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Rockville, Maryland  
September 12, 2000

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on September 12, 2000, at 10:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL Present:                   Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill, President  
  in the Chair  
  Mr. Stephen Abrams  
  Mr. Kermit V. Burnett  
  Mr. Reginald M. Felton  
  Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon  
  Mrs. Nancy J. King  
  Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Student Board Member  
  Ms. Mona M. Signer  
  Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:           None

# or ( ) indicates student vote does not count. Four votes needed for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 629-00           Re:   **CLOSED SESSION**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. King seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the *Education Article* and *State Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed sessions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct portions of its closed session on September 12, 2000, in Room 120 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. to discuss the personnel appointments, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education consult with counsel to receive legal advice as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education meet from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in closed session to consider matters that relate to collective bargaining negotiations, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(9) of the *State Government Article* and Section 4-107(d) of the *Education Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County dedicate part of the closed

session on September 12, 2000, to acquit its executive functions and to adjudicate and review appeals, which is a quasi-judicial function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act under Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That these portions of the meeting continue in closed session until the completion of business.

\*\* Mr. Abrams temporarily left the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 630-00            Re:    **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for September 12, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 631-00            Re:    **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, On August 17, 1988, the United States Congress by joint resolution authorized the President to proclaim annually the 31-day period beginning September 15 and ending October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Elements of the Hispanic-American experience have endured and dynamically contributed to the formation of this nation for more than 500 years; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans greatly enhance the richness of our national character by contributing their unique blend of African, European, and North and South Native American ethnic and cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, The continued successful educational efforts of Hispanic students and partnerships with Hispanic parents, staff, and community members contribute to the present and future success of Montgomery County, the state of Maryland, and our nation as a whole; now therefore be it

Resolved, That on behalf of the superintendent, students, parents, and staff of Montgomery County Public Schools, the members of the Board of Education hereby declare that the period of September 15 to October 15, 2000, be observed as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Re: **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Lynn Raufaste, Town of Kensington, presented the Board of Education with a book entitled, *Maryland's 157, the Incorporated Cities and Towns*, from the Maryland Municipal League. In the coming year, a copy will be placed in each school and library in the state of Maryland.

\*\* Mr. Abrams joined the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 632-00      Re: **RECOGNITION OF HELENE GRANOF (1999  
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING)**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Board policy establishes Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) strong commitment to success for every student and identifies mastery of science and mathematics as critical to student success; and

WHEREAS, Helene Granof has demonstrated outstanding teaching in the area of science; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Granof has distinguished herself as an MCPS Lead Science Teacher since 1991, providing leadership and training to her fellow teachers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Granof has been awarded the 1999 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching for Elementary Science for the State of Maryland by the National Science Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Granof received said award at a ceremony at the White House in Washington, D.C., during the week of June 20 -24, 2000; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools hereby commend and extend their appreciation to Helene Granof for her distinguished service to MCPS, its students, parents, and the community at large; and be it further

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools offer their congratulations and best wishes for continued success; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Granof as a token of our appreciation.

**Re: BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Dr. Weast thanked the Board members for visiting schools during the first week of school. He commended Board members for being in the schools, developing expertise in all areas of education, and showing that they care. Recently, the Committee for Montgomery met to promote Montgomery County, and they supported the Board's initiatives. Ms. Jo Anne McKernon was one of seven among 50,000 teachers in the state of Maryland to make it to the finals for Teacher of the Year. Dr. Weast thanked staff for their outstanding efforts in construction and making the schools ready for the arrival of students. Also, on the issue of possible brake failure on Thomas Built buses, Mr. Matthews had explained to the press what would be done, and he worked with staff to make sure it was done.

Mrs. O'Neill commented that she attended the kickoff for the United Way campaign in Montgomery County, and she was very proud that MCPS was one of four employers who contributed 50 percent of the total money collected by the United Way. Mr. Burnett and Mrs. O'Neill attended a meeting of the Board Composition Task Force in response to HB 803 to examine multiple facets of the Board's composition. Many Board members visited schools during the first week of classes, and she thanked employees who went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that schools opened on time. She thanked OGAT for a smooth opening of schools without a repeat of last year's Student Information System problem. Mrs. O'Neill also thanked businesses that donated school supplies to help needy children. Mrs. O'Neill asked the superintendent to remind principals that children should not sell items door-to-door in fund-raising activities.

Mr. Abrams asked staff to give a fuller explanation of the Singapore math curriculum to parents in the pilot schools. Dr. Weast replied that Singapore math would be piloted in five schools this year and teachers have been trained in the curriculum, which is a very strong math program with high rigor.

