

RESOLUTION NO. 450-97 Re: RECOGNITION OF YVONNE B. BROWN

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

WHEREAS, Board policy establishes MCPS' strong commitment to success for every student and identifies parent involvement as a key ingredient; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Brown exemplifies outstanding parent support and participation in the education process; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to expand educational opportunities for African Americans and involve parents in the educational process, Mrs. Brown is a founding member of the African American Parents Community Education Consortium (AAP/CEC); and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1991, Mrs. Brown has served as co-chair of AAP/CEC; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her leadership in AAP/CEC, Mrs. Brown has given exemplary service in many other areas, including:

- MCPS budget review committee
- task force on disruptive and at-risk middle school students
- special education advisory committee
- special education extended school year monitoring team
- parent surrogate for students at RICA, and

WHEREAS, Both Bethesda Elementary School and Walt Whitman High School have been the beneficiary of her dedicated service as PTA special needs chairperson, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, by-laws chairperson, nominating committee chairperson and room mother; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools hereby present commendation and appreciation to Yvonne B. Brown for her distinguished service to Montgomery County Public Schools, its students, parents and the community at large; and be it further

Resolved, That as Mrs. Brown and her family leave the area, our best wishes go with her knowing that she will continue her commitment to excellence in education for all students.

RESOLUTION NO. 451-97 Re: **DEATH OF HANLEY NORMENT**

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

WHEREAS, Hanley Norment was a leader in Montgomery County and the State of Maryland who distinguished himself as an advocate for children and public education; and

WHEREAS, He served as a member of the John F. Kennedy High School's PTSA Executive Board and as the education chair of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Iota Upsilon Lambda Chapter; and

WHEREAS, He cared deeply for all children and served as a mentor and tutor for Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) students; and

WHEREAS, Hanley devoted countless hours of service on education advisory committees, task forces, and work groups in MCPS; and

WHEREAS, He served as President of the Montgomery County Branch and the State of Maryland NAACP, working diligently for civil rights and equity; and

WHEREAS, Hanley Norment lost his life in a tragic accident; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools and the Board of Education express deepest sympathy to his wife and family; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family.

Re: **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people appeared before the Board of Education:

	<u>Person</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1.	Lori Cohen	Class Size
2.	Eric Strassler	Class Size
3.	David Fishback	Richard Montgomery HS IB Program
4.	David Pena	Free and Reduced Meals System

RESOLUTION NO. 452-97 Re: **CONTRACTS FOR MORE THAN \$25,000**

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

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

WHEREAS, Funds for the purchase of the student information system, are contingent upon approval of the supplemental appropriation by the County Council; 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:

5-9 Polyliner Bags - Extension

Awardees

Calico Industries, Inc.	\$ 65,139
Central Poly Corporation	54,193
Consolidated Maintenance Supply, Inc.	<u>13,215</u> *
Total	\$ 132,547

151-97 Pension Actuarial Consultants

Awardee

William M. Mercer, Inc.	\$ 50,000
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174-97 Student Information System Software and Development for Year 2000 Compliance

Awardee

Tracor Information Systems	\$1,622,000
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175-97 Employee Benefit Plan Consulting Services

Awardee

AON Consulting, Inc.	\$ 78,000
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MORE THAN \$25,000	\$1,882,547
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* Denotes MFD vendors

RESOLUTION NO. 453-97

Re: **ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT - TAKOMA PARK UNIFICATION SCHOOLS**

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

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services during the design and construction phases of the Takoma Park Unification Schools project; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning were appropriated as part of the FY 1998 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education, identified Grimm and Parker, 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 Grimm and Parker, P.C., Architects, to provide professional architectural services for the Takoma Park Unification Schools project for a fee of \$650,000, which is 6.3 percent of the construction budget.

Re: **ENGINEERING APPOINTMENT - AIR CONDITIONING FOR EXISTING FACILITIES**

Ms. Gutiérrez asked staff to respond to some questions on this item. What is the proposal before the Board that makes up this amount of money? The paper says that it is in accordance with the Board's approved Engineering Selection Process. She wanted to address to what extent that process was actually applied. What are the products and documents that were generated from that process that calls for public notice, an application process, an initial selection, a negotiated agreement, and a recommendation to the Board for an appointment.

Mr. Wilder explained that the recommendation before the Board is to appoint a consultant to implement the air-conditioning equity project consisting of designs for the air-conditioning system for Cabin John Middle School and an elementary school, and a feasibility study including THE scope, timing, cost estimates, and systems for the remaining non air-conditioned schools.

Ms. Gutiérrez added that there is time to fine tune the contract. Burnt Mills, for example, is not listed on the schools, and that was the one that initiated this action of air conditioning. There is a school listed that is up for modernization. There is a need to scrub this proposal to make it accurate. There is also another one missing, which needs to be checked.

