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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, July 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Philip Kauffman, Vice President  
in the Chair  
Ms. Shirley Brandman  
Dr. Judy Docca  
Mr. Michael Durso  
Mr. Justin Kim  
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill  
Ms. Rebecca Smondrowski  
Dr. Joshua Starr, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Christopher Barclay

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Re: **SWEARING IN**

Ms. Barbara Meiklejohn, deputy clerk of the circuit court, administered the oath of office to Mr. Justin Kim.

Re: **STATEMENT BY MR. KIM**

“Good evening everyone, my name is Justin Kim and I have the distinguished honor of serving as the 36th Student Member of the Board of Education. It is an honor and a privilege to speak to you tonight.

I would like to first thank my new colleagues on the Board who have supported our SMOBs and have already given me a gracious welcome.

I would like to thank my family and friends who have given me incredible support during this journey.

And finally, I would like to thank John for his outstanding service to the students of Montgomery County. John has shown to us what utter dedication and drive can do for MCPS. I'm proud to succeed John in being able to continue many of the initiatives from his term.

It's an honor for me to serve on the Board of Education. But before you know me as the Student Member, I want you all to know me as a person.

I was born in the early hours on February 22nd in Korea. Several years ago, my parents gave up their successful careers, and moved overseas to Montgomery County. My parents instilled in me the values of compassion, hard work, and helping those around you. Throughout my life, my upbringing has shaped my core values of service and leadership.

I began my academic career in MCPS during the third grade at Fallsmead Elementary School. During past the eight years in MCPS, I have seen the immense dedication and commitment demonstrated by our students and staff. Now, as the Student Member, I want to give back to this community that has given so much to me. How unique is MCPS that an immigrant from Korea who spoke no English, could become a member of the Board of Education.

We truly have a great school system; one that provides every student with the opportunity to succeed. Our schools have close knit communities where students, teachers, and staff support one another. Furthermore, it gives students a right to express their voice through the student member.

But with this right, comes a responsibility for all of us to push for a brighter future for Montgomery County. That means closing the achievement gap which prevents so many students from fulfilling their potential. That means supporting 21st century skills so that our graduates have a strong foundation for the real world. And that means dedicating innovative resources to invest in the future of our students.

We have a great school system in Moco but I'm ready to work harder with the members of the Board of Education and with all of the stakeholders in our community to further secure a better education for our students. Together we can tackle the challenges that face us, and to my new colleagues on the board, I can't stress how eager I am to begin working with you.

Today has been a great day and I appreciate everyone being here. I look forward to working with each and every one of you as the Student Member on the Board of Education. Thank you."

**Re: STATEMENT BY MR. MANNES**

Mr. Mannes gave a farewell speech detailing his year on the Board and his work with the students of Montgomery County.

Re: **COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Board members welcomed Mr. Kim to the Board of Education and thanked Mr. Mannes for his work on the Board of Education and wished him well in all his future endeavors.

Re: **PRESENTATION TO MR. MANNES**

On behalf of the members of the Board, Mr. Kauffman presented Mr. Mannes with memorabilia of his service on the Board of Education.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. A reception followed in the auditorium.

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