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August 27, 1996

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, August 27, 1996, at 11:00 a.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. Rachel Prager  
Dr. Paul L. Vance, Secretary/Treasurer

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

RESOLUTION NO. 560-96 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 the proposed agenda for August 27, 1996.

\* Mr. Abrams temporarily left the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 561-96 Re: **RECOGNITION OF WINNERS OF ACT-SO COMPETITION**

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

WHEREAS, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has sponsored, on a national basis since 1976, a youth-development program called ACT-SO, an acronym for Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics, that provides opportunities for African- American youth to compete and achieve excellence in 24 academically-related fields; and

WHEREAS, For more than ten years, hundreds of Montgomery County youth have participated in ACT-SO with the assistance of the Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP and many MCPS staff; and

WHEREAS, Through the partnership of NAACP and MCPS with the support of the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent, many students are provided with coaches, mentors, and counselors in subject areas that extend beyond their regular classroom assignments; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP recently sent nine local gold medal winners to participate in the 20th annual national competition in Charlotte, North Carolina and returned with five national awards; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools hereby commend the Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP and the MCPS staff members for their ACT-SO efforts; and be it further

Resolved, That the Members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of schools extend congratulations to the following national ACT-SO winners:

*Natesia Johnson, Gold Medal in Poetry  
Danielle St. Ulme, Gold Medal in Chemistry  
Omar Jenkins, Silver Medal in Computer Science  
Khamia White, Silver Medal in Drawing  
Leslie Boaman, Bronze Medal in Painting*

and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be given to the five national ACT-SO winners

RESOLUTION NO. 562-96      Re:    **LOCAL LEGISLATION**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education agreed to request local legislation in support of a Board Member salary increase.

\* Mr. Abrams joined the meeting at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 563-96      Re:    **LOCAL LEGISLATION**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education agreed to request local legislation in support of voting rights in school year 1998-99 for all middle school sixth graders in electing the student Board member.

RESOLUTION NO. 564-96            Re:    **LOCAL LEGISLATION**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education agreed to request local legislation in support of full voting rights for the student Board member except on budget issues.

RESOLUTION NO. 565-96            Re:    **LOCAL LEGISLATION**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education agreed to request local legislation to correct boundaries of the school Board residence districts due to the Takoma Park unification that would accomplish the goal as quickly and simply as possible.

RESOLUTION NO. 566-96            Re:    **LOCAL LEGISLATION**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education agreed to request fiscal impact data in support of additional funding for the Takoma Park unification.

RESOLUTION NO. 567-96            Re:    **LOCAL LEGISLATION**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education agreed to request local legislation in support of shortening the time to appeal to a ten-day limit in transfer matters.

Re:    **REVIEW OF POLICYSETTING (Policy BFA)**

Dr. Vance invited Dr. Pam Splaine, director of the Division of policy and Records, to the table. The white paper included the background, issues on input on policy topics, changes

after final action and cost implications, and summary with no recommendations for policy changes, but recommendations for implementation of the policy.

Mrs. Gordon stated that the white paper was excellent. She brought the item to the Board to review the Policy on Policysetting because the Board had gotten into a situation when final policy actions were delayed, and if there were policy or implementation changes that needed to be made to allow the process to run smoothly. After looking at the policy, she agreed with the superintendent that the policy was appropriate, but the implementation of that policy needed to be strengthened. Mrs. Gordon emphasized that staff could and should edit the policy for grammar and punctuation, but that to expand on an idea or concept expressed in a Board discussion. The Board has the responsibility to continue to clarify the concept until there is agreement among Board members. She also suggested that policies should be sent out without other extraneous items since it is confusing the community members on what the Board policy addresses.

Dr. Cheung commended staff for outstanding work on the white paper. He agreed with Mrs. Gordon that the Board must craft the final language expressing the concept or idea in the policy.

Mr. Felton was pleased with the paper. He was interested in the budget implications of adopting policies. He was concerned about public comments received on tentative policies where staff summarizes the comments and makes a recommendation to the Board with an annotated copy of the policy at the time of final action. It would then be the Board's decision to accept the superintendent's recommendation based on public comments or to take another position.

Mrs. Gordon stated that it is helpful to have the public comments summarized with recommendations, but it does not belong in the draft policy.

