEAST AREA HIGH
SCHOOL SOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was placed on the table:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt Alternative 1 (preferred choice for Paint Branch, Springbrook, and Northeast high schools, that there be a boundary change for Sherwood High School, and that the option for ESOL students to be full participants in preferred choice will be made available to them.)

Re: **A SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY MR. ABRAMS TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE NORTHEAST AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS (FAILED)**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Dr. Cheung to defer consideration of preferred choice until March to permit sufficient time for the boundary process to take place and more discussions to be held between the communities on whether it should be a three or four schools preferred choice option, and between now and March the superintendent would be instructed to developing a very clear statement of goals and objectives for the program as a whole, proposed practices and procedures, and proposals needed for policy changes failed with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, and Mrs. King voting in the negative. #

RESOLUTION NO. 797-96 Re: **ALTERNATIVE 1 FOR NORTHEAST AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt Alternative 1 (preferred choice for Paint Branch, Springbrook, and Northeast high schools, that there be a boundary change for Sherwood High School, and that the option for ESOL students to be full participants in preferred choice be made available to them.)

RESOLUTION NO. 798-96 Re: **GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NORTHEAST AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education direct the superintendent to develop a clear statement of goals and objectives for the program to be proposed to the Board for its adoption along with proposed practices and procedures for governing the program and proposals for needed policy changes for the program.

RESOLUTION NO. 799-96 Re: **NORTHEAST AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTIONS**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon,

Ms. Gutiérrez, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative:#

WHEREAS, An extensive community involvement process spanning five years has been conducted to enable a comprehensive plan for high school space needs in the eastern portion of Montgomery County to be developed; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive planning statement, "Framework for Eastern Area Facilities Decisions," was adopted by the Board of Education in March 1993 which included: construction of Montgomery Blair High School on the Kay Tract; construction of a new Northeast Area High School to address projected overutilization of Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook high schools; construction of additions at other eastern area high schools as needed, based on enrollment forecasts; and formation of two high school consortiums -- the first made up of Montgomery Blair, John F. Kennedy, and Albert Einstein high schools, with initial participation of Springbrook High School (BEKS), and the second to be made up of Paint Branch, Sherwood, Springbrook, and the new Northeast Area High School --beginning in September 1998; and

WHEREAS, A community advisory committee studying facility issues in the eastern portion of Montgomery County requested MCPS study alternatives to traditional boundaries for the new Northeast Area High School that would involve a choice model to make student assignments; and

WHEREAS, Two study groups consisting of MCPS program and facility staff, as well as community representatives, developed a controlled choice model for northeast area high schools and MCPS staff subsequently presented this model to communities in the Paint Branch, Sherwood, and Springbrook clusters for comment in the fall of 1996; and

WHEREAS, Public response to the controlled choice model indicated community concerns with the level of uncertainty over school assignments and, therefore, a modified version was developed, termed preferred choice; and

WHEREAS, Preferred choice addresses concerns over the school assignment process since it enables students to choose among four high schools (Paint Branch, Sherwood, Springbrook, and the new Northeast Area) based on signature programs as well as guaranteeing students their base area school assignment if desired; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the superintendent's recommendations for "Northeast Area High School Solutions," as well as Board-adopted alternatives, all of which encompassed controlled and preferred choice models, on November 18, 1996; now therefore be it

Resolved, That preferred choice be implemented in the Northeast Consortium high schools -- Paint Branch, Springbrook, and the new Northeast Area -- beginning with Grades 9 and 10 in September 1998 when the new high school opens; and be it further

Resolved, That students residing in the preferred choice area who attend ESOL centers currently at Sherwood High School and Springbrook High School be provided choice among the three preferred choice high schools, with ESOL supports made available at these three high schools to enable these choices, or be permitted to continue to attend the ESOL centers located at Sherwood High School and Springbrook High School; and be it further

Resolved, That signature programs, counselling, and transportation elements necessary for preferred choice, as described in Supplement E of the superintendent's recommended FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program, be put into place to enable the preferred choice program to operate effectively; and be it further

Resolved, That the preferred choice student assignment process be operated in a fair way that enables the three high schools involved to operate within the 80 to 100 percent utilization range, and with race/ethnic compositions that fall within the range of the Northeast High Schools Consortium high schools, and with male or female composition of each of the three consortium high schools falling in the 45 to 55 percent range; and be it further

Resolved, That the preferred choice process be conducted in a manner that guarantees students whose first choice is their base area high school will be guaranteed this assignment; students whose first choice is not their base school, but they are unable to receive this assignment as a result of the choice guidelines, are guaranteed their base school assignment; and students who do not make a selection will automatically be assigned to their base area high school; and be it further