Mrs. King toured 17 schools in two days, and she was excited with the instruction on the first day. She understood that RideOn was providing free bus service from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and she asked how that affected MCPS activity buses. Mr. Bowers replied that MCPS had coordinated with RideOn for the last 10 to 15 years, and MCPS still runs activity buses to those areas where RideOn is unavailable. It has been a terrific partnership between the school system and Montgomery County Government, and this year the students use ID cards to get on the bus.

Mrs. King asked for clarification about the different dates for paycheck distribution. Mr. Bowers responded that the first paycheck was accelerated one week in order for 10-month employees to get their paychecks earlier than in the past.

Mr. Lloyd expressed his excitement about the classroom instruction during the first week

of school. The teachers and students were excited about the new possibilities for the school year.

Mrs. Gordon reported that she had officiated at the summer school graduation and that it is special because many adults receive diplomas. Their excitement and pride for this accomplishment against overwhelming odds was heartwarming. Mrs. Gordon announced that Paint Branch High School is a National Blue Ribbon winner and will be honored at the White House, and that the Thornton Commission is at the point at which the consultant is making recommendations about formula changes with several options before the Commission.

Mr. Burnett was very pleased with the opening of schools. He asked Dr. Weast about the parents' training for Singapore math. Dr. Weast replied that parents were getting information so they would understand the accelerated math program being piloted in five schools.

Mr. Felton mentioned that he would represent MCPS in a Town Meeting on school construction with U.S. Secretary of Education, Richard Riley. MCPS was asked to participate in recognition of its achievements while serving a suburban community with unique growth and construction issues.

Re: **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

<u>Person</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1. Veneeta Acson	French III, Westland Middle School
2. Pam Gogol	Transfer Policy
3. Laura Cutler	French III, Westland Middle School

Mrs. O'Neill asked the superintendent for information and a possible solution for the French III class for Westland students.

Re: **ORAL PRESENTATION ON THE OPENING OF SCHOOLS**

Dr. Weast and the community superintendents (Mr. Headman, Mr. Kress, Mr. Martinez, Dr. Statham, Dr. Stetson, and Dr. Wilhoyte) gave an overview of the opening of schools, focusing on (1) school climate; (2) human resources; (3) school performance support teams; (4) staff development; (5) organizational changes; and (6) special education and alternative programs.

Mrs. O'Neill thanked staff for the presentation because it gave the Board an overview of the tasks MCPS faces to open schools. Staff was responsive to the inevitable glitches that arise; however, this year was unusually tranquil compared to past years. The school buildings came to life with students who expressed their exuberance and joy. She was proud of the school-based staff development teachers; they are energetic and the principals were thrilled with their support in the buildings.

Ms. Signer noted that each year the Board seeks new superlatives when describing the opening of schools. She visited schools the first week and the buildings sparkled, the staff was excited, and the students were on task. She acknowledged and commended staff for the work that was done on Winston Churchill and Thomas S. Wootton high schools. It was a wonderful beginning with a great deal of excitement about the new programs. Parents, students, and staff see this as a renaissance for the school system, and their expectations are very high.

Mr. Felton commended everyone for their team spirit and expectation of excellence. He asked about the enrollment projections, and how staff addresses the differences when the projections are wrong. The community superintendents gave examples of overutilization and the solutions arranged by staff to meet the needs of students.

Mr. Burnett asked how many relocatables would not be in place at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Bowers replied that the relocatables came in three phases: (1) 90 for growth in enrollment; (2) 70 for the early childhood initiatives; and (3) eight for day care and Linkages to Learning. The last 35 relocatables will be installed by the end of October.

Mr. Burnett asked how many teachers were hired from different career paths or had made a career change. Dr. Arons responded that 200 people came to the school system from various programs and were retrained. Another 30 people are in a new training group with strong degrees in science and math.

Mr. Burnett noted that some parents are concerned that their children are too young to handle all-day kindergarten. How many parents have opted out of the program? Dr. Wilhoite was not aware that any parent had refused all-day kindergarten.

Mr. Burnett noted some students took courses at both Quince Orchard and Northwest high schools. Has the school system discussed using technology for distance learning? Mr. Porter stated that OGAT would bring forward some initiatives in the budget for distance learning, and there is a committee looking at that initiative.

Mrs. Gordon said it was great to see a team working together. She visited a number of schools during the first week, and she thanked Dr. Statham for her work in the consortium, especially in addressing the issue of oversized classes. One of the things she noticed was

that people were greeted promptly and courteously in the schools. Staff was available to students and parents to address any concerns or questions. Also, Mrs. Gordon wanted to make sure that people were made aware of the opportunities at the Smith Center.