RESOLUTION NO. 453(a)-97 Re: **CALL THE QUESTION**

On motion of Mrs. King and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the question was called with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Ms. Signer, and Ms. Wheat voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 454-97 Re: **ENGINEERING APPOINTMENT - AIR CONDITIONING FOR EXISTING FACILITIES**

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

WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated in the FY 1998 Capital Budget to air condition two existing facilities and investigate the cost of air conditioning the remaining non air-conditioned schools over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an engineering firm to prepare construction documents for the air conditioning of Cabin John Middle School and one elementary school and to conduct a cost and scope feasibility study for the remaining schools that are not air conditioned; and

WHEREAS, An Engineering Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education, identified Mendoza, Ribas, Farinas & Associates as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional engineering service; and

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

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the engineering firm of Mendoza, Ribas, Farinas & Associates to provide professional services to air condition existing facilities for a fee of \$189,540.

Ms. Gutiérrez stated the following for the record: "I believe that the Board needs to have more complete information when asked to make approvals of this or any other type,

particularly, when we are committing funds, and we are the only body that is authorized to commit funds.”

RESOLUTION NO. 455-97 Re: **CONTINUATION OF ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT -
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT FACILITIES
MODIFICATIONS**

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

WHEREAS, It is necessary to improve accessibility for the disabled at various schools both on a systematic basis and as individual needs become known; and

WHEREAS, Accessibility modifications include improvements to entrances, parking lots, rest rooms, wheelchair lifts, elevators, signage, and alarm and communications systems; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide architectural and engineering services on an as-needed basis to respond to program accessibility modification requirements at various schools to meet the intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, Funds for this purpose were appropriated in the FY 1998 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architectural Selection Committee, in accordance with Board of Education adopted procedures, identified Murray & Associates, Architects, as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional and architectural services; and

WHEREAS, Murray & Associates, Architects, has provided these services successfully for Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education extend the contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Murray & Associates, Architects, to provide professional architectural and engineering services for accessibility modifications at various schools as requirements arise, with the individual fees to be negotiated based on a percent of the estimated construction cost, with the total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 456-97 Re: **REDUCTION OF RETAINAGE - POOLESVILLE
CLUSTER**

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

WHEREAS, Dustin Construction, Inc., general contractor for the Poolesville Cluster Middle School project, has completed 90 percent of all specified requirements and requested that the 10 percent retainage, which is based on completed work to date, be reduced to 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, The project bonding company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, has consented to this reduction; and

WHEREAS, The project architect, Grimm and Parker, P.C., recommends approval of the reduction; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the 10 percent retainage withheld from periodic payments to Dustin Construction, Inc., general contractor for the Poolesville Cluster Middle School project, 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. 457-97 Re: **REDUCTION OF RETAINAGE - WESTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, Dustin Construction, Inc., general contractor for the Westland Middle School project, has completed 90 percent of all specified requirements and requested that the 10 percent retainage, which is based on completed work to date, be reduced to 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, The project bonding company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, has consented to this reduction; and

WHEREAS, The project architect, Robert J. Glaser, Associates, recommends approval of the reduction; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the 10 percent retainage withheld from periodic payments to Dustin Construction, Inc., general contractor for the Westland Middle School project, 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. 458-97 Re: **GRANT OF EASEMENT AT BRIGGS CHANEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, The Washington Gas Light Company proposes to install a natural gas line along the northern portion of Briggs Chaney Middle School, located at 1901 Rainbow Drive in Silver Spring; and

WHEREAS, The proposed grant of easement of 977.69 square feet, configured in a 10-foot wide strip, will not adversely affect any land anticipated to be utilized for school purposes and would benefit the community by providing improved gas service; and

WHEREAS, All construction, restoration and future maintenance will be at no cost to the Board of Education, with Washington Gas Light Company and its contractors assuming all liability for all damages or injury; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a Grant of Easement of 977.69 square feet to Washington Gas Light Company on land along the frontage of Rainbow Drive at the Briggs Chaney Middle School; and be it further

Resolved, That a fee of \$250.00 be paid to Montgomery County Public Schools by Washington Gas Light Company for the subject easement.

