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Rockville, Maryland
January 27, 1988

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 27, 1988, at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo, President
in the Chair*
Dr. James E. Cronin
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn
Mr. Andrew Herscowitz
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Cronin announced that Mrs. DiFonzo would be joining the meeting as soon as she could.

RESOLUTION No. 37-88 Re: BOARD AGENDA - JANUARY 27, 1988

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Goldensohn, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its agenda for January 27, 1988.

RESOLUTION NO. 38-88 Re: HB 129 - COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION
VOLUNTEERS - IMMUNITY

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education support HB 129 - County Boards of Education - Volunteers - Immunity.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-88 Re: SB 50 - PARENTAL LEAVE

On motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Mrs. DiFonzo*, and (Mr. Herscowitz) abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education oppose SB 50 - Parental Leave,

not on the grounds of content, but because of the principle that this is not an appropriate matter for legislation.

*Mrs. DiFonzo joined the meeting at this point. For the record, Mrs. DiFonzo explained that she had abstained on this vote because she had not been present for the discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-88 Re: HB 242 - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - VETERANS' DAY

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education oppose HB 242 School Holidays - Veterans Day on the grounds that this was not an appropriate matter for legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-88 Re: PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000
On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

RESOLVED, That having been duly advertised, the contract be awarded to the low responsive bidder meeting specifications as shown for the bid as follows:

64-88 Gymnastic Mats

AWARDEE	
Gerstung/Gym-Thing, Inc.	\$47,218

TOTAL OVER \$25,000	\$47,218

RESOLUTION No. 42-88 Re: REJECTION OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE PARTIAL REROOFING AT THOMAS S. WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL (AREA 3)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids were received on January 21, 1988, for partially reroofing Thomas S. Wootton High School:

BIDDER	BASE BID
1. Raintree Industries, Inc.	\$387,410
2. Orndorff & Spaid, Inc.	394,036
3. Roofers, Inc.	457,441
4. J. E. Wood & Sons Co., Inc.	537,440

and

WHEREAS, The low bid exceeds the staff estimate and is not cost-effective; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all bids be rejected and that the project be readvertised at the earliest possible convenience.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-88 Re: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE
 FOR WATERS LANDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The construction work for Waters Landing Elementary School was delayed because the building permit was not issued; and

WHEREAS, This delay makes it necessary to extend the contract completion date; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the contract with Waynesboro Construction Company for the construction of Waters Landing Elementary School be amended to change the contract completion date to March 15, 1988.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-88 Re: AMENDMENT TO ARCHITECT'S CONTRACT FOR
 WOODLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The architectural contract for Woodlin Elementary School was negotiated to provide bid plans for a six-classroom addition with master planning for a future four-classroom addition; and

WHEREAS, The contract required modification to provide plans to bid all ten classrooms at the same time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board approve an amendment to the contract with Helbing, Lipp, Ltd., to provide architectural services for the Woodlin Elementary School addition, increasing the fee from \$90,000 to \$120,000 to provide bid documents for a ten-classroom addition.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-88 Re: REDUCTION OF RETAINAGE - PAINT BRANCH
 HIGH SCHOOL (AREA 1)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Kimmel & Kimmel, Inc., general contract for the Paint Branch

High School, has completed 96 percent of all specified requirements as of January 18, 1988, and has requested that the 10 percent retainage amount, which is based on the completed work to date, be reduced to 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, The project bonding company, The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, by letter dated January 14, 1988, consented to this reduction; and

WHEREAS, The project architect, Duane, Elliott, Cahill, Mullineaux & Mullineaux, by letter dated January 14, 1988, recommended that this request for reduction be approved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the contract's specified retainage withheld from periodic payments to Kimmel & Kimmel, Inc., general contractor for the Paint Branch High School, currently amounting to 10 percent of his request for payment to date, now be reduced to 5 percent, with the remaining 5 percent to become due and payable after formal acceptance of the completed project and total completion of all remaining requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-88 Re: CHANGE ORDERS OVER \$25,000

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Change orders exceeding \$25,000 for various projects have been received by the Department of School Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the project architect have reviewed these change orders and found the costs to be equitable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the following change orders for the amounts and contracts indicated:

ACTIVITY 1

Project: Greencastle Elementary School
Description: Install hand sinks in the modular
 classroom wing of the building
Contractor: Dustin Construction, Inc.
Amount: \$30,718

ACTIVITY 2

Project: Hadley Farms Elementary School/
 Phoenix II
Description: Architectural/Engineering services to
 prepare the building plans and site
 work and provide construction
 coordination
Architect: Thomas Clark Associates
Amount: \$37,000