Mrs. King was pleased with the comments she heard about the new principals. The school-based staff developers were a pleasant surprise, since teachers were delighted with the additional support.

Mr. Abrams asked how many students were returning to MCPS from private school. Mr. Kress and Dr. Wilhoite replied that no data were available, but anecdotally they had heard that private school students were enrolling in MCPS. Mr. Abrams wanted staff to monitor the number of private school students returning to MCPS because it had implications for the district, both positive and negative.

Mr. Abrams commended everyone for their efforts in opening schools, especially Dr. Arons and Human Resources. He noted that MCPS was running up against problems with school construction, such as state funding. Also, the system cannot lose sight of how well it has prepared students for college, as well as building a legacy for the future.

Mr. Lloyd was impressed with the new teachers and how teachers are bringing subjects to life. Students are excited about their classes this year.

RESOLUTION NO. 633-00      Re:    **AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend its agenda and advance the Briefing on Interages as the next item of business.

Re:    **BRIEFING ON INTERAGES**

Dr. Weast invited the following people to the table: Dr. Raymond Bryant, associate superintendent for student and community services; Mr. Austin Heyman, founder and former executive director of Interages, Inc.; Ms. Theresa Long, executive director; Ms. Elaine Lessenco, president-elect of Interages, Inc., Board of Directors; Ms. LaVerne Taler, alternative programs teacher, Sligo Middle School; and a student/senior mentor pair from the SETS Program at Sligo Middle School. In the audience were students and senior citizens from various programs sponsored by Interages, Inc.; Dr. Robert Shoenberg, vice president, Interages, Inc., Board of Directors; Mr. Barron Stroud, director, Division of Community Outreach; and Ms. Sally Marchessault, coordinator of volunteer and community resources, Division of Community Outreach.

Interages, Inc., was established in 1986 under the visionary leadership of Mr. Austin Heyman, who served as executive director until his retirement in 1997. The concept for the organization grew out of Mr. Heyman's work as chairman of the Montgomery County Division of Children and Youth Task Force on Intergenerational Issues from 1984-86. To date, 20,000 youth and senior adults have participated in programs initiated and encouraged by Interages.

The Montgomery County Public Schools Office of Student and Community Services, in collaboration with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Children, Youth and Family Services, has contracted with Interages to provide an intergenerational resource center for the general public and county agencies. The quarterly report describes the scope of services agreed upon under the grant contract as well as the activities undertaken in the last quarter to demonstrate compliance with the contract requirements.

Interages is a model public/private community organization that serves as the Montgomery County Intergenerational Resource Center, which disseminates information about intergenerational programs throughout the county. Interages' goals include providing programs that resolve and prevent negative feelings among generations, enhancing educational enrichment activities, and encouraging an environment for the emotional well being of all age groups. Interages provides older mentors who give guidance and support to children in need. The agency also provides training and technical assistance to individuals and organizations interested in developing cross-age activities in their communities.

Interages links senior citizens and youth through a variety of projects. Each project is designed to serve a specific need. During the 1999-2000 school year, Interages brought together 218 senior citizen volunteers with 1,260 youth in 23 schools. These programs include:

1. Intergenerational Bridges Mentoring for Immigrant Youth
2. Academic Stars (Grades 6-8)
3. Grandreaders (K-Grade 3)
4. Dialogues across the Ages (High School)
5. Project SHARE (Students Help and Reach Elders)

**Re: DISCUSSION**

Mrs. O'Neill commented that she spent a memorable afternoon at Rolling Terrace Elementary School with the Grandreaders. She would like to see more volunteers because the seniors within the community are a valuable resource.



Mrs. Gordon thanked Mr. Heyman and Dr. Shoenberg for their vision and emphasized the importance of intergenerational activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 634-00          Re:    **CONTRACTS MORE THAN \$25,000**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for Bid No. DGSOPC9701, Microcomputers for Global Access schools under a Lease/Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, It is recommended that Bid No. 1101.1, Printing of Adult Education Course Bulletin, be rejected due to cost; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County award Bid No. DGSOPC9701, for the purchase of microcomputers totaling \$1,850,000 and the lease/purchase of microcomputers totaling \$7,200,000 for a four-year lease/purchase in accordance with the terms and conditions of the specifications; and be it further

Resolved, That Bid No. 1101.1, Printing of Adult Education Course Bulletin, be rejected due to cost; and be it further

Resolved, That, having been duly advertised, the following contracts be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications shown for the bids as follows:

BL01- 405927- 39AB	Heating Oil	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Naughton Energy*	\$ 67,088
	Petroleum Traders	433,752
	Total	\$ 500,840
0507000 028DD	Off-the-Lot, New and Used Vehicles	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Norris Ford	\$ 59,604
DGSO PC9701	Microcomputers for Global Access Schools – Extension	