RESOLUTION NO. 459-97 Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT ROCK TERRACE SCHOOL AND WHETSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, Sealed bids for various maintenance projects were received on July 3, 1997, and July 16, 1997, in accordance with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) procurement practices, with work to begin on July 29, 1997, and to be completed on or before October 15, 1997, and October 22, 1997, respectively; 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 MCPS; 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 Boilers Replacement Rock Terrace School Low Bidder: Adrian L. Merton, Inc.	\$211,141
Piping Modifications Whetstone Elementary School Low Bidder: Shapiro & Duncan, Inc.	83,685

RESOLUTION NO. 460-97 Re: **ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS
AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

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

WHEREAS, Bids were received on July 3 and July 15, 1997, for energy management system installations at John F. Kennedy High School and Westover and Lucy V. Barnsley elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The low bids are below staff estimates of \$705,000, \$85,000, and \$98,000, respectively, and the recommended contractor has completed similar projects satisfactorily for Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the following contracts for energy management system installations and assign them to the general contractors for implementation and supervision:

<u>School</u>	<u>Project</u>
John F. Kennedy High School	Contractor: Hess Construction Co. Subcontractor: Systems 4, Inc. Contract Amount: \$676,400
Westover Elementary School	Contractor: Henley Construction Co. Subcontractor: Systems 4, Inc. Contract Amount: \$78,780
Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary School	Contractor: Dustin Construction, Inc. Subcontractor: Systems 4, Inc. Contract Amount: \$80,570

RESOLUTION NO. 461-97 Re: **TUITION FOR OUT-OF-COUNTY PUPILS FOR FY 1998**

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

WHEREAS, Board of Education Resolution No. 364-77 established the basis for nonresident tuition charges and provides that the per pupil cost shall be based on the current year's estimated cost including debt service; and

WHEREAS, The basis for the calculation of cost per pupil for tuition purposes in FY 1998 is as follows:

Description	Kindergarten	Elementary	Secondary	Special Education
Projected FY 1998 Enrollment	9,075	48,963	58,645	6,602
Cost				
Operating Costs	\$ 32,438,876	\$ 317,172,631	\$ 408,969,139	\$ 91,981,355
Capital Budget Costs:				
Current Revenue	129,240	1,264,082	1,514,043	170,444
Debt Service	2,424,277	23,711,518	28,400,261	3,197,178
Total Cost	\$ 34,992,393	\$ 342,148,231	\$ 438,883,443	\$ 95,348,977
Cost Per Pupil				
Operating Costs	\$ 3,239	\$ 6,478	\$ 6,974	\$ 13,932
Capital Budget Costs:				
Current Revenue	13	26	26	26
Debt Service	242	484	484	484
Total Cost Per Pupil	\$ 3,494	\$ 6,988	\$ 7,484	\$ 14,442

and

WHEREAS, The basis for the calculation of tuition for full-day Kindergarten is the same as elementary school students in Grades 1-5; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the tuition rates for nonresident pupils for the 1997-98 school year will be:

Kindergarten	
Half Day	\$ 3,494
Full Day	6,988

Elementary	6,988
Secondary	7,484
Special Education	14,442

Note: In FY 1998, the total projected amount of current revenue funding for the capital budget is \$3,102,000 and the total projected debt service attributed to MCPS to be paid by the county is \$58,187,000. These amounts are included in the calculation for nonresident tuition.

RESOLUTION NO. 462-97 Re: UTILIZATION FOR FY 1998 FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS FOR TITLE I FUNDING

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend within the FY 1998 Provision for Future Supported Projects a grant award of \$1,791,351 from the U.S. Department of Education, via the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), under the ESEA Title I Program, for five projects in the Department of Academic Programs in the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Positions*</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3 Instructional Salaries	49.0	\$1,227,672
4 Textbooks and Instructional Materials		51,040
5 Other Instructional Costs		32,508
12 Fixed Charges	_____	<u>480,131</u>
Total	49.0	\$1,791,351

- * 2.0 Teacher/Specialist, Grade B-D, 10-months
- 13.0 Teacher, Grade A-D, 10-months
- 2.0 Family Services Coordinator, Grade 10, 10-month
- 32.0 Instructional Assistant, Grade 10, 10-month

and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 463-97

Re: **RECOMMENDATION TO SUBMIT AN FY 1998 GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE TECHNOLOGY LITERACY CHALLENGE FUND**

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit a grant proposal in the amount of \$225,000 for the technology Literacy Challenge Grant; and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 464-97

Re: **AMENDMENT OF AETNA GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT GA-2382**

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

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools funds a defined benefit plan that provides retirement benefits to employees, retirees, and their beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, Aetna Life Insurance Company provides an underlying guarantee of benefits for members who retired and began receiving benefits prior to January 1, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools is obligated to maintain deposits in the Aetna general account equal to or greater than 50 percent of the annuity allocation amount; and

WHEREAS, The annuity allocation amount includes \$33,325,335 attributable to members' accumulations as of March 31, 1997; and

WHEREAS, There is no requirement that member accumulations be guaranteed by Aetna; and

