The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, February 3, 1986, at 7:3 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. James E. Cronin, President

in the Chair

Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Dr. Jeremiah Floyd
Mr. John D. Foubert
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg
Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Absent: None

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

Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: WORK SESSION ON THE FY 1987 OPERATING

BUDGET

The following issues were raised during the Board's review of the operating budget:

- 1. Dr. Cronin asked staff to maintain a list of programs that might be affected by the President's budget. He said that staff should determine the degree of responsibility MCPS might want to accept for these programs. He called attention to the following: III-13, Education for All Handicapped Children; III-24, Adult Basic Education; IV-28, Chapter 2 (Block Grants); and IV-52, Chapter 2 (Block Grants Libraries).
- 2. Dr. Cronin inquired about the legally binding aspects of students IEP's. He asked if they were underfunded in this area and inquired about the responsibility if the County were to cut the special education budget.
- 3. Dr. Pitt agreed to provide a paper on the use of the two positions at Mark Twain. Mrs. Praisner asked for the enrollment at Mark Twain this year, how teachers were used this year, and the projected enrollment for next year. Mrs. DiFonzo inquired about the projected enrollment for this year, and Mr. Ewing asked about plans to deal with the growing and changing population in this area.
- 4. In regard to the ESOL/Bilingual intensive basic skills program, Mrs. Praisner inquired about the rationale for focusing on Grades 3 to 6 and about what they had in place now in some schools to address this issue and how these projects would mesh with the new program.

- 5. Dr. Cody asked that the paper on Nonresident Tuition include examples of some actual cases.
- 6. In regard to the new prekindergarten program, Mr. Ewing raised the question of why they ought to have two separate prekindergarten programs and whether they should use the same curriculum. He also asked about eligibility for both programs and pointed out that the prekindergarten program would be in a school eligible for the program which meant that all children could be enrolled regardless of income.
- 7. Dr. Cronin requested a response to the Karasik and Borton testimonies, especially in regard to speech pathologists.
- 8. Mr. Ewing asked for information on instructional materials for special education.
- 9. Mr. Ewing asked for information about equipment for special education programs and what the budgeted amounts would be buying.
- 10. Mr. Ewing inquired about the job classification for the position for early childhood education in Instruction and Program Development versus a similar position in Special Education. Dr. Cronin asked that the Board be provided with a paper on the functions of these positions and how there would be coordination between the two positions.
- 11. Board members requested information on EYE days in the Department of Academic Skills as well as information on what it might take to implement some of the recommendations of the math task force.
- 12. Dr. Cody asked that an item be added to the Board agenda to discuss the math report.
- 13. Mrs. Praisner requested information on curriculum in general, when the last revision was made and when they had completed in-servicing on this curriculum.
- 14. Dr. Cronin asked for information on the business/community coordinator position in the Department of Information and why it was not assigned to the Department of Career and Vocational Education. He asked about overlap between the functions of these two offices.
- 15. Mrs. Praisner asked for information on the proposed "wellness" program in the Department of Driver, Health, and Physical Education and Athletics.
- 16. Dr. Pitt noted that changes in fire insurance, Workmen's Compensation, and other insurance would be made in the revised budget.
- 17. Dr. Cronin asked that staff be able to demonstrate savings in the early retirement program when the budget was presented to the County Council.

- 18. In regard to School Facilities, Mr. Ewing asked for information about the size of the staff ten years ago and five years ago as well as the need for additional resources and where those might be most appropriately located in the budget.
- 19. Mrs. Praisner asked for information on whether the new positions in Maintenance would reduce turnaround time and what their impact would be on the timely installation of portable classrooms.
- 20. Dr. Cronin inquired about the scope of their affirmative action plan in adding Maintenance positions and trainee positions.
- 21. Dr. Cronin asked about putting an item on bar coding on the Board agenda, and Dr. Pitt indicated that this topic would come first to the Audit Committee.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 12:15 a.m.

President	
Secretary	

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