	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Apple Computers, Inc.	
	AV Networks*	
	Daly Computers*	
	Data Networks, Inc.	
	Enable Systems	
	Total	\$9,050,000
1005.2	Scan Forms	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Clearview Printing Company, Inc.	\$ 43,324
1057.1	School-Based Mental Health Services – Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Child Center and Adult Services*	\$ 71,200
1062.1	Software Training Services – Extension	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Bell Education	
	Computer Technology Services, Inc.*	
	Delta Micro Systems, Inc.	
	Gestalt Systems, Inc.	
	Orange Technologies, Inc.	
	Personalized Computer Training*	
	Total	\$ 180,000
1091.1	Services for Infants and Toddlers with Developmental Delays – Extension	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Care Rehab, Inc.*	
	Occupational Therapy Services*	
	Pediatric Therapy Associates*	
	Tri-Rehab of Germantown, Inc.*	
	Total	\$ 30,000

1093.1	Propane Gas – Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Suburban Propane Gas Corporation	\$ 60,000
1107.1	Design, Develop and Implement a Business Intelligence/Data Warehouse System for the Office of Global Access Technology	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Litton/TASC	\$855,400
4045.3	Telephone Equipment for the Office of Global Access Technology	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Allegheny Electronics, Inc.	\$ 4,400
	Alltel Communications Products, Inc.	315,576
	Black Box Corporation	21,985
	Cabling System Supply, Inc.	3,351
	Capitol Cable and Technology, Inc.	21,677
	Chesapeake Communications, Inc.	182,710
	Cumberland Electronics, Inc.	420
	Eltas, Inc.	936
	Mouser Electronics	163
	Specialized Products Company	713
	Target Distributing Company	148,781
	Tristate Electrical*	32,977
	Washington Cable Supply, Inc.	7,005
	WESCO	<u>49,659</u>
	Total	\$ 790,353
4078.1	Tree Removal Service – Extension	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Mead Tree and Turf Care, Inc.	\$ 55,000
	Treemasters	<u>55,000</u>
	Total	\$ 110,000
4096.1	Computer Supplies	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Adelphi Printer Services Company, Inc.*	\$ 681

	Affiliated Business Solutions	3,802
	Athana International, Inc.	18,063
	Batteries, Inc.*	2,006
	BCS – The School Supplier	57,888
	Corporate Express Imaging	3,855
	GI Tech, Inc.*	6,617
	Global Computer Supplies	154
	MCSI	7,977
	Metro Computer Supplies, Inc.	39,068
	Midwest Micro Corporation	5,236
	On Paper*	10,810
	Pre-Owned Electronics	1,373
	Pyramid School Products	13,813
	Quill Corporation	4,594
	Standard Stationery Supply Company	298
	Supply Centre, Inc.	1,188
	Tree House, Inc.	21,708
	Valiant International Multimedia Corporation	4,508
	World Wide Computer Supplies*	<u>5,370</u>
	Total	\$ 209,009
4096.1	Computer Carts	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Glover Equipment, Inc.	\$ 63,225
4108.1	Recycling Containers for Recycling Program	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Porters Supply Company, Inc.	\$ 64,240
4109.1	Refrigerators, Freezers, Milk Coolers	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Gilbert's Refrigeration, Inc.*	\$ 31,381
4110.1	Identification Card Supplies	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Avant, Inc.	\$ 8,720
	Identatronics, Inc.	13,112

Identicard Systems, Inc.	4,260
Jaguar Identification*	5,201
Lamination & Security Products	<u>3,150</u>
Total	\$ 34,443

## 7004.4 Audio and Visual Equipment and Supplies

Awardees

AFP School Supply/Div. of AFP Industries, Inc.*	\$ 23,035
Burlington AV Recording Media, Inc.	33,774
Century Magnetics, Inc.	1,162
Crest AV and Electronics, Inc.	3,034
CTL Communications Televideo*	345,221
Herman Electronics	422
Keyboard World	1,831
Kipp Visual/Security Systems	3,060
Kunz, Inc.	53,987
Long's Electronics	619
Nicholas P. Pipino Associates	23,631
Pyramid School Products	30,941
Schoolmart	10,206
Systems Wireless, Ltd.	4,655
Troxell Communications, Inc.	3,336
Video Service of America	756
Washington Professional Systems	8,450
Zamoiski Company	<u>5,645</u>
Total	\$ 553,765