WHEREAS, Aetna has agreed to amend the contract and release member accumulations from the annuity allocation upon execution of a release and indemnification of Aetna by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The MCPS Employees' Retirement and Pension System Board of Investment Trustees recommends such action; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education's Audit Committee has reviewed this matter and concurs with the recommended action; now therefore be it

Resolved, That execution of the release and indemnification of Aetna Insurance Company in conjunction with the release of member contributions be authorized on behalf of the Board of Education; and be it further

Resolved, That the Aetna Group Annuity Contract GA-2382 be amended to reflect the release of member contributions from the annuity allocation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education authorize the superintendent of schools to take such further action as necessary to carry out the intent and accomplish the purpose of the foregoing resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 465-97

Re: **APPOINTMENT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT AND PENSION
SYSTEM INVESTMENT TRUSTEES**

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education by Resolution No. 344-95 authorized the establishment of a trust to be used for the purpose of funding the Montgomery County Public Schools Employees' Retirement and Pension System benefits; and

WHEREAS, The trustees are a committee composed of the chief financial officer; the associate superintendent for supportive services; the director of management, budget and planning; and the director of insurance and retirement; and up to, but no more than, three additional members to be appointed by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education by Resolution No. 484-96 appointed Mr. Theodore W. Urban as trustee for a nominal one-year term ending June 30, 1997; Mrs. Terri A. Gage for a nominal two-year term ending June 30, 1998; and Ms. LaVerne G. Kimball for a nominal three-year term ending June 30, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Urban has expressed a willingness to serve for an additional three-year term; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Mr. Theodore W. Urban be appointed as trustee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 466-97 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 30, 1997:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Robert Bastress	Principal, Liberty HS, Carroll County Public Schools	Principal, Damascus HS

RESOLUTION NO. 467-97 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 30, 1997:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Carl L. Baskerville	Acting Assistant Principal, Burnt Mills ES	Principal, Rosemary Hills ES

RESOLUTION NO. 468-97 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 30, 1997:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Kim Bobola	Instructional Coordinator of Technology, Anne Arundel County Public Schools	Principal, Westover ES

RESOLUTION NO. 469-97 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 30, 1997:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Brenda Eisenhauer	Assistant Principal, George Mason HS, Falls Church	Assistant Principal, Quince Orchard HS

RESOLUTION NO. 470-97 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 30, 1997:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Kevin Sawyer	Alternative Education Specialist, Charlotte-Mechlenburg Public Schools	Assistant Principal, Francis Scott Key MS

RESOLUTION NO. 471-97 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 30, 1997:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Joseph Headman, Jr.	Principal, Winston Churchill HS	Director, Office of School Administration

RESOLUTION NO. 472-97 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective July 30, 1997:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Kimberly Statham	Principal, Cannon Road ES	Director, Office of School Administration

Re: **CHARGE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COLLABORATION COUNCIL (DISCUSSION)**

In attendance at the meeting are Mrs. Lorraine Rogstad, co-chair of the Collaboration Council, and Mr. Bennett Connelly, Chief of Children, Youth, and Families Services, as

well as MCPS staff involved with the Collaboration Council. Dr. Cheung invited Mr. Connelly, Mrs. Rogstad, Mrs. Lois Stoner, and Dr. Mary Helen Smith to the table. The Board's Research and Evaluation Committee (comprised of Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, and Ms. Signer) met on July 16, 1997, to receive a briefing on the evolution of the System Reform Initiative (SRI). A current effort is underway to enter into negotiations with the state to further address the needs of children, youth, and families through an interagency and integrated service delivery model. Future efforts are designed to move away from categorical funding and to allow greater flexibility in the use of pooled state resources and to redirect savings in state dollars back to the county.

These efforts are under the aegis of the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families (Collaboration Council). The Collaboration Council consists of representatives of public agencies, business, nonprofit service providers, advocates, parents, and the community at large. The Collaboration Council has expanded its mission beyond SRI to also provide leadership in the integration of services to address other needs of children, youth, and families; for example, the Infants and Toddlers Program, Linkages to Learning, the teen pregnancy prevention program, the County's new juvenile justice initiative, and the Silver Spring Team.

As the Collaboration Council embarks on negotiations with the state, the County Council, Board of Education, and County Executive are each being asked to approve a resolution that would constitute the charge to the Collaboration Council. The County Council approved the resolution earlier today. The Research and Evaluation Committee recommends Board approval of the resolution. He asked others if they would like to make any comments.

Mrs. Rogstad thanked the Board for considering the resolution. She believed that coming forth and seeing the reaction that they have had so far with the County Executive and County Council as well as the Research and Evaluation Committee, they were excited that they are being endorsed and charged and expected at some level to promote the collaborative work that is going to provide the outcomes for the children and youth.