Ms. Gutiérrez confirmed that the Board wants the cost implications as well as any options related to policy analysis and development stages.

Mrs. King applauded staff for a great paper. She was concerned with staff crafting policy language from a concept expressed by Board members. The Board needs to give the staff very clear direction with a concept, and there needs to be full agreement among Board members. Another issue is to put another step in for public comments on a policy just prior to final adoption.

Mr. Ewing thought the superintendent made good recommendations on implementing a good policy. He observed that the difficulty the Board has when public comments on the policy are lengthy and complex. When that happens, the Board needs help on what those comments mean and how they apply to different parts of the policy. As complex issues come to the Board, an analysis by staff will be helpful.

Ms. Gutiérrez stated that the policy is good and allows for flexibility, but needs more focus at the policy development and analysis stages. In reporting the degree of change in a policy, there needs to be an indication of the significance of those changes. She summarized by stating that it was the consensus of the Board that the policy was sound, but the implementing practices as recommended by the superintendent will be followed and a written document will be prepared for the Board as an information item:

1. Continue the practice of involving as many of the appropriate stakeholders as possible before tentative action and enhance the practice as MCPS further strives to pursue parent, staff, and community involvement.
2. Send out the tentatively adopted policy by itself for comment so that the public can concentrate on the Board's action in preparation for the final vote.
3. Continue to summarize the comments that have been received on or before the due date in the cover memorandum and made recommendations as appropriate.
4. Continue the practice of retaining control of the language in policy when it becomes final.
5. Create a permanent section in the format for policy analysis to address cost implications.

The Board recessed for lunch and a closed session from 12:40 to 2:15 p.m.

Ms. Gutiérrez temporarily left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 568-96            Re:    **PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS MORE THAN \$25,000**

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

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

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

12-95      School Based Mental Health Service - Extension

Awardee

Child Center and Adult Services, Inc.

\$ 38,000

151-95	Vehicle Preventive Maintenance and Service - Extension		
	<u>Awardee</u>		
	Fleet Pro	\$	163,000
200-95	Netware Server Equipment - Extension		
	<u>Awardee</u>		
	Network Technologies, Inc.	\$	60,000
114-96	Telephone and Security Equipment		
	<u>Awardees</u>		
	ADI	\$	32,652
	Alarm-It Distributors, Inc.	80,326	*
	Alarmax Distributors, Inc.	23,389	
	Allegheny Electronics, Inc.	10,631	
	Alltel Supply, Inc.	68,188	
	Atlantic Telecom	5,478	
	Capitol Cable and Technology, Inc.	12,746	
	Chesapeake Telephone Systems, Inc.	4,500	*
	Granite Security	28,286	*
	Graybar Electric Company	102,726	
	Harco Electronics, Inc.	4,798	
	I-Com Systems Corporation	4,125	*
	Mid Atlantic Cable	1,440	
	Sprint/North Supply	8,807	
	Target Sales Inc. T/A Target Distributing Co.	13,196	
	Walker and Associates, Inc.	<u>160</u>	
	Total	\$	401,448
5-97	Polyliner Bags		
	<u>Awardees</u>		
	Calico Industries, Inc.	\$	65,139
	Central Poly Corporation	47,124	
	Consolidated Maintenance Supply, Inc.	<u>12,875</u>	*
	Total	\$	125,138
10-97	Plumbing Supplies		
	<u>Awardees</u>		
	Best Plumbing Specialties, Inc.	\$	3,816

Daubers Inc.	1,525	*
Frederick Trading Company	1,591	*
Industrial Controls	590	
Noland Company	90,024	
Northeastern Supply	15,996	
Pier-Angeli Company	900	
Thomas Somerville Company	51,240	
J.A. Sexauer, Inc.	1,233	
Spartan Tool	3,520	
Superior Specialty Company	39,970	
Wolverine Brass Works	1,785	*
Woodward-Wanger Company	<u>2,844</u>	
Total	\$ 215,034	

57-97 Pizza, Baked-Frozen

Awardees

Better Baked Pizza, Inc.	\$ 99,225
Nardone Brothers Baking Company, Inc.	128,250
Profera, Inc.	<u>551,950</u>
Total	\$ 779,425

