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Rockville, Maryland
April 12, 2005

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on, Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill, President
in the Chair
Mr. Steve Abrams
Ms. Sharon W. Cox
Ms. Valerie Ervin
Dr. Charles Haughey
Mrs. Nancy Navarro
Mr. Gabriel Romero
Mr. Sagar Sanghvi, Student Board Member
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

or () indicates student vote does not count. Four votes needed for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 166-05 Re: **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSIONS**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Cox seconded by Dr. Haughey, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the *Education Article* and *State Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* 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 closed sessions on April 12, 2005, in Room 120 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. to discuss the Human Resources appointments, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(3) of the *State Government Article* and Section 4-107(d) of the *Education Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County receive legal advice as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County dedicate part of the closed sessions on April 12, 2005, to acquit its executive functions and to adjudicate and review appeals, which is a quasi-judicial function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act under

Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That this portion of the meeting continue in closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 167-05 Re: **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Haughey seconded by Mr. Romero, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for April 12, 2005.

RESOLUTION NO. 168-05 Re: **SECRETARIES WEEK**

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

WHEREAS, Secretaries Week will be celebrated nationally the week of April 24–30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education wishes to publicly recognize the competence and dedication of its staff of secretarial and clerical employees and express its appreciation for their efforts in the effective, courteous, and efficient operation of the Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education thanks its secretarial and clerical staff for their contributions to excellence in education; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Secretaries Week be observed by the school system during the week of April 24–30, 2005; and be it further

Resolved, That Wednesday, April 27, 2005, be designated as Secretaries Day for the Montgomery County Public Schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 169-05 Re: **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Haughey seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, A goal of *Our Call To Action* is to secure the commitment of the entire community to maintain high-quality education in Montgomery County by building partnerships among families, the community, business, and staff, that promote and support initiatives to

help all children succeed; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme, "Inspire by Example," truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the students they help, as well as to inspire others to serve; and

WHEREAS, Every school in Montgomery County relies on volunteers to supplement and enrich programs for students; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers, defined as persons who do unpaid work for an organization, are one of our most valuable assets as they work to improve our schools; and

WHEREAS, During the last school year, more than 38,000 volunteers gave more than 3.5 million hours of service to staff and students and provided the equivalent hours of 1,823 full-time, 12-month employees; and

WHEREAS, The dollar value attached to the hours of service that volunteers provided exceeds \$56 million; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers share their time, energy, knowledge, and experience in schools, and inspire the school and community to renew their commitment to success for every student; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education extend its appreciation to all volunteers and volunteer coordinators for their assistance, generosity of spirit, commitment to our schools and our young people, and outstanding contributions to the Montgomery County community.

RESOLUTION NO. 170-05

Re: **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

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

WHEREAS, April has been designated National Autism Awareness Month by the Autism Society of America; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex, lifelong developmental disability; and

WHEREAS, Autism affects the normal development of the brain, resulting in differences in verbal and nonverbal communication, responses to people, and difficulty with play and adapting to change; and

WHEREAS, The national incidence of autism is increasing to approximately 1 out of every 500 births and is believed to be the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The goal of National Autism Awareness Month is to better educate the entire community about the unique gifts and challenges of individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-three years ago, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) developed its first program for students with autism; and has consistently been committed to the expansion and development of effective educational programs to serve this population; and

WHEREAS, MCPS is currently responsible for the education of 846 students with autism; and

WHEREAS, Educating a child with autism from toddler to adulthood requires the combined dedication, expertise, and enthusiasm of families, schools, and the community at large; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education express its appreciation to all those who work within the school system to teach and work in support of individuals and families whose daily lives are affected by autism.

Re: FINAL REPORT ON LEGISLATION (ORAL)

Ms. Lori Rogovin, legislative aide, apprised the Board of the success or failure of educational legislation.

Re: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

	<u>Person</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1.	Art Fabel	Support of Family Life
2.	Steina Walter	Advocacy in Schools
3.	Ellen Castellano	New Condom Video
4.	Michelle Turner	Family Life and Human Development
5.	Juleen Jackson	New Health Curriculum

Re: UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

Dr. Weast invited the following people to the table: Mr. Dale Fulton, associate superintendent for curriculum and instructional programs; Mr. Mark Kelsch, community superintendent, Office

of School Performance; Mrs. Virginia Tucker, director of enriched and innovative instruction; Ms. Kim Boldon, coordinator of Middle Years Program at Richard Montgomery High School; Mr. James Fernandez, principal, Albert Einstein High School; and Dr. Sherry Liebes, principal, College Gardens Elementary School.