Mr. Connelly shared briefly that the county has a long history of interagency work with Children, Youth, and Families. In the last four years, the county has even come further in realizing true interagency collaboration that this community has aspired to. The county has been very successful in bringing back children from out-of-state placements and successful in keeping children together with their families. The county has done that in terms of savings dollars but, more important, of serving those children and families closest to their own communities. It has been done through close interagency work with the public schools, child welfare, juvenile justice, the private sector, and the parents; all have been a strong part of the effort. They were pleased to be with the Board and celebrate the

successes. They were looking forward to embarking on a different era, and that the bar would be raised with families and children to be served through this interagency initiative.

Mrs. Gordon was pleased to see the resolution come forward. While there is still a lot that has to be done, she thought the Vision to Scale proposal was a good one. She was pleased that the county is working with equal partners in Montgomery County and hoped that as it moves forward that continues to be the focus in Montgomery County. The Vision to Scale document addresses the representatives from the local agencies that affect the community and who those people are, and she asked who determined each agency's representation.

Mr. Connelly explained that each agency was asked to indicate their choice, for example, to represent both the Board of Education and the superintendent's office. As to the state agencies, they asked them the same question. The Council tried to get a mix between the private sector, parent representatives, business representatives, faith community, trying to be reflective of the full Montgomery County community and not just the government agencies.

Mrs. Gordon pointed out that the Vision to Scale document stated that the negotiation team must have the authority to commit services and funds in behalf of the people they represent. Her assumption was that, if Dr. Smith is the superintendent's representative and the superintendent is the one who has the authority to commit, then that is okay. She had a question as to when the Board said who its representative was and the fact that the Board representative does not, in fact, have the authority to commit MCPS services or funds.

Mr. Felton stated that could be addressed at another time. When the Board asked who would represent the Board, he was unable to attend and asked the staff director to attend on his behalf. If the Board needs to formalize any particular authority or establish a process that will ensure that that authority is clear to the Collaboration Council, the Board would do that.

Mrs. Gordon stated that she would prefer that it be clear to the Board how it is that, when the Board is asked to have a representative or have a member participate, she thought it should be a Board decision and if the president is asked then, if he or she cannot serve, it should come to the Board to make a determination who the representative is. The other issue has to do with the authority to commit services and funds since that authority does not rest with a single Board member or with a single staff member. The Board approves budgets, and the superintendent can commit for services and funds. She wanted to clarify that, in reality, only Dr. Smith has that authority unless the Board would take some specific action. Mr. Felton asked how this is done with other representatives since this issue is not unique.

Mrs. Rogstad stated that they gave everyone homework between training sessions and that was to define what the process would be to communicate and to get approval and authority. Mr. Margolies followed up on Mrs. Rogstad's comments stating that was discussed at the meetings, and that he made the statement that did not have the authority to bind the Board on any commitment of funds. When a policy decision or funding decisions were to be made, he would have to bring it back to the full Board. And, in fact, the process of informing the Board started with the request to have the Research and Evaluation Committee briefed on the whole process and will continue to do so any time decisions have to be made.

Mrs. Gordon stated that there needs clarification as to whom may commit funds. It is a different issue from the Board granting that authority, and, actually it is the superintendent who can grant that authority, not the Board.

Mr. Connelly explained that this document was a concept paper that was put together with different agencies in Montgomery County as well as parents and providers. The Montgomery County community wants to achieve outcomes, the dollars that will be pulled down from the state to the community, and what the local community's responsibility will be for those services and dollars. The Board is not committing services or funds, no one on the team has committed to anything at this point. It is a whole new process with the state and, as part of that, the Council is trying to work with all the different state agencies to come together to agree to how we can do business in each community throughout the state of Maryland. Each of the local agencies has to maintain their own mandates, whether it is state or federal. Part of this process also is to look at what barriers seem to exist either in law or regulation procedures that really tie local hands of the agencies in terms of really what they want to do in terms of best services for kids.

Ms. Gutiérrez thought it certainly was highly promising as an approach that will strengthen the collaboration. She fully supported the fact that the proposal was neighborhood based, and it will be the only way in which to address the need for families and children. She expressed a concern about ensuring that there is full representation of neighborhoods at all levels. She hoped that the focus would be on meeting needs and providing services, and the focus not be on how much can be cut from the current level of funding. County leaders should be looking at unmet needs and how, perhaps, funding is appropriate for those needs.

Mr. Felton stated that collaboration is a theme that has been one of the Board's issues for a couple of years and certainly with our future search effort, there is a commitment to collaboration. He thought this is one more step toward ensuring that the school system not only operates efficiently, which in some cases does not reduce resources, but makes resources go a longer way.