Resolved, That a computer program be instituted to provide a fair means for determining, based on the guidelines for school utilization, race/ethnic and gender diversity, students who will not be able to receive their first choice; and be it further

Resolved, That students who do not receive their first choice, but who have specified second and third choices that do not include their base area high school, will be processed through the computer program and an attempt will be made to provide placement in one of these alternative choices of high schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the guidelines described for preferred choice assignments be periodically reexamined to determine their effectiveness in promoting school choice, student and parent satisfaction, efficient school utilizations, and desired race/ethnic and gender diversity; and be it further

Resolved, That in order to relieve Sherwood High School of projected space deficits, a Sherwood Cluster Boundary Advisory Committee meets over the winter of 1996-97 to identify areas for reassignment out of Sherwood High School to the Northeast High Schools Consortium and that the Board of Education take action on this reassignment in

March 1997 so that high school students in this area can be included in the development of base area assignments for the three preferred choice high schools; and be it further

Resolved, That as the Sherwood Cluster Boundary Advisory Committee meets, they include in their deliberations the identification of opportunities for reassignment of elementary school students out of Sherwood Cluster schools into space available in the Paint Branch and Springbrook clusters, and that the Board of Education take action on this reassignment in March 1997, with consideration of the middle school issues related to reassignment of elementary and high school students out of the cluster; and be it further

Resolved, That once the Board of Education has acted in March 1997 on the area(s) of the Sherwood Cluster to be reassigned out, that the development of base area assignments and school articulations proceed with involvement of the areas reassigned from the Sherwood Cluster; and be it further

Resolved, That Board of Education action on the base area assignment for the three preferred choice high schools (Paint Branch, Springbrook, and Northeast Area high schools), and any changes to articulation patterns, occur by the end of June 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the development of signature programs for the three preferred choice high schools continue with community input and a status report be presented to the Board of Education in March 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent be directed to develop a clear statement of goals and objectives for the program to be proposed to the Board for its adoption, along with proposed practices and procedures for governing the programs, and proposals for needed policy changes for the program.

* The Board took a break from 12:35 to 12:55 p.m.

Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
(CIP)**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, In accordance with § 5-306 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the superintendent of schools has prepared a recommended FY 1998 Capital Budget request and FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, Since the voters approved an amendment to Section 302 of the Montgomery County Charter on November 5, 1996, adopting a biennial CIP process, there will be no FY 1998-2003 Montgomery County CIP, only a FY 1998 Capital Budget with amendments to the County Council adopted FY 1997-2002 CIP; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 18 and 19 on all capital and non-capital recommendations in the superintendent's CIP; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent's recommended CIP includes a request for an FY 1997 emergency supplemental appropriation for the Montgomery Blair High School project, and

WHEREAS, The superintendent's recommended CIP includes a request for an FY 1997 emergency supplemental appropriation for the new Northeast Area High School project; and

WHEREAS, Col. Zadok Magruder Middle School #2 will not be available until September 1999; and

WHEREAS, Judith A. Resnik Elementary School is currently scheduled to be reassigned to the Col. Zadok Magruder cluster beginning in September 1998 with Grades 6 and 9; and

WHEREAS, Reassigning the Grade 6 students in September 1998 would over utilize Redland Middle School in the Col. Zadok Magruder cluster while Gaithersburg Middle School will have space available to accommodate these students; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education in adopting this CIP considered the implications of decisions on the Annual Growth Policy and is aware that the requested timing of space solutions enables all clusters to remain open to residential development; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the FY 1998 Capital Budget appropriation request totaling \$117,465,000 and the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (Attachment A); and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the attached priority list for state-eligible projects in FY 1998 (Attachment B); and be it further

Resolved, That the reassignment of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School Grade 6 students to the Col. Zadok Magruder cluster be delayed one year until September 1999 but continue with the Grade 9 student reassignment in September 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent submit the Board of Education's adopted FY 1998-2003 CIP to the county executive and County Council, and direct MCPS staff to work with OMB and County Council staffs to identify the necessary amendments to the County Council approved FY 1997-2002 CIP for the FY 1998 Capital Budget as required for the new biennial CIP process; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution with attachments be forwarded to county executive and County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 800-96 Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
(CIP) (Kensington-Parkwood Elementary)**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to move those schools with modernizations scheduled after FY 2000 so as to be completed in the year 2000 and to add Kensington-Parkwood to the modernization schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 801-96 Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
(CIP) (Quince Orchard Cluster)**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to establish a boundary committee to review the capacity at the elementary schools including Fields Road Elementary School and adjacent schools, including all the schools that will remain in the Quince Orchard Cluster.