59-97 Poultry Products, Frozen and Processed

Awardees

Carroll County Foods	\$ 98,040
Continental Foods	151,150
Dori Foods, Inc.	33,842
Manassas Frozen Foods	<u>832</u>
Total	\$ 283,864

142-97 Snack Cakes and Pies

Awardee

McKee Foods Corporation	\$ 140,000
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145-97 Fresh Donuts

Awardee

Montgomery Donut Company, Inc.	\$ 73,544
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MORE THAN \$25,000

\$2,279,453

\* Denotes MFD vendors

RESOLUTION NO. 569-96            Re:    **ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT - BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services during the design and construction phases of the modernization of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning have been appropriated as part of the FY 1997 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Architectural Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on May 13, 1986, identified Dewberry & Davis, Architects, as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Dewberry & Davis, Architects, to provide professional architectural services for the modernization of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School for a fee of \$1,502,000, which is 5.9 percent of the construction budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 570-96            Re:    **ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT - THOMAS S. WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

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

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services to conduct a design feasibility study of alternatives for an addition to Thomas S. Wootton High School; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning have been appropriated as part of the FY 1997 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Architectural Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on May 13, 1986, identified Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Architects, as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Architects, to provide professional architectural services for the Thomas S. Wootton High School feasibility study project for a fee of \$50,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 571-96                      Re:     **ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT - JOHN T. BAKER  
MIDDLE SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

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

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services to conduct a design feasibility study of John T. Baker Middle School as part of the Damascus mid-level solution; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning have been appropriated as part of the FY 1997 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Architectural Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on May 13, 1986, identified Murray & Associates, Architects, as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Murray & Associates, Architects, to provide professional architectural services for the John T. Baker Middle School feasibility study project for a fee of \$25,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 572-96                      Re:     **ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT - GAITHERSBURG  
HIGH SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

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

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services to conduct a design feasibility study of alternatives for additions to Gaithersburg High School; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning have been appropriated as part of the FY 1997 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Architectural Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on May 13, 1986, identified Samaha Associates, P.C., Architects as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Samaha Associates, P.C., Architects to provide professional architectural services for the Gaithersburg High School feasibility study project for a fee of \$50,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 572-96                      Re:    **REDUCTION OF RETAINAGE - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, Hess Construction Company, general contractor for Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, has completed 85 percent of all specified requirements, and has requested that the 10 percent retainage, which is based on the completed work to date, be reduced to 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, The project bonding company, Hartford Fire Insurance Company, has consented to this reduction; and

WHEREAS, The project architect, Lukmire Partnership, Inc., recommends approval of the reduction; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the 10 percent retainage withheld from periodic payments to Hess Construction Company, general contractor for Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, be reduced to 5 percent, with the remaining 5 percent to become due and payable after completion of all remaining contract requirements and formal acceptance of the completed project.

RESOLUTION NO. 574-96                      Re:    **AWARD OF CONTRACTS - MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, Sealed bids for various subcontractors for Montgomery Blair High School were received in accordance with MCPS procurement practices, with work to begin based on a predetermined critical path of key dates and be completed by July 1998; and

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

WHEREAS, The low bidders have completed similar projects successfully; and

WHEREAS, The low bids exceed the estimates; however, sufficient funds are available to award the contracts; now therefore be it

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

<u>Low Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Masonry</u> United Masonry, Inc.	\$ 4,388,783
<u>Miscellaneous Steel</u> Miscellaneous Metals, Inc.	743,872
<u>Hollow Metal Doors, Hardware, Rough Carpentry</u> Master Carpentry Corporation	<u>994,999</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>6,127,654</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 575-96      Re:    **CONTINUATION OF THE LEASE FOR ONE CENTRAL PLAZA**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Ms. Prager, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, In July 1990, the Board of Education approved a five-year lease for approximately 20,000 square feet in One Central Plaza (OCP) to house Area 1 staff; and

WHEREAS, In January 1996, the Board of Education approved a one-year extension of that lease; and

WHEREAS, Staff has determined that the most cost-effective solution for housing staff currently located at OCP is to extend that lease for another three years; and

WHEREAS, The FY 1997 operating budget action appropriated sufficient nonpublic funds generated by the joint occupancy program for this year's rent; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools and president of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a one-year lease extension.