## 7050.3 Photographic Supplies and Equipment

Awardees

B & H Photo Video	\$ 15,881
Bernie's Photo Center, Inc.	225
Hollinger Corporation	720
Penn Camera Exchange, Inc.	3,035
Photo Warehouse	331
Service Photo Supply, Inc.	33,506
Unique Photo, Inc.	841
USI, Inc.	142
Valley Litho Supply	<u>1,490</u>
Total	\$ 56,171

9010.1	Bus Wash Chemicals, Service and Maintenance – Extension		
	<u>Awardee</u>		
	McHenry Equipment	\$	34,202
9055.1	Hardwood Chips		
	<u>Awardee</u>		
	Metro Ground Covers	\$	64,000
9096.1	Corridor Lockers for Various Locations**		
	<u>Awardee</u>		
	Partitions Plus, Inc.	\$	36,880
9175.1	Latex Running Track Renovation and Repair – Extension**		
	<u>Awardee</u>		
	American Tennis Courts, Inc.*	\$	206,326
TOTAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS MORE THAN \$25,000			\$13,104,363

\* Denotes Minority-, Female-, or Disabled-owned Business

\*\* Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement Bid (PLAR)

RESOLUTION NO. 635-00      Re:    **STATE CONTRACT NO. DBM 9713-NMS,  
NETWORK MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland received Bid No. DBM 9713-NMS, Network Management Services, which is available to be used by the Office of Global Access Technology; and

WHEREAS, Sun Server equipment is required to increase capacity due to the Human Resources Information System (HRIS); and

WHEREAS, Verizon has offered to provide the necessary equipment and services through a six-year financing arrangement with Verizon Credit Inc. for a total of \$503,054.23 at 6.6% interest; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that it is in the public interest to obtain Sun Server equipment and services from Verizon through a lease/purchase agreement with Verizon Credit Inc. subject to cancellation in the event of non-appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Credit Inc. has agreed to provide the Sun Server equipment and services in accordance with the lease/purchase terms and non-appropriation conditions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the lease-purchase of Sun Server equipment and related services from Verizon through a lease-purchase agreement with Verizon Credit Inc. on the above-stated terms; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education president and the superintendent of schools be authorized to execute the documents necessary for this transaction.

RESOLUTION NO. 636-00            Re:    **THOMAS S. WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL – PHASE II ADDITION CONTRACT APPROVALS**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated in the FY 2000 Capital Budget for the second phase of the Thomas S. Wootton High School addition project; and

WHEREAS, The construction manager has negotiated final pricing for the following contractors to extend their contracts for the first phase to include the second phase work:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Asbestos Abatement</u>	
Delaware Cornerstone Builders, Inc.	\$ 27,100
<u>Demolition</u>	
Barco Enterprises, Inc.	64,926
<u>Masonry</u>	
George Moehrle Masonry, Inc.	670,522
<u>Retaining Walls</u>	
William F. Klingensmith, Inc.	45,000

Sitework

Ross Contracting, Inc.

127,319

Structural Concrete

William F. Klingensmith, Inc.

\$182,171

Structural/Miscellaneous Steel

S. A. Halac Iron Works, Inc.

480,000

and

WHEREAS, The negotiated prices are at or below current market cost for similar work; and

WHEREAS, Funds are available to award the listed contract extensions; and

WHEREAS, Minority participation for the original award of these contracts was 19 percent; and

WHEREAS, The Interagency for School Construction (IAC) has reviewed the second phase contract extensions and will fund the state's share of the reimbursable work; now therefore be it

Resolved, That contracts for the above-referenced contractors be extended for the amounts shown for the Thomas S. Wootton High School Phase II addition project in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by Samaha Associates.

RESOLUTION NO. 637-00

Re: **ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT – THOMAS W. PYLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services during the design and construction phases for the classroom addition for Thomas W. Pyle Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning were programmed as part of the FY 2001 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on July 14, 1998, identified Smolen# Emr + Associates, Architects, as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and



engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Smolen#Emr + Associates, Architects, to provide professional architectural and engineering services for the Thomas W. Pyle Middle School classroom addition project for a fee of \$161,500.

RESOLUTION NO. 638-00            Re:    **ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT – WESTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services during the design and construction phases for the classroom addition for Westland Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning were programmed as part of the FY 2001 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on July 14, 1998, identified Robert J. Glaser & Associates, P.A., Architects, as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Robert J. Glaser & Associates, P.A., Architects, to provide professional architectural and engineering services for the Westland Middle School classroom addition project for a fee of \$110,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 639-00

Re: **ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT – DAMASCUS  
HIGH SCHOOL CORRIDOR CONNECTION  
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services to conduct a design feasibility study of alternatives for the construction of the corridor connection at Damascus High School; and

WHEREAS, Funds for feasibility planning were programmed as part of the FY 2001 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on July 14, 1998, identified McDonald•Williams•Banks, Architects (African American owned), as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of McDonald•Williams•Banks, Architects, to provide professional architectural services for the Damascus High School corridor connection project for a fee of \$16,480.