RESOLUTION NO. 802-96 Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
(CIP) (Quince Orchard High School and Northwest
Middle School)**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to fund the middle school for 1,050 students instead of 750 students.

RESOLUTION NO. 803-96 Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
(CIP) (Winston Churchill Cluster)**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to expand the addition at Winston Churchill High School from 10 to 16 rooms thus adding \$60,000 in planning and \$975,000 in construction, furniture and equipment.

Re: **AN AMENDMENT BY MR. ABRAMS TO STUDY RICHARD MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL (FAILED)**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mr. Ewing to move \$50,000 from FY 2003 to FY 1999 to do a feasibility study for an addition to of Richard Montgomery High School or an option to built a new high school on the King Farm property failed with Mr. Abrams and Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative.#

Re: **AN AMENDMENT BY MRS. KING TO ADD A GYMNASIUM AT POOLESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL (FAILED)**

On motion of Mrs. King and seconded by Mr. Ewing to fund a gymnasium for the Poolesville Middle School failed with Mr. Abrams, Mr. Ewing, and Mrs. King, voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative; Dr. Cheung abstaining.#

RESOLUTION NO. 804-96 Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) (Sherwood Elementary School #6)**

On motion of Mr. Felton and seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the negative; (Ms. Prager) abstaining:#

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to add Sherwood Elementary School #6.

RESOLUTION NO. 805-96 Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) (Gymnasium for Burnt Mills Elementary School)**

On motion of Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez, the following was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. King and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams and Dr. Cheung abstaining:#

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to add a gymnasium at Burnt Mills Elementary School with planning funds in FY 1998, construction funds in FY 1999, and furniture and equipment in FY 2000.

* Ms. Prager temporarily left the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 806-96

Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
(CIP) (Air Conditioning)**

On motion of Ms. Gutiérrez and seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to create a Facilities Air Conditioning Equity (FACE) fund starting with a feasibility study to air condition schools with no or partial air conditioning over a six-year period.

* Ms. Prager rejoined the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 807-96

Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
(CIP) (Modernization Schedule)**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams abstaining.#

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to accelerate the modernization schedule by adding 2 elementaries, .5 middle school, and .5 high school per year starting in FY 2000.

Re: **AN AMENDMENT BY MR. EWING TO ACCELERATE
THE SCHEDULE FOR ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUMS
(FAILED)**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to establish a new schedule for elementary gymnasiums by adding them at a rate of two per year beginning in FY 1999 failed with Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams abstaining.#

Re: **AN AMENDMENT BY MR. EWING TO ACCELERATE
THE SCHEDULE FOR ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUMS
(FAILED)**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to establish a new schedule for elementary gymnasiums by adding them at a rate of one per year beginning in FY 2000 failed with Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, and (Ms. Prager) abstaining.#

Re: **AN AMENDMENT BY MR. EWING TO ACCELERATE
THE SCHEDULE FOR ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUMS
(FAILED)**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to establish a new schedule for elementary gymnasiums by adding them at a rate of one every other year beginning in FY 2000 failed with Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams and Dr. Cheung abstaining.#

RESOLUTION NO. 808-96 Re: **FY 1998-2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
(CIP)**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution as amended was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams and Dr. Cheung abstaining:#

WHEREAS, In accordance with § 5-306 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the superintendent of schools has prepared a recommended FY 1998 Capital Budget request and FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, Since the voters approved an amendment to Section 302 of the Montgomery County Charter on November 5, 1996, adopting a biennial CIP process, there will be no FY 1998-2003 Montgomery County CIP, only a FY 1998 Capital Budget with amendments to the County Council adopted FY 1997-2002 CIP; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 18 and 19 on all capital and non-capital recommendations in the superintendent's CIP; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent's recommended CIP includes a request for an FY 1997 emergency supplemental appropriation for the Montgomery Blair High School project, and

WHEREAS, The superintendent's recommended CIP includes a request for an FY 1997 emergency supplemental appropriation for the new Northeast Area High School project; and

WHEREAS, Col. Zadok Magruder Middle School #2 will not be available until September 1999; and

WHEREAS, Judith A. Resnik Elementary School is currently scheduled to be reassigned to the Col. Zadok Magruder cluster beginning in September 1998 with Grades 6 and 9; and

WHEREAS, Reassigning the Grade 6 students in September 1998 would over utilize Redland Middle School in the Col. Zadok Magruder cluster while Gaithersburg Middle School will have space available to accommodate these students; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education in adopting this CIP considered the implications of decisions on the Annual Growth Policy and is aware that the requested timing of space solutions enables all clusters to remain open to residential development; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the FY 1998 Capital Budget appropriation request totaling \$119,827,000 and the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (Attachment A); and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the attached priority list for state-eligible projects in FY 1998 (Attachment B); and be it further