RESOLUTION NO. 576-96      Re:    **UTILIZATION OF FY 1997 FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS FOR THE EVENT-BASED SCIENCE-II PROJECT**

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend within the FY 1997 Provision for Future Supported Projects an award of \$299,999 from the

National Science Foundation for the second year of the three-year Event-Based Science-II Project, in the following categories:

	<u>Category</u>	<u>Positions</u> *	<u>Amount</u>
2	Instructional Salaries	2.0	\$ 178,184
3	Other Instructional Costs		76,770
10	Fixed Charges	—	<u>45,045</u>
		<u>2.0</u>	<u>\$ 299,999</u>

\* 1.0 Project Director, Grade BD (12-month)  
1.0 Project Secretary, Grade 12 (12-month)

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 577-96      Re: **FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET CATEGORICAL TRANSFER**

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

WHEREAS, Category 1 Administration reflected a deficit as of June 30, 1996, due to greater than anticipated legal expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Category 4 Special Education reflected a deficit as of June 30, 1996, due to higher than projected costs for students with disabilities placed in non-MCPS facilities, increased costs for disabled student’s receiving services in regular educational settings, legal costs associated with the special education program, a shortfall in Medicaid reimbursements, and costs for contractual speech and language and occupational and physical therapy services, and

WHEREAS, Category 9 Maintenance of Plant reflected a deficit as of June 30, 1996, due to costs associated with the extreme weather experienced this winter; and

WHEREAS, Category 51 Real Estate Management Fund revenues and expenditures exceeded the fund's appropriation as of June 30, 1996, due to more space being leased than was anticipated; and

WHEREAS, Category 71 Field Trip Enterprise Fund revenues and expenditures exceeded the fund's appropriation as of June 30, 1996, due to a greater than anticipated demand for field trip services; and

WHEREAS, The required funds are available for transfer from Category 2 Instructional Salaries, Category 3 Other Instructional Costs, Category 5 Student Personnel Services,

Category 7 Student Transportation, Category 8 Operation of Plant and Equipment, Category 10 Fixed Charges, and Category 41 Adult Education and Summer School Fund; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to the approval of the County Council, to effect the following transfers:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
1	Administration	\$ 240,000	
2	Instructional Salaries		\$ 370,000
3	Other Instructional Costs		560,000
4	Special Education	4,720,000	
5	Student Personnel Services		70,000
7	Student Transportation		210,000
8	Operation of Plant/Equipment		515,000
9	Maintenance of Plant	155,000	
10	Fixed Charges		3,390,000
41	Adult Education/Summer School Fund		240,000
51	Real Estate Management Fund	70,000	
71	Field Trip Fund	<u>170,000</u>	<u>          </u>
	Total	<u>\$ 5,355,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,355,000</u>

and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and the County Council be given a copy of this resolution and that the county executive be requested to recommend approval of the categorical transfers to the County Council.

**RESOLUTION NO. 578-96            Re:    PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS - WESTOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, The architect for the modernization and addition to Westover Elementary School has prepared a schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Westover Elementary School Facilities Advisory Committee has approved the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the preliminary plans report for the modernization and addition to Westover Elementary School developed by Wienczek + Zavos Architects, P.C.

RESOLUTION NO. 579-96      Re:    **MONTHLY PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the monthly personnel report dated August 27, 1996, including the following reassignments under Board Resolution 80-72:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>To</u>
Jane Hsu	Media Specialist, Ritchie Park ES	Media Assistant, Wood Acres, ES
Mary Orth	Teacher on Leave	Instructional Assistant, Weller Road ES

RESOLUTION NO. 580-96      Re:    **DEATH OF MS. JANICE E. HUNDLEY, ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, BENJAMIN BANNEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, The death on July 10, 1996, of Ms. Janice E. Hundley, acting assistant principal at Benjamin Banneker Middle School, has deeply saddened the staff, students, and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hundley had been a dedicated employee of Montgomery County Public Schools for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hundley's many years of success as a reading teacher and her recent experience as an administrator made her an asset to Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Ms. Janice E. Hundley and extend deepest sympathy to her family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Ms. Hundley's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 581-96      Re:    **DEATH OF MR. ALSTON O. FUNK, SYSTEMS ANALYST, DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