RESOLUTION NO. 640-00

Re: **AUTHORIZATION TO RECLAIM THE FORMER  
PARK STREET SCHOOL FOR EDUCATIONAL  
PURPOSES**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, A life-cycle cost analysis recommended a total replacement of Richard Montgomery High School on its existing site combined with the former Park Street School property; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2001-2006 Capital Improvements Program includes funding for the replacement of the Richard Montgomery High School facility by September 2005; and

WHEREAS, The former Park Street School property, consisting of 2.8 acres, will provide improved site utilization and efficiency for the replacement high school facility; now

therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education authorize the superintendent to proceed with actions to reclaim the former Park Street School for educational purposes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Montgomery County government be notified of these actions and grant repossession to the Board of Education by May 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION NO. 641-00            Re:    **CHANGE ORDERS EXCEEDING \$25,000**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The Department of Facilities Management has received change order proposals from various contractors that exceed \$25,000; and

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the following change orders for the amounts indicated:

Activity 1

Project:            Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

Description: Interior brick surface of building C required additional cleaning that was not included in the contract

Contractor:        Wrecking Corporation of America

Amount:            \$34,073

Activity 2

Project:            Winston Churchill High School

Description: Site concrete work for interior courtyards

Contractor:        AMA Construction Company, Inc.

Amount:            \$38,000

RESOLUTION NO. 642-00

Re: **UTILIZATION OF FY 2001 PROVISION FOR  
FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS FOR  
THE TECHNOLOGY LITERACY CHALLENGE  
FUND PROGRAM**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

Resolved, That authorization is requested to receive and expend within the FY 2001 Provision for Future Supported Projects a grant award of \$350,000 from the U.S. Department of Education through the Maryland State Department of Education for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund program in the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Positions*</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3 Instructional Salaries	2.0	\$ 218,087
4 Textbooks and Instructional Supplies		17,379
5 Other Instructional Costs		66,445
12 Fixed Charges		48,089
Total	<u>2.0</u>	<u>\$ 350,000</u>

\* 2.0 Instructional specialists, 12-month (B-D)

RESOLUTION NO. 643-00

Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACT – LATHROP E. SMITH  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER  
REROOFING**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids were received on August 29, 2000, for roof replacement for the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center, with work to begin immediately and be completed by September 30, 2000:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Orndorff & Spaid, Inc.	\$ 94,948
Interstate Corporation	109,000
J. E. Wood & Sons Company, Inc.	173,843

and

WHEREAS, Orndorff & Spaid, Inc., has completed similar work successfully for the Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, There is limited opportunity for Minority Business Enterprise participation on this project because all of the labor and equipment needed to complete the work is being provided by the low bidder; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends waiving the minority business participation goal for this project; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a \$94,948 contract be awarded to Orndorff & Spaid, Inc., for the reroofing of the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center, in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by the Department of Facilities Management.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Felton noted that there was limited opportunity for Minority Business Enterprise participation on this project based on all of the labor and equipment needed to complete the work. Mr. Felton suggested that staff report that the scope and smallness of the contract precluded some bidders.

RESOLUTION NO. 644-00      Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACTS – NORTHWEST  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #6/LONGVIEW SPECIAL  
EDUCATION CENTER**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids represent the sixth set in a series of contracts that were bid as part of a construction management process for the Northwest Elementary School #6/Longview Special Education Center project:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Consultant's Estimate</u>
<u>Casework</u> Steel Products, Inc.	\$448,000	\$325,000
<u>Chalk/Tack Boards</u> Steel Products, Inc.	67,500	121,020
<u>Fencing</u> Long Fence	46,396	24,800
<u>Folding Partitions</u> Steel Products, Inc.	14,560	11,000

<u>Gym Equipment</u>		
Steel Products, Inc.	36,530	35,000
<u>Lockers</u>		
Steel Products, Inc.	10,940	8,250
<u>Metal Shelving</u>		
Steel Products, Inc.	1,600	15,000
<u>Painting</u>		
Cochran & Mann, Inc.	\$188,100	\$120,648
<u>Toilet Accessories and Partitions</u>		
Steel Products, Inc.	46,250	63,191
<u>Window Treatment</u>		
Sun Control Systems	11,800	17,500

and

WHEREAS, The aggregate minority business participation for the contracts bid to date is 25 percent; now therefore be it