The purpose of presentation was to provide the Board with an update on the status of the K–12 International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs in MCPS. The following topics were addressed: an overview of the development of International Baccalaureate (IB) programs in MCPS, current status of each of the programs, rates of student participation, and benefits and future challenges for MCPS. Currently, there are five Diploma Programs, two authorized Middle Years Programs (MYP) with two additional programs in the authorization process and a fourth middle school in the investigative stage, and one Primary Years Program (PYP). Combined, these programs have the capacity to serve approximately 6,100 students.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Abrams asked what the distinction is between pre-IB and MYP. Ms. Boldon replied that pre-IB is for ninth and 10th grade students who are selected as incoming ninth grader. MYP is a separate program that starts in sixth grade and ends in ninth and 10th grades.

Mr. Abrams inquired about the current structure and any impediment for students coming into the program through the countywide application process. Ms. Boldon stated having two programs gave the school system greater flexibility.

Mr. Romero commented that there is a focus on rigor. Dr. Weast agreed that some programs will need to be abandoned, and there will be consistent, focused rigor.

Dr. Haughey wanted to know how the student and family support is built to assure that students are eager to participate in the IB program. Mr. Fernandez thought the support was based on trust in the rigorous program.

Ms. Cox asked for the data on schools with Middle Years programs, including the level of achievement, engagement, attendance, and discipline.

Ms. Cox noted that the difference between IB and MCPS curriculum is that IB is inquiry-based instruction. Mr. Fulton agreed. He thought the excitement occurs when teachers put the MCPS curriculum into the IB framework. Those teachers have to know the curriculum from A to Z and become curriculum experts. Overall, MCPS is heading for inquiry-based instruction.

Ms. Cox wanted to know if PYP and MYP provide a basis for children to be successful in high school. The diploma program is one of many options that students have to meet their skills, ability, and interest.

Mr. Romero noticed that there are more females than males in the IB data. Dr. Weast replied that the difference is because of after-school sports and that boys prefer an AP approach.

Mr. Romero wanted to know how to increase the participation in the IB program. Mrs. Tucker explained that staff knows students can be successful and therefore is looking for and encouraging students to enter the program.

Mr. Romero asked if teachers have a preference for teaching IB or non-IB. Mrs. Tucker responded that teachers teach all three – IB, AP, and Honors. By doing this, the high school program is strengthened.

Mr. Sanghvi thought there was a misconception that the rigor of the IB program varies among participating schools. He was pleased that the assessment and rigor is the same in all IB programs. He asked what the AP course offerings were at IB schools. Mr. Fulton replied that there is the same number, and in some instances they are combined due to scheduling.

Mr. Sanghvi asked if colleges accept/give the same credit for AP and IB. Mr. Fulton explained that the colleges make those decisions.

Mr. Abrams noted that one potential is for MYP to become a predominate if not a uniformly rigorous middle school program. This could cause competition among the middle school magnets, some of whose students apply to IB programs. Would these these programs lose their effect if a more broad rigorous program such as MYP can take their place? Furthermore, does MYP have the flexibility to adapt to a focus, such as CAP? Finally, could students apply for IB in high school if they had not participated in an MYP? Mrs. Tucker thought the school system was at an important intersection. Staff should take time to look at all the linkages and maximize the power of each program. The IB organization has always been responsive to MCPS, and it is interested in building flexibility options while maintaining the integrity of their framework and standards.

Ms. Ervin wanted to know how the IB programs will have a vertical articulation pattern. Dr. Liebes thought it was important to start early to teach students how to think and to develop independent and reflective learners. The elementary schools use a whole school approach since it is a philosophy and a way of doing business.

Ms. Ervin asked what happens to students who leave an MYP program in middle or high school. Mr. Fulton replied that the power of the program is that it prepares students to enter high school and take college-level courses, such as AP and Honors, if not IB.

Mrs. Navarro noted that there is a change in attitude with IB programming. She was especially pleased with the outreach to students. The school system should not tolerate principals or teachers who do not want to embark on this road of excellence.