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

WHEREAS, The death on July 13, 1996, of Mr. Alston O. Funk, systems analyst in the Division of Transportation, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Funk had been a dedicated employee of Montgomery County Public Schools for over 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Funk's knowledge and understanding of database and programming languages combined with his communicating skills made him an asset to Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mr. Alston O. Funk and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mr. Funk's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 582-96                      Re:    **DEATH OF MRS. SHARON L. KRAMER, CLASSROOM TEACHER, WAYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, The death on July 18, 1996, of Mrs. Sharon L. Kramer, classroom teacher at Wayside Elementary School, has deeply saddened the staff, students, and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kramer had been a dedicated employee of Montgomery County Public Schools for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kramer was a highly competent classroom teacher who worked energetically to provide a strong academic program for her students while maintaining a good relationship with students and staff; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mrs. Sharon L. Kramer and extend deepest sympathy to her family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Kramer's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 583-96                      Re:    **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective August 28, 1996:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Michael A. Durso	Principal, Yorktown HS, Arlington County	Principal, Springbrook HS

RESOLUTION NO. 584-96      Re:    **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective August 28, 1996:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Lawrence D. Chep	Acting Assistant Principal, Ronald McNair ES	Principal, Darnestown ES

RESOLUTION NO. 585-96      Re:    **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective August 28, 1996:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Roy Settles, Jr.	Principal, Longview School	Principal, Judith A. Resnik ES

Re:    **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people appeared before the Board of Education:

1.     Karen Askin
2.     Karen Pease
3.     Tina Stewart

Mr. Abrams and Mr. Ewing requested the superintendent to look into the safety issues surrounding the expanded walking distance for students walking from the Coldspring area through Horizon Hill to Wootton and the Lincoln Park area to Richard Montgomery and Rockville high schools.

Re:    **UPDATE ON FUTURE SEARCH CONFERENCE**

Mr. Ewing reported that the conference will be held on September 19 through 21, 1996. The theme of the conferences is: *The Future of MCPS: Sustaining and Enhancing Excellence into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Up to 80 participants have been sent material which includes information about MCPS and future search conferences and how they operate. The location will be the Lockheed Martin Company in Bethesda. The planning committee has worked with Mr. Steve Brigham, director of the Continuous Quality Improvement Project of the American Association for High Education, and Dr. Lois Graf, associate dean of Undergraduate Programs at the George Washington University School of Business and Public Management. Mr. Ewing commended MCPS and Board staff for their support

during the planning process. The expected outcome of this conference is that there will be a consensus about the future directions and understanding about where the public schools will be in 25 years, and what it will take to get there.

Mrs. Gordon added that there is a commitment on the part of the participants to work with the Board to meet the theme. Future search is a visioning and planning process to come together on those things that can build success. This conference is a key component in the Board's commitment to long-range and strategic planning.

**Re: BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Dr. Vance was moved by the ceremony earlier honoring the ACT-SO winners. Some of the revered members of the African-American community have tried to do for a number of years is to reestablish the once cherished tradition of scholarship in the Black community. The ACT-SO initiative is a very step positive step in that direction.

Mr. Ewing noted that there is a memorandum concerning the plans for implementation of the Gifted and Talented Policy. He was encouraged to see the details and scheduled plans for ensuring full implementation.

Mr. Ewing is in full agreement with the superintendent in his distress to the report on the decline of verbal scores on the SAT exams in Montgomery County. Under new business, he planned to offer a motion aimed at encouraging the development of plans to address those concerns. He noted that there is a connection between with reading deficiencies and the reduction of reading teachers.

Mr. Ewing commented on the issue of values. It is important for the Board to recognize that values are critical to a democratic society where people have to trust one another. In order to trust people, they have to be of great character whose values are such that they will treat one another fairly and decently. A fundamental purpose for which education was developed in this country was to create good citizens.

Dr. Cheung added that having good character and being a good citizen is a public responsibility. It is important for public schools to impact to students that they have an obligation to society to be an informed and ethical citizen.

Mrs. Gordon pointed out the new teacher welcome that was held on August 26, 1996. Each year she is overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and excitement on the part of the new teachers. She had heard a lot of positive comments about the reorganization of the Office of School Administration and the outreach on the part of the directors.