Resolved, That contracts be awarded for the above-referenced contractors for the Northwest Elementary School #6/Longview Special Education Center project, in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by SHW Group, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 645-00

Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACT – GAITHERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL ADA MODIFICATION**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The Department of Facilities Management has solicited proposals from the approved on-call contracting firms to perform Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications for Gaithersburg High School:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Smith & Haines, Inc.	\$45,590
Golden Construction, Inc.	50,245

and

WHEREAS, The low bidder has been awarded numerous ADA contracts this summer, for which the company has met the state goal of 14-percent Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation; and

WHEREAS, There is limited opportunity for MBE participation on this project because of the work scope; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends waiving the minority business participation goal for this project; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a \$45,590 contract be awarded to Smith & Haines, Inc., for ADA modifications for Gaithersburg High School, in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by Murray & Associates.

RESOLUTION NO. 646-00      Re:    **AWARD OF CONTRACT – INSTALLATION OF CANOPY LIGHTING FOR MODULAR CLASSROOM BUILDINGS**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The Department of Facilities Management has solicited proposals for installation of canopy lighting for modular classroom buildings:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
William Wetmore Electric	\$ 275
New Spectrum Electric	545

and

WHEREAS, There is limited opportunity for Minority Business Enterprise participation on this project because of the work scope; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends waiving the minority business participation goal for this project; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a contract not to exceed \$70,000 be awarded to William Wetmore Electric, for installation of canopy lighting for modular classroom buildings, in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by the Department of Facilities Management.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Prior to the approval of the supplemental appropriation requests for Eastern Middle School, Northeast Elementary School # 6/Longview Special Education Center, and Thomas S. Wootton High School, Ms. Signer noted that the total amount was \$6.8 million, which could be offset this year only. The fact that construction projects are exceeding estimates is creating anxiety in the community about the long-term effects on the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The County Council will have to adjust in the off-year for the CIP. The supplemental appropriation for the three schools was approaching the cost for a single elementary school. Does the market show any signs of abating? Mr. Hawes responded that there some signs that the economy was slowing down. However, the commercial market is still strong and the predictions are that it will carry through the next year. The County Council will form a workgroup with private and public members to look at the forecast for next year and make recommendations.

Ms. Signer thought the school system should assure the community that MCPS will do all it could to make sure that projects proceed on schedule. There is a great deal of concern in the community that a project will be left out or moved back.

Mr. Abrams asked about the impact of the Governor's prevailing wage rates. Mr. Hawes thought it had no impact because "open-shop" contractors have to pay almost union scale to get workers.

Mr. Abrams asked if the Thornton Commission had taken up construction issues. Mrs. Gordon replied that they have had some discussions. Mr. Hawes noted that the state had raised its reimbursible square foot cost from \$116 to \$136. Mr. Abrams thought the Board should build support for formula changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 647-00

Re: **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST –  
EASTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The low bid received for the Eastern Middle School addition exceeds the cost of the consultant's estimate and the funds allocated for the project; and



WHEREAS, Several initiatives have been implemented to reduce the project cost; and

WHEREAS, No additional measures are available to reduce costs further without delaying the project; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the additional classrooms be provided to meet enrollment and program needs; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a supplemental appropriation and amendment to the FY 2001-2006 Capital Improvements Program be requested for the Eastern Middle School addition project in the amount of \$1,600,000; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive requesting that it be recommended for approval to the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 648-00            Re:    **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST –  
NORTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
#6/LONGVIEW SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTER**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The construction pricing for the new Northwest Elementary School #6/Longview Special Education Center exceeds the cost consultant's estimate and the funds allocated for the project; and

WHEREAS, Several initiatives have been implemented to reduce the project cost; and

WHEREAS, No additional measures are available to reduce costs further without delaying the project; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that this new school be completed to meet enrollment and program needs; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a supplemental appropriation and amendment to the FY 2001-2006 Capital Improvements Program be requested for the Northwest Elementary School #6/Longview Special Education Center project in the amount of \$600,000; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive requesting that it be recommended for approval to the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 649-00

Re: **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST – THOMAS S. WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The construction pricing for the Thomas S. Wootton High School addition and core improvements exceed the cost consultant’s estimate and the funds allocated for the project; and

WHEREAS, Several initiatives have been implemented to reduce the project cost; and

WHEREAS, No additional measures are available to reduce costs further without delaying the project; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that additional classrooms and core improvements be completed to meet enrollment and program needs; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a supplemental appropriation and amendment to the FY 2001-2006 Capital Improvements Program be requested for the Thomas S. Wootton addition and core improvements project in the amount of \$3,700,000; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive requesting that it be recommended for approval to the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 650-00