Re: **LUNCH AND CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Education recessed from 12:50 to 2:15 p.m.

**Mr. Sanghvi temporarily left the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 171-05 Re: **AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education defer Item 12.0 (Dialogue on Current Issues).

RESOLUTION NO. 172-05 Re: **PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS OF \$25,000 OR MORE**

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

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted and/or identified for the purchase of an enterprise data storage and back-up solution through the University of Maryland Educational Enterprise Consortium Contract Number USMS C99-12; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of an enterprise data storage and back-up solution through lease/purchase arrangements has been reviewed by legal counsel; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the enterprise data storage and back-up solution through the University of Maryland Educational Enterprise Consortium Contract Number USMS C99-12 in the amount of \$968,724 be lease-purchased for a five-year term under the Master Lease/Purchase Agreement with Carlyle Financial Services; and be it further

Resolved, That the proceeds from the financing be used to reimburse Montgomery County Public Schools' accounts to the extent that such equipment will be acquired before closing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board president and superintendent be authorized to execute the documents necessary for these transactions; and be it further

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

BU-0304 Band Uniforms

Awardee
Stanbury Uniforms*

\$ 29,339

DBM 2020	Desktop Computers, Printers, Peripherals, Parts and Services <u>Awardee</u> Gateway	\$ 240,000
RQ01 4027 45-39	Consultant Services to Support the E-rate Program <u>Awardee</u> Funds for Learning, LLC	\$ 55,000
USMS C99-12	Maryland Educational Enterprise Consortium <u>Awardee</u> Dell Marketing L.P.	\$ 968,724
35070 00219	Towing, Transport and Recovery of Vehicles—Extension <u>Awardee</u> Automotive Support Services, Inc.	\$ 75,000
1079.2	Financial Auditing Services <u>Awardee</u> Clifton Gunderson	\$ 120,000
1160.1	Enterprise Wide Electronic Grading and Reporting System <u>Awardee</u> Excelsior Software, Inc.	\$1,276,900
4119.2	Science Lab Tables—Extension <u>Awardee</u> Diversified Educational System	\$ 32,700
4141.1	Uniforms—Extension <u>Awardee</u> Classic Custom Products*	\$ 155,432
4164.1	CNC Router/Mill System	

	<u>Awardee</u> Diversified Educational System	\$ 87,610
4165.1	Professional Development Management System	
	<u>Awardee</u> iAssessment, LLC	\$ 245,000
4169.1	Subscription Fee for Automated Reading Assessments	
	<u>Awardee</u> Wireless Generation	\$ 508,000
7120.2	Asbestos Abatement Equipment and Supplies	
	<u>Awardees</u> American Environmental Enterprises	\$ 53,872
	Bullseye Environmental Corporation	23,183
	BWI Distribution, Inc.	23,843
	Grainger, Inc.	<u>6,758</u>
	Total	\$ 107,656
7143.1	Commercial Kitchen Equipment for Ridgeview Middle School	
	<u>Awardee</u> Calico Industries, Inc.	\$ 26,616
7144.1	Commercial Food Preparation Equipment	
	<u>Awardees</u> J.E. Grote Company	\$ 33,000
	Koch Equipment, LLC	15,463
	Tipper Tie, Inc.	<u>4,950</u>
	Total	\$ 53,413
9052.2	Recreation Systems and Installation—Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u> West Recreation, Inc.	\$ 59,818
9057.6	Basketball Supplies and Equipment	

	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Anaconda Sports, Inc.	\$ 5,751
	Cannon Sports, Inc.*	8,895
	DVF Sporting Goods Company	10,338
	EBA Sports*	6,123
	Bill Fritz Sports Corporation	171
	Gopher Sport	2,329
	Passon's Sports	49,265
	S & S Worldwide	1,031
	Sportmaster	14,621
	Sports Stop, Inc.	<u>10,643</u>
	Total	\$ 109,167
9062.6	Football Supplies and Equipment	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Anaconda Sports, Inc.	\$ 16,622
	Cannon Sports, Inc.*	3,722
	DVF Sporting Goods Company	2,132
	Marlow Sports, Inc.*	34,214
	Marty Gillman, Inc.*	3,856
	Passon's Sports	11,449
	Riddell All American	59,172
	Rogers Athletic Company	600
	Sports Stop, Inc.	<u>230</u>
	Total	\$ 131,997
9064.6	Lacrosse Supplies and Equipment	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Aluminum Athletic Equipment Company	\$ 1,911
	Cannon Sports, Inc.*	809
	Georgi Sports*	6,049
	Gopher Sport	398
	Longstreth Sporting Goods*	20,434
	Passon's Sports	9,524
	Sports Stop, Inc.	<u>9,501</u>
	Total	\$ 48,626
9117.2	Fresh Produce—Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	

