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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, February 6, 1991, at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mr. Blair G. Ewing, President

in the Chair

Mrs. Frances Brenneman

Mr. David Chang
Dr. Alan Cheung
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mrs. Carol Fanconi
Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez
Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent

Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

#indicates student vote does not count. Four votes are needed for adoption.

Re: BUDGET WORKSESSION ON FY 1992

OPERATING BUDGET

Board members requested the following information:

- 1. Ms. Gutierrez asked about the increases in communication funds for the area and central office and a decrease in the elementary school accounts (VI-51).
- 2. Mrs. Fanconi requested a copy of the industry standards used for maintenance of buildings. Dr. Pitt suggested that it might be better to look at the PLAR plan for preventive maintenance which showed maintenance needs building by building.
- 3. Dr. Cheung asked that he be provided with productivity quidelines for maintenance workers.
- 4. Mr. Ewing suggested that staff might provide an example of a truck needing repairs to show the people costs, supplies, and materials. He suggested that they develop a standard lists of costs so that managers would know in advance the potential charges to repair the vehicle.
- 5. Mrs. DiFonzo asked about the actual rent received for the houses owned by MCPS and the future school sites that were leased.

- 6. Mrs. DiFonzo and Ms. Gutierrez asked staff to look into supply deliveries made to county and city agencies, the costs of these deliveries, and whether this was something that could be changed.
- 7. Dr. Pitt asked staff to look into the legality of charging students for bus transportation.
- 8. Mrs. Fanconi was interested in knowing more about potential cut backs in field trips, charging for activity buses, and charging for summer school transportation.
- 9. Mrs. DiFonzo pointed out discrepancies in the information on the fourth grade swim program on VI-83 and the description in the Question Book.
- 10. Ms. Gutierrez requested a breakdown of other contractual services on VI-83.
- 11. Mr. Ewing asked about tradeoffs between special education transportation costs and serving more students in their home schools. For example, they might reduce transportation by 1/4 and use 3/4 of the savings for special education staffing in the local schools.
- 12. Mrs. Brenneman asked about the costs of the picnic and the one-week camp for safety patrols. She also inquired about shared costs with the Police Department.
- 13. Ms. Gutierrez inquired about seeking a waiver if they did not replace the 12-year-old buses this year. Dr. Pitt agreed to check into the legal power of the state on this issue.
- 14. Ms. Gutierrez inquired about the possibility of a floating team to reduce building service overtime. Mr. Ewing agreed that this was worth looking at again, but the overtime was less than 2 percent of the total salary costs of this department.
- 15. Mrs. Fanconi requested information on an incentive program that had been recommended. She asked about the purpose of the program and whether it had something to do with attendance.
- 16. Mrs. DiFonzo requested the total cost for the past three years on reimbursement of legal fees in special education appeals.
- 17. Mrs. Fanconi requested an annual report from the Diagnostic and Professional Support Team. She was particularly interested in their mission statement for FY 1991.
- 18. Ms. Phelps agreed to provide the Board with some information about other counties and their non-public placements.

- 19. Mrs. Fanconi asked that the budget description for non-public placements reflect the fact that there was an effort for cost savings, students were returning from these placements, and that an effort was being made for more preventive services.
- 20. In regard to II-20 and the increase in the number and severity of preschool and hospital referrals, Mr. Ewing asked for data to show the nature of those increases, the rate of increase, the kinds of conditions, etc.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	

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