APPROVED 4-1985

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 9, 1985, at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of

Schools

Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive

Assistant

Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Review of FY 1986 Operating Budget

Board members requested the following information on the operating budget:

- 1. A continuing update on the availability of federal funding.
- 2. A paper on the impact of Project Basic on staff time in both the central and area offices including suggestions on alternate ways of handling this.
- 3. Follow-up on the issue of altering textbooks, particularly Shakespeare.
- 4. A write up on the Interrelated Arts Team monitoring activities including positions and costs.
- 5. The full cost of decreasing the ratio of students to teachers in art and music including aides.
- 6. A report on the status of the five-year program for computer related instruction and what would be needed to fulfill the plan. A copy of Ms. Sangston's remarks.
- 7. A paper on the workload on curriculum coordinators and secretarial staff and what it would take to relieve the burden.
- 8. A report on the status of cable television.
- 9. Suggestions on making the school libraries more accessible to students including information about improving reference collections.
- 10. More information on the need for part-time funds for psychological evaluations.
- 11. A paper on the time required for students to be tested from the point of initial request to the decision. Suggestions on how to

speed up that process.

- 12. A list of schools which will have curriculum coordinators and the criteria for the placement of these positions.
- 13. A description of the new positions for JIM students with special needs.
- 14. A paper on the resources for QUEST.
- 15. A report on the resources requested by Poolesville Junior/Senior High School.
- 16. A paper on the costs included if Northwood were to be kept open, including information on the cost of keeping the building open but not running it as a high school.
- 17. A single sheet on resources going to gifted and talented programs.
- 18. A paper on how p.c.'s would be provided for information access by Board members.
- 19. A description for the Council on criterion-referenced tests and higher order thinking skills.
- 20. A list of the programs DEA planned to evaluated with a time line.
- 21. A report on the impact on staff regarding the administration of criterion-referenced tests.
- 22. Regarding Employee Assistance, a paper on the resources of the department when grant funds were available, how part-time funds were used, a list of unfunded priorities, and a paper showing issues and trends including increased stress on staff.
- 23. A paper on additional resources needed by the Department of Human Relations.
- 24. A comparison of staffing in the Department of Personnel with staffing in the county government and Montgomery College.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

President

Secretary

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