Ms. Prager reported that SMOBSAC had its first meeting. This year students will be informed and updated through morning announcements regarding Board actions and priorities.

Mr. Felton announced that the School Board Coalition had met this past week. The group is made up of presidents and vice presidents of school boards throughout the area. The group will focus on the needs of public education. The Research and Evaluation

Subcommittee has been meeting. The CRT implementation process has scored papers and helped teachers to understand this new approach toward education. The Maryland State Board of Education has not taken action regarding the core learning goals, but are looking at the assessment program. MSDE has awarded a contract to design the format for the tests.

RESOLUTION NO. 586-96            Re:    **REVISIONS TO POLICIES TO CONFORM TO ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES**

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education approved organizational changes on July 9, 1996; and

WHEREAS, The changes eliminated the position of deputy superintendent for planning, technology, and supportive services, created the position of associate superintendent for supportive services, and converted the position of associate superintendent for personnel services to director of personnel services; and

WHEREAS, Many policies and regulations designate specific positions and offices that have been affected by the reorganization; now therefore be it

Resolved, That all policies and regulations that refer to the positions and offices that were the subject of the reorganization shall be amended as they come forward to the Board for review and/or revision; and be it further

Resolved, That in the interim the functions assigned to reorganized positions and offices shall be carried out in accordance with the reorganization.

RESOLUTION NO. 587-96            Re:    **MABE LEGISLATION OPERATIONS REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS FOR ANNUAL MABE CONFERENCE**

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

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education and the Maryland Association of Board of Education (MABE) are committed to improving the welfare of children of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Many of the decisions about children's welfare are made through state and federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County joined with other local boards in raising issues that resulted in clarifying the roles of local boards and MABE in the development and support of legislation to benefit children; and

WHEREAS, An Operations Study Panel was appointed by the President of MABE to recommend improvements to MABE's legislative process; and

WHEREAS, MABE has initiated a process to expand and enhance the role of local boards of education in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, It will take commitment and participation for the new process to result in strengthening the role of local boards; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education endorse the Operations Study Panel Report which recommends changes to the legislative process of MABE; and be it further

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education participate fully in the MABE legislative process; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Maryland Association of Boards of Education.

**Re: GLOBAL ACCESS UPDATE**

Mrs. Gemberling invited Dr. Joseph S. Villani, associate superintendent for Global Access Technology, to the table. She explained that during the summer intensive work for the upcoming schools coming on board with various stages of global access technology, and update the Board on the status of those schools, projects, and priorities that are in place.

Dr. Villani gave the Board a quick review of where Global Access Technology started, where MCPS is, and what is being planning. When the policy on Educational Technology was adopted on December 8, 1993, there was a varied and uneven infrastructure, no wide area network (WAN), few local area networks (LAN), out-of-date instructional computers, and no plan or resources for system-wide improvements. Two years later, MCPS has a visions and a plan for technology to connect and equip every classroom, office, and medical center, develop and deploy administrative and instruction applications, train staff to use technology, and strengthen instruction through technology. The accomplishments of the office in the past two years are that every school has a Research and Learning Hub, 25 schools are fully wired (every classroom and office) and equipped as "Global Access" schools, FirstClass e-mail system available to all staff, thousands of staff trained, and thousands of students have become computer literate. Current activities are that 14 schools are being wired and equipped for Global Access, five through MSDE grant funds; WAN wiring is being completed in all school for improved SIMS, World Wide Web Internet access, full-time connection to FirstClass and the mainframe; and administrative applications are being readied for deployment. The goal is to complete the global access technology in all schools in the next seven or fewer years. The project management strategies that have been developed are milestones set and monitored, capital budget for each school and for WAN activities, redeployment of Operating Budget resources to focus on priorities, and development of an updated strategic plan. Training is an essential component to provide collaboration and coordination across several MCPS units and to meet diverse needs.

Mr. Felton commended Dr. Villani for a good briefing. He asked what had been planned to be accomplished by this date, and how far are they beyond that point? Dr. Villani responded that the school system is beyond the point anticipated in two ways: (1) there are more schools in the project, and (2) funds have been shifted to build out the WAN.