	Lancaster Foods, Inc.	\$ 575,000
9205.5	Flags and Accessories—Extension	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Conservation Flag Company	\$ 6,920
	Liberty Flags, Inc.*	10,701
	P.J. and Company	<u>11,065</u>
	Total	\$ 28,686
9301.2	Installation of Carpeting, Resilient Flooring and Accessories Replacements—Extension**	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Interiors Unlimited, Inc.*	\$ 720,000
9317.3	Public Address System Replacements at Various Locations**	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Corbett Technology Solutions, Inc.	\$ 773,252
9364.2	Interior Flush Wood Doors, Hardware, and Accessories **	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Tito Contractors*	\$ 304,844
9385.1	Re-roofing at Clopper Mill Elementary School**	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Interstate Corporation*	\$ 510,000
9385.1	Re-roofing at Poolesville High School**	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Interstate Corporation*	\$ 227,000
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$25,000	\$7,469,780

* Denotes Minority-, Female-, or Disabled-owned Business

** Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement Bid (PLAR)

RESOLUTION NO. 173-05

Re: **ACCEPTANCE OF GLEN HAVEN ELEMENTARY**

SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

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

WHEREAS, The Glen Haven Elementary School modernization project was inspected on April 6, 2005; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the Glen Haven Elementary School modernization project and that the official date of completion is that date when formal notice is received from the architect that this project has been completed

RESOLUTION NO. 174-05 Re: **ENGINEERING SERVICES — ENERGY MANAGEMENT AUTOMATION SYSTEMS**

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

WHEREAS, Engineering services are required to perform energy audits and lighting surveys, and to assist in the design of various energy conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, Engineering services for the development, review, and administration of construction contracts are necessary for the installation of energy management automation systems and lighting conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, BRINJAC Engineering was the most qualified company identified through the Architect/Engineer Selection Procedures approved by the Board of Education, and the firm has consistently provided similar engineering services satisfactorily for Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve a contractual agreement for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 annually with the firm of BRINJAC Engineering, for the performance of energy audits and the design of recommended conservation measures and for the design and administration of construction contracts for Energy Management Automation Systems in Montgomery County Public Schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 175-05 Re: **SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR ADVANCE OF LAND ACQUISITION REVOLVING FUND (ALARF)**

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested an amendment to the FY2005-2010 Capital Improvements Program for FY2006 facility planning funds for a new Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29 and for site costs in the Advanced Land Acquisition Revolving Fund (ALARF) project; and

WHEREAS, The Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29 will relieve overutilization at Bel Pre, Strathmore, Georgian Forest, and Glenallan elementary schools and will provide capacity to accommodate the redevelopment of the Indian Spring Country Club property; and

WHEREAS, The redevelopment of the Indian Spring Country Club property will not generate sufficient density to require a site dedication from the property owner; and

WHEREAS, There is no suitable property in the Board of Education's inventory nor in other public ownership to site the proposed facility; and

WHEREAS, A privately owned, three-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Queensguard and Layhill roads is available to expand existing county landholdings for co-location of a school adjacent to a future recreation center and an existing Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission local park; and

WHEREAS, The county executive has recommended that the Board of Education request an FY2005 special appropriation for site acquisition in lieu of its FY2006 request; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education rescind its request for funds in FY 2006 to purchase property for the Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29 and request an FY 2005 special appropriation to fund this acquisition and related expenses in the amount of \$1,500,000; and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 176-05

Re: **CAPITAL PROJECTS TO BE CLOSED
EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2005**