Resolved, That the reassignment of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School Grade 6 students to the Col. Zadok Magruder cluster be delayed one year until September 1999 but continue with the Grade 9 student reassignment in September 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to move those schools with modernizations scheduled after FY 2000 to be completed in the year 2000 and to add Kensington-Parkwood to the modernization schedule; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to establish a boundary committee to review the capacity at the elementary schools including Fields Road Elementary School and adjacent schools including all the schools that will remain in the Quince Orchard Cluster; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to fund the middle school for 1,050 students instead of 750 students; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to expand the addition at Winston Churchill High School from 10 to 16 rooms thus adding \$60,000 in planning and \$975,000 in construction, furniture and equipment; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to add Sherwood Elementary School #6; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to add a gymnasium at Burnt Mills Elementary School with planning funds

in FY 1998, construction funds in FY 1999, and furniture and equipment in FY 2000; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to create a Facilities Air Conditioning Equity (FACE) fund starting with a feasibility study to air condition schools with no or partial air conditioning over a six-year period; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the FY 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to accelerate the modernization schedule by adding 2 elementaries, .5 middle school, and .5 high school per year starting in FY 2000.; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent submit the Board of Education's adopted FY 1998-2003 CIP to the county executive and County Council, and direct MCPS staff to work with OMB and County Council staffs to identify the necessary amendments to the County Council approved FY 1997-2002 CIP for the FY 1998 Capital Budget as required for the new biennial CIP process; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution with attachments be forwarded to county executive and County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 809-96

Re: **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR THE FY 1998-2003
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education ask the superintendent of schools to draft a transmittal letter utilizing the following eight points, as well as views from other Board members, stating the urgency of changes in the direction of facilities planning:

1. School construction and modernization in Montgomery County has been seriously underfunded for the past six years, causing serious problems of overcrowding, delays in providing space, rapidly increasing use of portable classrooms as a virtually permanent feature of public education in the county, especially at some schools, and causing serious deterioration in the quality of many school facilities. All of these factors combine to threaten the quality of education for the children of the county now and in the future.
2. The schedules for construction and modernization need to be accelerated rapidly, and the funding for maintenance and repairs needs to be increased starting with FY 1998. With such a change, the backlog will not be completed for 24 years. The costs are substantial, but will in the end be less than if we wait for a time when construction costs will surely have risen dramatically.

3. The county should agree to the 30-year modernization cycles and provide funds to make sure that it is maintained.
4. Portable classrooms should not be a permanent feature at any school, and should not be thought of as adequate or acceptable except in the very short term or in emergencies. There should not be 5,000 plus students attending classes in portables, not now, not ever.
5. The Spending Affordability Guidelines need to be changed. They need to reflect estimates of revenues as they do now, but they ought not become virtually the sole basis for decision-making about facilities, or, for that matter the operating budget. Both budgets need to be based both on revenue estimates and on real needs.
6. The Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance needs to be changed. Operating schools well over capacity is not acceptable on a continuing basis, and only acceptable on a short term or emergency basis. Now schools can be said to be acceptable and further development allowed even if they are at 110 percent of capacity or more. This is not acceptable.
7. The school system needs to have a comprehensive plan for regular assessment and reassessment of the physical condition of all schools, so that maintenance, repairs, renovations, modernizations, and additions are undertaken in a timely, orderly way with maximum emphasis on prevention of problems.
8. The state funding request in the CIP is \$72,683,000. This is the amount the Board of education and county government should, in fact, seek to obtain. We shall be told this is unreasonable. What is unreasonable is not such a request, but the state of our facilities and the prospect that they will deteriorate seriously over the next two decades if we do not act to modernize or repair them. Last year many were overjoyed that we obtained \$38 million in state capital funds for school construction. But, that was far below our needs.

* Mr. Abrams left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 810-96 Re: **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Title 10 of the State Government Article to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed session; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct a portion of its meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, at 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and other matters protected from public disclosure by law, to review and adjudicate appeals, and to address other issues including consultation with counsel to obtain legal advice; and be it further

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Resolved, That these meetings be conducted in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, as permitted under Section 4-106, Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and State Government Article 10-508; and be it further

Resolved, That such meeting shall continue in closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 811-96

Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Dr. Cheung and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education defer all remaining items on the November 25, 1996, agenda until December 10, 1996, and adjourn its November 25, 1996, meeting at 2:55 a.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PLV:gr

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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