Dr. Cheung congratulated staff for the successful implementation of Global Access to this point, and he was pleased to hear of the improvement in efficiency. Since both the Global Access is used in both instruction and management, there needs to be evidence of how the process has enhanced and strengthened through the use of technology. How does MCPS facilitate in the learning and use of technology in the strategic plan?

\* Ms. Gutiérrez rejoined the meeting at this point.

Mrs. King asked if Global Access could successfully be put in a school that is scheduled for modernization. Dr. Villani stated that scenario is avoided because the wiring would be replaced at the time of modernization.

Ms. Prager confirmed that the effects of Global Access can already be seen in the schools and the opportunities provided to the students. Her concern was the training for the students since information is only accessible through training and knowledge of the technology. She asked if there were any guidelines across the county for students to receive training possibly through English classes? Dr. Villani stated that MCPS is developing some expectations for student learning in technology. It is delivered in the context of the academic areas. In Global Access schools, teachers are trained to train the students to use the technology tools available to them. Students are also taught to assess the validity of the information and make critical judgments.

Ms. Prager asked if the county has looked at a class that could be offered in the school curriculum that would teach more about the use of technology? Dr. Villani responded that there is an advanced applications' class.

Ms. Gutiérrez asked if the computer applications' course has been revised to be current with present day technology? Dr. Villani replied that course has not been updated since it is taught in career education. The change in the curriculum will be driven by the ability of the schools to use the technology.

Ms. Gutiérrez inquired about the two major drivers of equity and accessibility and how the school system is focusing on that in a strategic plan? Dr. Villani replied that he has a group of principals and staff working to look at criteria to use in the next seven years to bring schools on line. There is a process for identifying schools based (1) education load and (2) hardware capability. Those schools needing the most will be done first.

Ms. Gutiérrez requested information about the connectivity of administrative offices, such as Rocking Horse Road with the Head Start and ESOL programs. Dr. Villani replied that all administrative offices will be connected by this winter.

RESOLUTION NO. 588-96

Re: **CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Mrs. King, 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, June 11, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon to discuss matters protected from public disclosure by law, specifically pertaining to the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and related matters; and be it further

Resolved, That this meeting 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 10-501; and be it further

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

Re: **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS**

On July 9, 1996, by the unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session on July 22, 1996, and on July 22, 1996, by the unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session on August 1, 1996, as permitted under Section 4-106, Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and State Government Article 10-501.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed session on July 22, 1996, from 7:05 to 8:40 p.m. The meeting took place in Room 120, Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland.

The Board met to discuss personnel issues, legal matters with its attorneys, and matters protected from public disclosure by law, specifically pertaining to the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and related matters. The Board reviewed and adjudicated BOE Appeals T-1996-4, 1996-9, 1996-10, 1996-11, 1996-12, and 1996-13.

In attendance at part or all of the closed sessions were: Betsy Arons, Larry Bowers, Alan Cheung, Blair Ewing, David Fischer, Bea Gordon, Ana Sol Gutiérrez, Nancy King, George Margolies, Rachel Prager, Glenda Rose, Steve Seleznow, Debbie Szyfer, Roger Titus, Janice Turpin, Paul Vance, and Bill Wilder.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed session on August 1, 1996, from 7:05 to 8:45 and 9:30 to 10:15 p.m. The meeting took place in Room 120, Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland.

The Board met to discuss personnel issues, legal matters with its attorneys, and matters protected from public disclosure by law and related matters. The Board reviewed and adjudicated BOE Appeals T-1996-5, T-1996-6, T-1996-8, T-1996-9, and T-1996-10.

In attendance at part or all of the closed sessions were: Betsy Arons, Steve Abrams, Larry Bowers, Blair Ewing, Reggie Felton, David Fischer, John Gannon, Bea Gordon, Ana Sol Gutiérrez, Nancy King, George Margolies, Brian Porter, Rachel Prager, Glenda Rose, Steve Seleznow, Roger Titus, and Paul Vance.