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education annually closes capital projects and transfers any unencumbered balances to the unliquidated surplus account; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Facilities Management has reviewed capital projects that

should be closed effective June 30, 2005; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent be authorized to close, effective June 30, 2005, the capital construction projects listed below, subject to final audit:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Balance</u>
102	Germantown Elementary School Architectural Planning	-0-
237	Robert Frost Middle School Addition	-0-
424	Walter Johnson High School Addition	\$431
512	Greenwood Elementary School Addition	-0-

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and County Council to be included in the FY 2006 Educational Facilities Master Plan and the FY 2006-2011 Capital Improvements Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 177-05

Re: **FY 2006 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET
AMENDMENT – RELOCATABLE
CLASSROOMS**

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

WHEREAS, On November 22, 2004, the Board of Education approved its FY 2006 State Capital Improvements request in the amount of \$126.241 million and did not include funding for moving state relocatable classrooms; and

WHEREAS, A need has been identified to move three state-owned relocatable classroom units within Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, An amendment to the FY 2006 State CIP request is needed to obtain state approval to move the units and to request state funding to assist in costs to relocate the units in the amount of \$12,500 per classroom; and

WHEREAS, On March 22, 2005, the County Council approved a \$5.0-million special appropriation for relocatable classroom moves for the summer of 2005; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend its FY 2006 State Capital Improvements Program request to include Interagency Committee on School Construction approval for an additional \$75,000 in state aid for the relocation of three state-owned classroom units as

follows:

- One single-classroom unit from Gaithersburg Elementary School to Thomas S. Wootton High School to accommodate increasing enrollment
- One single-classroom unit from John T. Baker Middle School to Richard Montgomery High School to accommodate increasing enrollment
- One four-classroom unit from Benjamin Banneker Middle School to Rosemary Hills Elementary School to accommodate additional classrooms needed for its full-day kindergarten program

and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 178-05 Re: UTILIZATION OF THE FY 2005 PROVISION FOR FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, The grants qualify for a transfer of appropriation from the Provision for Future Supported Projects, pursuant to the provisions of County Council Resolution No. 15-631, approved May 27, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The projects do not require any present or future county funds; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient appropriation is available, within the FY 2005 Provision for Future Supported Projects, to permit the transfers within state categories; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, within the FY 2005 Provision for Future Supported Projects, as specified below:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Amount</u>
School Performance Recognition Program Awards		\$ 50,636
American Indian Education Program		4,980
Even Start Family Literacy Program		190,749
I-PAS/Challenge Initiative	<u>1.0*</u>	<u>669,717</u>

Total	<u>1.0*</u>	<u>\$ 916,082</u>
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Positions

* 1.0 instructional specialist

and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 179-05 Re: APPOINTMENT — EXTERNAL AUDITOR

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

WHEREAS, Clifton Gunderson LLP has agreed to complete the audit for FY 2005 for \$120,000 and the FY 2006 audit for \$123,605 within the required timeframe; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education appoint Clifton Gunderson LLP as the auditor for the FY 2005 Montgomery County Public Schools audit for a fee of \$120,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 180-05 Re: HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Haughey seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective April 13, 2005:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Shawn Krasa	Instructional Resource Teacher, Earle B. Wood MS	Coordinator, Parkland MS Magnet Program

Re: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Bowers reported that the projected financial condition through February 28, 2005, was based on program requirements and estimates made by primary and secondary account managers. At that time, revenues had a projected surplus of \$2,130,680 while expenses had a projected surplus of \$7,900,000.

**Mr. Sanghvi rejoined the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 181-05 Re: **PRELIMINARY PLAN — WELLER ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Romero, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The architect for the proposed addition to Weller Road Elementary School, Delmar Architects, P.A., has prepared a schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Weller Road Elementary School Facility Advisory Committee has provided input for the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the preliminary plans report for the addition to Weller Road Elementary School developed by Delmar Architects, P.A.

RESOLUTION NO. 182-05 Re: **PRELIMINARY PLAN — PARKLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION**

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

WHEREAS, The architect for the proposed modernization of Parkland Middle School, Moseley Architects, P.C., has prepared a schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Parkland Middle School Facility Advisory Committee has provided input for the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the preliminary plans report for the modernization of Parkland Middle School developed by Moseley Architects, P.C.

Re: **UPDATE ON THE EVENING HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM WORKGROUP**

Dr. Weast invited the following people to the table: Dr. Carey M. Wright, associate superintendent, Office of Special Education and Student Services; and Mr. Donald H. Kress, chief school performance officer, Office of School Performance.