Mrs. King saw the advantages, too, on the collaboration group for the future search. She will be interested to see how the Board can tie what is happening with the Collaboration Council into what the Board is doing for the future, so that county leaders are not all doing separate things.

RESOLUTION NO. 473-97 Re: **CHARGE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
COLLABORATION COUNCIL**

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

WHEREAS, In 1993, the Maryland legislature mandated that within guidelines developed by the Special Secretary of the Office for Children, Youth and Families (OCYF), each local jurisdiction will establish a local management board to ensure the implementation of a local, Interagency service delivery system to improve the well being of all children, youth and families (Md. Ann. Code, Article 49D), and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families was established to serve in the capacity of the Local Management Board that is accountable for compliance with these statutory mandates and has functioned in this capacity since 1993, and

WHEREAS, the membership on the Montgomery County Collaboration Council includes a cross section of representation from citizenry of the County including its diverse social, economic, and cultural interests, and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Collaboration Council is the catalyst for systemic change and action that will lead to improved outcomes for children and their families by:

- setting of the overall agenda for the well-being of children and families,
- marshaling the public, private and community resources, both human and fiscal, necessary to implement that agenda;

now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education joins the County Executive and the County Council in charging the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families to pursue its mission, as prescribed by state legislation and guidelines, and specifically to:

1. Engage the community in developing a comprehensive agenda that defines the core results/outcomes that are critical to improving the well-being of children and families in Montgomery County.

2. Recommend to relevant entities in the County (the County Executive, County Council, Board of Education) a comprehensive community agenda, to be reviewed annually, and to include program and budget priorities and to advocate for community participation in achieving the core results/outcomes.
3. Fully engage neighborhoods in planning and decision making processes that will weave together human service and education reform, as well as economic and community development, to achieve desired results for children and families.
4. Facilitate the development of responsive, accessible, neighborhood networks of formal and informal family supports by providing technical assistance, training and support to achieve the core results/outcomes.
5. Enter into partnerships with state and local government as necessary to negotiate access to, better integration of, and more efficient and effective expenditure of federal, state, county, and other resources to achieve the desired core community results/outcomes.
6. Develop, promote, and implement, as necessary, innovative and flexible funding arrangements including maximizing federal funding opportunities, receiving and allocating public and private resources, consistent with state/local laws and guidelines, to achieve the desired core community results/outcomes.
7. Facilitate the development of agreements that will lead to integrated, family focused, culturally sensitive, and cost-effective services and supports to carry out the provisions of the comprehensive community agenda.
8. Promote and foster innovative approaches or strategies on a pilot basis that will demonstrate new ways of achieving core results/outcomes.
9. Establish the capacity to evaluate the effectiveness of service delivery, track outcomes for children and families, and assure fiscal accountability, including a viable management information system.
10. Develop the capacity to evaluate the programs of the interagency effort and the community's progress in achieving the desired results for children and families as well as the Collaboration Council's success at achieving its mandated functions.

RESOLUTION NO. 474-97

Re: **NAMING OF POOLESVILLE CLUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

WHEREAS, A committee representing the new Poolesville Cluster Middle School community was formed to consider names for the new school in accordance with MCPS Policy FFA-RA, Naming of Schools; and

WHEREAS, The committee followed appropriate procedures in choosing a name for the new school; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the new Poolesville Cluster Middle School officially be named John Poole Middle School.

Re: **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Ms. Signer commented that earlier this month she had the opportunity to visit Julius West Middle School and observe the scoring of the criterion-reference tests. It was a wonderful experience, and she encouraged all teachers to participate in this activity.

Mrs. King had the pleasure last week of going with staff to the Spanish Embassy to sign an agreement with the Secretary of Education from Spain and to welcome two teachers from Spain to our school system for the coming year.

Mr. Ewing pointed out the good news about the total income revenues for the county. The evidence is that it is about \$16 million more than the executive projected. Given that the Board has heard about several needs that were not met in the current budget, the Board should think seriously about the possibility of an emergency appropriation request to meet those needs including class size and funds for the International Baccalaureate Program and the Blair Magnet.