ACTIVITY 3

Project: Energy Management Systems in Various
Schools
Description: Delete installation of the EMS at
Radnor and Rock Creek Forest
Elementary Schools
Contractor: Systems 4, Incorporated
Amount: (\$49,782) Credit

RESOLUTION NO. 47-88 Re: PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously (Mr. Herscowitz abstaining):

RESOLVED, That the following personnel appointment be approved:

APPOINTMENT AS

Melissa R. Bahr Staff Assistant to the Board of Education
Effective: February 1, 1988

RESOLUTION NO. 48-88 Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION - FEBRUARY 9, 1988

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Section 10-508, State Government Article of the ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND to conduct certain of its meetings in executive closed session; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meeting in executive closed session beginning on February 9, 1988, at 9 a.m. to discuss, consider, deliberate, and/or otherwise decide the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline, removal, or resignation of employees, appointees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter as permitted under the State Government Article, Section 10-508; and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business; and be it further

RESOLVED, That such meeting continue in executive closed session at noon to discuss the matters listed above as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-88 Re: MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 1987

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin

seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of November 24, 1987, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-88 Re: ETHICS PANEL MEMBERSHIP

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Goldensohn, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 162-84 which appointed three members to the Ethics Panel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Wassell has indicated that he wishes to continue to serve on the Ethics Panel; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Mr. John Wassell be reappointed to the Ethics Panel for a three-year term from 3/1/88 to 2/28/91.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-88 Re: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON MINORITY STUDENT EDUCATION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee on Minority Student Education was established on September 13, 1983, to advise the Board of Education regarding the development of strategies and programs to meet the educational needs of all minority children in the Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The charge and composition of this committee was revised on June 22, 1987, by the Board of Education in conjunction with the revised minority student achievement and participation plan; and

WHEREAS, The committee will consist of 21 members of which at least four will be black, four will be Asian, four will be Hispanic, four will be white, and three will be students of different races; and

WHEREAS, Three vacancies now exist on this committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the following people be appointed to this committee for the indicated term:

Phyllis Feldman, term expires 12/89
Keith Prouty, term expires 12/89
Leila Engman, term expires 12/89

Re: FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET

Dr. Pitt indicated that he would be recommending some additions to

his proposed operating budget including expansion of all-day kindergarten to Moyer Road and Goshen Elementary Schools and an increase of \$100,000 for field trips.

In reviewing the superintendent's proposed operating budget, Board members requested the following information:

1. In regard to the Education Connection, check out the \$11,000 figure in their budget testimony and look at whether this position has been placed in the proper budget category.
2. Provide information on what services other school systems put in Category 14.
3. Supply the Board with a priority listing for the possible placement of all-day kindergarten.
4. Provide an explanation of Head Start enrollment by showing the monthly fluctuations in enrollment.
5. Clarify the footnote on special needs positions on I-17 because the narrative speaks to "alternative programs" which meant something else. The suggestion was made that this be shown as "special center."
6. Provide examples of cost increases in instructional materials, texts, and library materials. For example, three years ago a globe cost X-dollars and now it costs Y-dollars.
7. In regard to the continuation of the communications arts magnet, provide information on what it would cost for the continuation of a small model at the high school level.
8. In regard to psychologists, provide information on the short fall in services and what providing five more positions will do. For example, if they did not add the five, would there be a long waiting list of assessments or if they added the five, would there still be a waiting list. What are the dimensions of the problem? How does this translate into numbers of children served or not served? What are the non-assessment functions of psychologists that ought to be done, how much of this do we presently do, and how valuable are they.
9. Provide a response to the question of what would be "same services" at the area offices for next year given the increased number of schools.
10. Look at rewording the program mission summary on page I-42 to explain that a position was being picked up in another part of the budget and show the page reference to where this position was.
11. Develop a graph on private placements and include a ten-year history of the number of students placed, the ages of students, and the costs of the placements.
12. On page II-27, Model Learning Center, what would the costs be to increase the .8 secretary to 1.0.
13. Provide information to Dr. Shoenberg and Board members on possible changes in federal funding for Chapter I.
14. Obtain a copy of a list of special education equipment suggested by Caroline Post and provide cost information on these items. Also provide information on what money was spent for this year or planned to be spent. Supply information on new equipment budgeted prior to FY 1988.
15. In regard to Instruction, provide a list of what was cut last

year that had direct consequences for the classroom and what it would cost to replace this.

16. In regard to AIDS education, what would be the budget impact if the state Board were to mandate a change in this education program.
17. If an additional elementary school counselor specialist were added, how would services to elementary schools improve. How would this position be used.
18. Provide information on funds budgeted for peer counseling training on how the demand exceeded funds budget, what was the demand, and what additional funds would meet the demand.

Re: ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Board members received the following items of information:

1. Monthly Financial Report
2. K-12 Policies (for future consideration)

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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