The efforts under way to improve the education of MCPS students in Grade 9 through Grade 12 include an examination of Evening High School programs. A work group of principals, central office staff, and other personnel is examining a wide range of issues associated with

courses and services offered to high school students after the end of the regular school day. Many of these issues focus on problems identified in the structure, implementation, and standards of the current program and the way in which students enter the evening classes through the school system's 24 regular high schools. The Board reviewed the most recent status report on the Evening High School Program Work Group.

The restructuring of Evening High School is a complicated and challenging objective. There are no clear models at this time to replicate. Howard County, for example, offers evening programs to only suspended students. Fairfax County has an extended-day program that also serves adults of any age. For Montgomery County, it will take careful and creative planning to achieve the lasting changes necessary to address the real needs of students. Dr. Weast believed that the work group has taken important initial steps. More work will be needed.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Navarro thought there is no doubt that Evening High School could be replaced with instruction during the day or an alternate option. She referred to the disparities in race and ethnicity revealed in the statistics.

Ms. Ervin noted the reasons for students to be in Evening High School: credit recovery, loss of credit, and original credit. She asked if students were taking core courses in Evening High School. Also, she wanted to know if it was possible for students to stay in their high schools and retake those courses. Mr. Kress replied that the courses students are taking have been identified, and many of the courses are required for graduation. Students are taking the courses because of failure in the course or loss of credit due to attendance. However, students have the opportunity to retake courses in their home schools.

Mr. Sanghvi remarked that there are students who take courses to get ahead. This may explain the 18 percent of students in Evening High School who earn original credit. Also, he noticed that students have a good attitude toward Evening High School. Dr. Weast commented that there is a need to know what is happening in day school to determine why students enroll in Evening High School.

Mr. Romero was interested in extended opportunities for students. Dr. Weast thought there will always be a need for educational opportunities. However, he was interested in students' success within the regular program with quality teaching and rigorous material.

Ms Cox noted that Evening High School has the enrollment of a regular high school. How can MCPS know if those students will pass all high school assessments, and are grades recorded at the home high school? Mr. Kress replied that grades are reported back to the home high school.

Ms. Cox asked about the staff and if the principal is able to recommend for Peer Assistance and Review (PAR). Dr. Lacey replied that the principal has the responsibility to hire staff and that core teachers working during the day could be referred to PAR. In the past, teachers were not observed; from now on they will be. Dr. Weast added that all instruction will be aligned and high quality under any educational scenario.

Ms. Cox mentioned the alternatives within public education for students who are not successful in a comprehensive high school, such as the Kingsley Wilderness. How can the school system design alternatives to support students? Dr. Wright thought guidance counselors could be used to determine the students who need an educational option and interventions.

Mrs. O'Neill thought that school flexibility is a necessity in some communities. It is essential that the school system provide qualified teachers as well as fulfill its educational obligations to students. An extended day with rigorous courses could provide relief for bell times. Another issue is security in the evenings.

Mrs. Navarro thought Evening High School was designed for a need in the past and it is time to bring educational alternatives into the 21st century. Mr. Kress commented that some students enter the school system with no credits. Without educational alternatives these students could not get a diploma.

**Mr. Abrams and Mr. Romero temporarily left the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 183-05 Re: FY 2006 FEES FOR EVENING HIGH SCHOOL

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Sanghvi seconded by Ms. Ervin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, In FY 1997, the Board of Education approved a tuition fee for the Evening High School program; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the FY 2005 Evening High School fee structure be maintained.

**Mr. Abrams rejoined the meeting.

Re: ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL COURSE BULLETIN

Dr. Weast invited the following people to the table: Ms. Aggie Alvez, director of communications; Mrs. Carol Blum, director of high school instruction and achievement; Ms. Elaine Keagle, technical lead, Web Services Team; Mr. John Mallonee, high school instructional specialist; Ms. Chris Noonan Sturm, director, Web Services Team; and Ms. Arly-Lian Costa and Ms. Aditi Srivastav, students, Col. Zadok Magruder High School.

The purpose of this discussion was to provide information on the innovative design of the new MCPS *Online High School Course Bulletin*. This interactive online course bulletin for high school students is the first in the region, perhaps the nation.