Mr. Felton had the opportunity to attend a symposium on distance learning. While MCPS is exploring that possibility, he would encourage the school system to make better use of the technology available. He also testified before the County Council on emergency legislation that would support the elementary and middle schools on Wayne Avenue. He encouraged staff and parents to continue to advocate for that facility and funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 475-97

Re: **RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR YOUTH SPEAKOUTS**

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

WHEREAS, Over the course of many years, the County has sponsored speakouts to gauge the thinking of children and youth as to specific needs or gaps in services; and

WHEREAS, The youth speakouts have provided a unique opportunity for a diverse group of students, drawn from public, private, and parochial schools throughout the county, to brainstorm as to issues of concern to them; and

WHEREAS, Past youth speakouts have culminated in reports to the Board of Education, the County Council, and County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The County is organizing youth speakouts to be held in Fall, 1997 to be held on early release days for students, focused on the issue of personal safety of children and youth, the issue of paramount concern at the most recent speakout; and

WHEREAS, The speakouts will not be focusing on school security but will be framed around the larger issue of personal safety, whether in the home, on the street, in the neighborhood, at the mall, or in school; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools endorse and co-sponsor the speakouts to be held in Fall, 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That both the Superintendent's staff and the Board staff be of assistance in the planning of the speakouts and the handling of logistics to ensure their success.

RESOLUTION NO. 476-97 Re: **CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Gutiérrez 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 sessions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct a portion of its meeting on Monday, August 25, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. 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

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 Section 10-508 of the State Government Article; and be it further

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

Re: REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

On June 23, 1997, by the unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session on July 8, 1997, 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 8, 1997, from 8:50 to 10:15 a.m. and 11:55 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The meeting took place in Room 120, Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland.

The Board met to discuss personnel issues and legal matters with its attorneys. The Board reviewed and adjudicated Appeal No. 1997-8, Appeal No. 1997-10, Appeal No. 1997-12, Appeal No. 1997-13, Appeal No. 1997-14, Appeal No. 1997-15, and Appeal No. 1997-18,

In attendance at part or all of the closed sessions were: Elizabeth Arons, Larry Bowers, Judith Bresler, Alan Cheung, Kevin Collins, Blair Ewing, Reggie Felton, David Fischer, Katheryn Gemberling, Bea Gordon, Ana Sol Gutiérrez, Pat Hahn, Roland Ikheloa, Nancy King, George Margolies, Glenda Rose, Ruby Rubens, Steven Seleznow, Mona Signer, Mary Helen Smith, Maree Sneed (by phone), Lois Stoner, Roger Titus, Paul Vance, Joe Villani, Debbie Wheat, and Arianna Wright.

RESOLUTION NO. 477-97 Re: BOARD APPEAL NO. 1997-14

On motion of Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in Appeal 1997-14, a personnel matter, reflective of the following vote: Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, Ms. Signer, and Ms. Wheat voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 478-97 Re: BOARD APPEAL NO. 1997-15

On motion of Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in Appeal 1997-15, a personnel matter, reflective of the following vote: Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, Ms. Signer, and Ms. Wheat voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 479-97 Re: **BOARD APPEAL NO. 1997-18**

On motion of Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in Appeal 1997-18, a student matter, reflective of the following vote: Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, Ms. Signer, and Ms. Wheat voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 480-97 Re: **BOARD APPEAL NO. T-1997-4**

On motion of Mrs. King to affirm the superintendent's decision and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Order in Appeal T-1997-4, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and Ms. Wheat voting to affirm; Ms. Signer recused herself.

RESOLUTION NO. 481-97 Re: **BOARD APPEAL NO. T-1997-5**

On motion of Mrs. King to affirm the superintendent's decision and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Order in Appeal T-1997-5, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, Ms. Signer, and Ms. Wheat voting to affirm.

RESOLUTION NO. 482-97 Re: **BOARD APPEAL NO. T-1997-6**

On motion of Mrs. King to affirm the superintendent's decision and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Order in Appeal T-1997-6, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, Ms. Signer, and Ms. Wheat voting to affirm.

RESOLUTION NO. 483-97 Re: **BOARD APPEAL NO. T-1997-7**

On motion of Mrs. King to affirm the superintendent's decision and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Order in Appeal T-1997-7, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm; Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and Ms. Wheat voting to reverse.

RESOLUTION NO. 484-97 Re: **BOARD APPEAL NO. T-1997-9**

On motion of Mrs. King to reverse the superintendent's decision and seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Order in Appeal T-1997-9, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting to affirm; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. King, Ms. Signer, and Ms. Wheat voting to reverse.

RESOLUTION NO. 485-97 Re: **BOARD APPEAL NO. T-1997-10**

On motion of Mrs. King to affirm the superintendent's decision and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Order in Appeal T-1997-10, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm. Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, and Ms. Wheat voting to reverse.

Re: **FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING COST REDUCTIONS IN
SPECIAL AND MAGNET PROGRAMS (Failed)**

On motion of Dr. Cheung and seconded by Mr. Ewing the following resolution failed with Dr. Cheung and Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, Ms. Signer, and Ms. Wheat voting in the negative.