RESOLUTION NO. 589-96            Re:    **BOARD MINUTES - JUNE 11, 1996**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes for its June 11, 1996, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 590-96            Re:    **BOARD MINUTES - JUNE 24, 1996**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes for its June 24, 1996, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 591-96            Re:    **BOARD MINUTES - JULY 1, 1996**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes for its July 1, 1996, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 592-96            Re:    **BOARD MINUTES - JULY 9, 1996**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes for its July 9, 1996, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 593-96            Re:    **BOARD MINUTES - JULY 22, 1996**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes for its July 22, 1996, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 594-96            Re:    **BOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 1, 1996**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes for its August 1, 1996, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 595-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-12**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-12, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting to affirm the superintendent's decision; Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to reverse the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 596-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-14**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-14, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 597-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-15**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-15, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 598-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-18**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-18, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision; Dr. Cheung and Mr. Ewing voting to reverse the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 599-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-19**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-19, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 600-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-21**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-21, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting to affirm the superintendent's decision; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to reverse the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 601-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-23**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-23, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 602-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-24**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-24, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision; Mr. Felton voting to reverse the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 603-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-25**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-25, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision; Mrs. Gordon voting to reverse the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 604-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-26**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-26, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision; Mrs. Gordon voting to reverse the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 605-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-28**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-28, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision; Mr. Abrams and Mr. Felton voting to reverse the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 606-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-29**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-29, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 607-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL T-1996-31**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal T-1996-31, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 608-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL 1996-18**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal 1996-18, a student discipline matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing,

Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 609-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL 1996-22**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal 1996-22, a student admission matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 610-96            Re:    **BOE APPEAL 1996-23**

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt its Order in BOE Appeal 1996-23, a student admission matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Prager voting to affirm the superintendent's decision.

Re:    **CHANGE OF POSITION CLASSIFICATION**

Mr. Abrams withdrew the resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Education request the superintendent to change the status of the coordinators of the International Baccalaureate Program and the Math/Science Program at Montgomery Blair High School to assistant principal status.  
Physical Appearance Category in Human Relations Policies

RESOLUTION NO. 611-96            Re:    **PHYSICAL APPEARANCE CATEGORY IN HUMAN RELATIONS POLICIES**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education request that the superintendent amend all Human Relations policies and all related policies where appropriate to reflect the intention of the inclusion of physical appearance in the nondiscrimination policy.

Re:    **CABLE MODEMS**

Mr. Abrams withdrew the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Education schedule time to meet with the Montgomery County Cable at the earliest opportunity to discuss the Cable Association's current intention of

providing cable modems to public schools and whether the intention is for Montgomery County Cable to provide them to Montgomery County Public Schools free of charge as soon as they are available in the service area.

RESOLUTION NO. 612-96            Re:    **IMPROVE OR CHANGE THE ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCE AND THE ANNUAL GROWTH POLICY**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education schedule time to discuss and adopt appropriate action recommendations to go to the County Council, County Executive, and the Planning Board to improve or change the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance and the Annual Growth Policy so that they more clearly and strongly support school system policies and the need for appropriate school facilities that are not overcrowded.

RESOLUTION NO. 613-96            Re:    **ACCESSIBILITY FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS IN ALL SCHOOLS**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education ask the superintendent to provide a review of the MCPS facility plans insofar as they affect and provide for special education facilities as well as accessibility for handicapped individuals in all schools, including, but not limited to, issues that have been raised recently by the County Commission on People with Disabilities about Poolesville High School and in a letter from Mr. Astrove.

Re:    **NEW BUSINESS**

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

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Public School system has developed a wide range of programs, curriculum, materials of instruction, teacher education and training to address the need to improve student success in science and mathematics, and

WHEREAS, These efforts appear to have had good results in measured student outcomes to date, and

WHEREAS, There is evident need for a like effort to address comprehensively the need to improve student outcomes in reading, writing, other communications skills, and in mastery of the English language; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to undertake the following actions:

- 1) Review and report to the Board of Education on present teacher education and training requirements K-12 for teaching reading, writing, other communications skills, and for teaching mastery of the English language, and then provide the Board with recommendations for changes and improvements.
- 2) Review and report to the Board of Education on programs and curricula K-12 in reading, writing, other communications skills and mastery of the English language, and propose changes and improvements, including special attention to reading and writing skills all across the curriculum and also special attention to the methods by which mastery of the forms, structure, usages and grammar of the English language can be more fully achieved.
- 3) Pursue and report to the Board of Education on opportunities for grants and other external assistance to achieve the changes and improvements recommended.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-96

Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of August 27, 1996, at 4:35 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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