The *Online High School Course Bulletin*, launched on February 8, 2005, is the result of close collaboration between the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs (OCIP) and the Department of Communications. Project goals are to:

- ! support students in the course selection process,
- ! involve parents to a greater degree in course selection and post-secondary goals, and
- ! reduce production costs of the course bulletin.

**Dr. Weast left the meeting.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Abrams asked if the worksheet was school specific. Mr. Mallonee replied that if the information is available, it is placed with the course.

Mrs. O'Neill wanted to know if prerequisites were flagged. Mr. Mallonee replied that information surrounding a course is available.

Regarding graduation requirements, Mr. Abrams asked if the course plan can be compared on the computer to make sure all requirements are included. Mr. Mallonee stated that that is one of the visions in the plan.

Ms. Cox thought this was a great tool for students and parents, and she asked how the school system was marketing its availability. Ms. Alvez replied that there will be an aggressive advertising of the course bulletin.

**Mr. Romero rejoined the meeting.

Mrs. O'Neill asked if the course bulletin will be available in other languages. Mr. Mallonee stated that this will be done in the future.

Mr. Romero asked if a ninth grader would know about a prerequisite. Mr. Mallonee said that is where the school counselor comes into the picture.

Re: **NAMING OF DOWNCOUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
#9/WHEATON CLUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL #2**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Haughey seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, The School Naming Advisory Committee has submitted to the Board of Education a report, dated March 2, 2005, ranking the following names in order of preference:

1. Belt Middle School
2. Ella Fitzgerald Middle School
3. A. Mario Loiederman Middle School
4. Frederick Douglass Middle School
5. Lavinia Engle Middle School

and

WHEREAS, The School Naming Advisory Committee reached consensus on the recommendation to name the facility Belt Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Regulation FFA-RA, *Naming Schools*, the final responsibility for officially naming a school building rests with the Board of Education; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board name the school building heretofore known as Downcounty MS #9/Wheaton Cluster MS #2 as follows:

Belt Middle School

Re: DISCUSSION

Dr. Haughey thought the community idea to retain a portion of the name of the school clearly identifies the local feeling.

Mrs. O'Neill stated that she had given a lot of thought to naming this school. When the Board revisited the naming policy, one of the goals was to have more schools named for minorities and woman. As she reflected on the history of the school, it has always been called Belt. The Board supported the community's desire to bring back Belt. The Board was committed, and she sat through many hearings where it was "Bring Back Belt." In the past, the Board has always supported the previous name of the school when it was reopened.

Mr. Abrams stated two objections. The history of the name bothered him somewhat, but the fundamental reservation is the revitalization and change of a community which suggests a new name. In finding that name, does the Board recognize Montgomery County residents or national names? He thought that recognizing outstanding Montgomery County individuals should take precedence. In terms of contemporary history, he thought that a facility bearing the name of Mario Loiederman would do wonders for people who wanted to know who he was and what he did.

Ms. Cox stated that she was ambivalent about the school's name. A number of schools are named for people who were slave owners. However, she was loathe to go with the last name of Col. Belt. In the past, the Board has supported community-recommended names. The Board had not heard from anyone who supports other names. Under the policy, the community can request a new name.

Mr. Romero stated that he partially agreed with Mr. Abrams and Ms. Cox. Col. Belt was a slave owner and that is historical fact. However, Belt also did a lot of good things during the revolutionary period. Mr. Romero wanted to name the school in accordance with what it has been in the past. He was an advocate for naming schools after people who were leaders in the community.

Ms. Ervin thought the Board had a choice in deciding the name of a school. It would be difficult for her to name a school after a slave owner. The community has split on the recommended names.

Mrs. Navarro thought that every decision of the Board speaks to its vision. She rejected the legacy of slavery. At the same time, it is a wonderful opportunity to honor a local person who exemplified the history of many immigrants, such as Mario Loiederman.