WHEREAS, The Board adopted its FY 1998 Operating Budget on June 11, 1997, after making reductions to its original budget request so as to conform to the final appropriation of the County Council; and

WHEREAS, Among the reductions made was a reduction in Category 3 in the amount of \$128,548 both to reduce released time for teachers in magnet and special programs; and

WHEREAS, Many of the models of the special programs were established with this released time so as to provided time for teachers to develop the specialized curriculum, to train staff in the new curriculum, to work with individual or small groups of students, and to disseminate the program throughout the school and the county (as seen recently with the advent of additional IB programs); and

WHEREAS, This reduction has limited the flexibility of principals to address their priorities and allocate staff; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board maintain this reduction in the amount of \$128, 548 in Category 3; provided, however, that it not be mandated that the reduction at the individual secondary schools with magnet and special programs must be absorbed by eliminating released time for teachers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Superintendent allocate the exact proportionate amount of the reduction among the affected schools, but that principals of those schools be vested with the flexibility as to how to absorb such reduction within their Category 3 funds; and be it further

Resolved, That this revision to the budget be communicated immediately to the affected secondary schools in time for plans to be made for the opening of school.

Re: **CLASS SIZE II (Failed)**

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

WHEREAS, The teacher-to-student ratio in a classroom, i.e. class size, has been shown through extensive research to have a significant impact on student academic performance and instructional effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has experienced continuous increases in average class size over the past six years due in part to the rapid growth of the student population and the concomitant underfunding of MCPS operating budget requests; and

WHEREAS, MCPS' current average class size-based staffing allocation formulas do not effectively respond to rapid change and growth, high mobility rates, increased instructional load and diversity factors, thus resulting in increased numbers of classes which are over desired maximums throughout the school system; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes the urgency to develop an effective strategy together with school staff, parents, and community stakeholders in order to ensure the long-term support and funding commitments necessary to reverse the current trends; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education commit itself to the development and implementation of a multi-year instructional staffing plan that will effectively reduce MCPS class sizes, as a minimum, to 1990-established levels; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board President appoint an ad hoc committee of the Board to work with the superintendent and MCPS staff to study the matter (over the summer) and to propose options to the full Board, allowing for possible initial budget action beginning with the FY99 budget cycle.

RESOLUTION NO. 486-97 Re: **CLASS SIZE REDUCTION**

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education took action in the FY 1998 operating budget to add funds to reduce class size; and

WHEREAS, Class size reductions appear likely to be minimal, based on data the superintendent has provided to the Board; and

WHEREAS, The preparation of the budget for FY 1999 needs to include substantial support for further class size reduction; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent should bring to the Board of Education at the earliest possible date a comparison of class sizes at each grade level, by school, for FY 1997 and projected for FY 1998 and FY 1999, based on planned funding increases and recommendations for managing class size reductions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education discuss these data and recommendations with a view to making a determination as soon as possible about what resources could be made available to reduce class size in kindergarten through grade three in FY 1998, and with a view to making an early determination about what the resource levels for class size reduction should be in FY 1999 and in the succeeding five years.

Ms. Gutiérrez made the following statement for the record: "I really feel that this will not move us sufficiently in the direction and as rapidly as I think we need to move and where the general community wants us to go."

Re: **NEW BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION NO. 487-97

Re: **REORGANIZATION OF ICB/COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS**

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

WHEREAS, The County Executive, on July 14, 1997, transmitted to the County Council Reorganization Plan 97-1 to restructure the Office of Community Use of Public Facilities (formerly the Office of Community Use of Schools) and to place the Office under the Department of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, For eighteen years, under numerous county executives, this Office has acquitted its statutory responsibility in accordance with its charter; and

WHEREAS, This Office receives policy direction from an Interagency Coordinating Board (ICB), on which sits the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President, a community member representing the school system, and two principals; and

WHEREAS, Reassigning this Office to the Department of Recreation is inconsistent with its mission, is inconsistent with the composition of the ICB, and has the potential for subordinating the school system's needs to those of another agency; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education go on record in opposition to Reorganization Plan 97-1; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board, the Superintendent, and staff convey to the County Council the concerns implicated by such a reorganization in the hope that the County Council will disapprove the Reorganization Plan within the ninety days provided by law; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the County Council, the County Executive, and the ICB.

Re: **NEW BUSINESS** (continued)

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve an emergency appropriation for the FY 1998 budget that would add \$1.7 million for class size reduction using the same guidelines as in the adopted FY 1998 Operating Budget and an additional \$128,548 for restoring funds lost when the programs were cut in the IB at Richard Montgomery High School and magnet program at Montgomery Blair High School.

RESOLUTION NO. 488-97

Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of July 29, 1997, at 12:30 a.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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