Rockville, Maryland December 12, 1984

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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, December 12, 1984, at 8 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg, President in

the Chair

Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo Miss Jacquie Duby Mr. Blair G. Ewing Dr. Jeremiah Floyd

Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Absent: Dr. James E. Cronin

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent,

acting in the absence of the

superintendent

Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Discussion with the Montgomery County Education Association

Dr. Shoenberg explained that Dr. Cody and Dr. Cronin were not feeling well and had sent their regrets. He said that the Agreement with MCEA provided for an annual meeting with the Board of Education, and it was the Board's custom to let MCEA set the agenda.

Mrs. Jane Stern, president of MCEA, stated that they wanted to make a proposal to the Board of Education. She recalled that the president of the Board had invited MCEA to cooperate in addressing far-reaching problems in education after negotiations had been completed. MCEA was accepting this offer and would like to propose a joint committee or a couple of committees to work together. The topics for these committees would be the issue of the long-range outlook for teacher compensation, the impending teacher shortage, and teacher working conditions and work load. She cited the achievements of another joint com- mittee on the employee benefit plan. Members of the MCEA executive board ex- pressed their support for such a committee or committees and asked that the Board consider appointing a Board member to the group.

Board members expressed interest in considering the formation of such a group, provided that the group was not formed with the expressed purpose of reopening the contract and provided that it did not impinge on contractual matters. Because of time pressures and implications for Board participation on other committees, there was no support expressed for direct Board involvement in the proposed committee.

Dr. Shoenberg stated that this was an interesting proposal to which

the Board seemed receptive; however, the Board would have to mull over the proposal. He would take the responsibility for getting together with Mrs. Stern to discuss specifics of how such a group could be formed.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

President

Secretary

HP:mlw