Re: **NAMING OF DOWNCOUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
#9/WHEATON CLUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL #2**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Haughey seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution failed with Ms. Cox, Dr. Haughey, Mrs. O'Neill, and Mr. Sanghvi voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Ervin, Mrs. Navarro, and Mr. Romero voting in the negative:

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Resolved, That the Board name the school building heretofore known as Downcounty MS #9/Wheaton Cluster MS #2 as follows:

Belt Middle School

RESOLUTION NO. 184-05 Re: **NAMING OF DOWNCOUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
#9/WHEATON CLUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL #2**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Cox seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Ms. Cox, Dr. Haughey, Mrs. Navarro, Mrs. O'Neill, and Mr. Romero voting in the affirmative; Ms. Ervin and Mr. Sanghvi voting in the negative:

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Resolved, That the Board name the school building heretofore known as Downcounty MS #9/Wheaton Cluster MS #2 as follows:

A. Mario Loiederman Middle School

Re: **DIALOGUE ON CURRENT ISSUES**

This item was deferred by resolution.

Re: **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Romero reported that he and other Board members had met with the Upcounty Latino Network, and it was a very interesting and informative meeting.

Mrs. Navarro stated that she had met with the Asian community, and there was a spirited conversation about their needs and desires.

Dr. Lacey commented that excitement is building for the Champions for Children Gala that will be held on April 20th at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel. The gala, sponsored by the Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education, is an opportunity to honor outstanding MCPS staff members and others who have made important contributions to student success.

For the first time this year, the three veteran teachers who have received the Excellence in Teaching Awards from the Marian Greenblatt Education Fund are designated as the finalists for the Montgomery County Teacher of the Year. The winner will be announced on April 20.

Dr. Lacey noted that there will be an exciting opportunity for MCPS high school juniors. The annual MCPS College Fair will take place at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg on April 20 and 21. More than 250 college admissions representatives will be there to talk to students. Eleventh grade students from all MCPS high schools will be bused

to this event.

RESOLUTION NO. 185-05 Re: CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the *Education Article* and *State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* 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 closed session on Monday, April 25, 2005, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center to meet from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*; consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, as permitted by Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*; review and adjudicate appeals in its quasi-judicial capacity; and discuss matters of an executive function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*); and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 186-05 Re: REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

On March 21, 2005, by unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session as permitted under the *Education Article* § 4-107 and *State Government Article* § 10-501, *et seq.*, of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed session on March 21, 2005, from 7:00 to 7:35 p.m. in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, and

1. Reviewed and adjudicated the following appeals in its quasi-judicial capacity outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*) with a subsequent vote to approve in open session: 2005-2 and 2005-3.
2. Received legal advice as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*.

3. Reviewed the Superintendent's recommendation for Human Resources appointments, subsequent to which the vote to approve was taken in open session.
4. Discussed matters of an executive function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*).

In attendance at the closed sessions were: Steve Abrams, Aggie Alvez, Larry Bowers, Patrick Clancy, Sharon Cox, Valerie Ervin, Dale Fulton, Charles Haughey, Dick Hawes, Roland Ikheloa, Don Kress, Frieda Lacey, George Margolies, Nancy Navarro, Pat O'Neill, Brian Porter, John Q. Porter, Lori Rogovin, Gabe Romero, Glenda Rose, Sagar Sanghvi, Matt Tronzano, and Jerry Weast.

RESOLUTION NO. 187-05 Re: MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2005, MEETING

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill and seconded Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its minutes for the February 5, 2005, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 188-05 Re: MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2005, MEETING

On motion of Dr. Haughey and seconded Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its minutes for the February 8, 2005, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 189-05 Re: MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2005, MEETING

On motion of Ms. Ervin and seconded Mrs. Navarro, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its minutes for the February 23, 2005, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 190-05 Re: MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2005, MEETING

On motion of Ms. Cox and seconded Mr. Romero, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its minutes for the March 7, 2005, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 191-05 Re: MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2005, MEETING

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its minutes for the March 8, 2005, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 192-05 Re: **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2005, HEARING**

On motion of Ms. Cox and seconded Mr. Romero, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its minutes for the March 8, 2005, hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 193-05 Re: **APPEAL 2005-4**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in Appeal 2005-4, complaint from the public, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Ms. Cox, Ms. Ervin, Dr. Haughey, Mrs. Navarro, Mrs. O'Neill, and Mr. Romero voting to affirm in part and to dismiss in part; Mr. Sanghvi voting to reverse.

Re: **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

Re: **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

The following items were available:

1. Legal Fees Report
2. Construction Progress Report

RESOLUTION NO. 194-05 Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of April 12, 2005, at 4:40 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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