Re: **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective September 18, 2000:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Gregg Chottiner	Deputy Chief Information Officer, District of Columbia Government	Director, Division of Systems Architecture and Support, OGAT

Re: **PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by

Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, Non-local grant funds play an increasingly important role in funding improved educational programs to meet academic priorities as established by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Streamlining the process for submission and approval to receive and expend grant funds can encourage increased grant seeking, especially by individual schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education must retain the authority to receive and expend grant funds as required by state law and Board of Education policy; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to approve the submission of grant applications with notification to the Board of Education; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit a monthly report and resolution to the Board of Education to receive and expend grant funds through the Provision for Future Supported Projects as authorized by the County Council; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this action be transmitted to the County Executive and County Council.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Ms. Signer had concerns about the process and the impact on larger grants, especially one like the National Science Foundation grant that required the use of specific curriculum materials. She would support the resolution if there were a dollar limit. Mr. Bowers replied that the report to the Board would be more specific, and the procedure would be limited to grants of less than \$100,000 or grants that had been approved previously.

Mr. Felton was concerned about grants that were not consistent with the values or goals of the Board. Also, he had no objection to increasing the amount for direct grants to schools.

Mr. Abrams asked if the Board had reviewed grants that were not consistent with the Board's goals. If not, the Board should require the Superintendent to make sure that information is available to the Board irrespective of the size of the grant or the process used. He thought time could be a factor and asked if the Board could be polled for their approval of a grant application. Mr. Bowers pointed out that the Board still had to approve the receipt and use of the funds.

Dr. Weast commented that the school system needed supplemental grants to expand programs beyond funding from the County Council. Small grants of \$100,000 or less have a short time for application. The intent of the resolution was to position the Board so that smaller grants could be received by the school system.

Mrs. Gordon had the same concerns as Ms. Signer and Mr. Felton. How would the school system address a grant stipulation that is in direction opposition to Board goals? Mr. Bowers responded that in the past the application had to be submitted prior to Board approval due to the timing constraints.

Mrs. O'Neill noted that the Board would have no objections to a majority of the grant applications. However, if Board members were uneasy about an application, it must come before the full Board for a vote. She thought the procedure should be amended and the full Board should vote if there is a concern by any or all of the members about a grant application.

Mr. Abrams thought there could be a sunset provision, and each grant should be checked against the school system's standards.

Mrs. O'Neill thought it was the Board's role to approve grants, and she wanted any concerns to be discussed prior to a vote.

Mrs. Gordon wanted Board members' concerns about a grant to be addressed.

Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR  
SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following amendment failed with Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. King voting in the negative:

Resolved, Any Board of Education member may request that the proposal be brought to the full Board of Education for discussion and approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 651-00

Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR  
SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. King, the following amendment to the first *resolved* was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, and Mrs. O'Neill voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon and Ms. Signer voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to approve the submission of grants applications **for one year** with notification to the Board of Education.

Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR  
SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mr. Felton, the following amendment was placed on the table:

Resolved, That the full Board of Education be polled if an objection is raised to the submission of a grant.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Gordon stated that the Board of Education could not legally be polled to take action on a grant.

Mr. Abrams thought the Board could be polled on the submission of a grant application. The formal action is to approve or reject a grant; however, the action in the amendment is to give direction of non-submission of a grant application. Therefore, the poll would be an advisory action.

Mrs. O'Neill felt that an elected official should make decisions in a public meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 652-00      Re: **CALL THE QUESTION**

On motion of Mrs. Gordon, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to call the question.

Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR  
SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mr. Felton, the following amendment failed with Mr. Abrams and Mr. Felton voting in the affirmative; Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Lloyd, and Ms. Signer voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the full Board of Education be polled if an objection is raised to the submission of a grant.

Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR  
SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

On motion of Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following amendment was placed on the table:

Resolved, That concerns about the alignment of grants with Board goals and priorities may be raised by Board members and brought before the full Board for discussion and action.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mrs. King was uneasy that one person with concerns could hold back the grant application. Mrs. Gordon responded that it would relate only to the stated goals and priorities of the Board. A Board member would delay a grant only if it were not aligned with Board goals.

Mr. Abrams was unclear with the proposed amendment when the provision would be operational. Would it be immediate or at the next Board meeting? Would the grant application be held in abeyance until the next Board meeting? Mrs. Gordon replied that there was no time constraint; the Board member would contact the Superintendent or Board president, and they would decide when the application would be scheduled.

Mr. Abrams asked if a special meeting would be called or could it be a telephone meeting. Mrs. Gordon replied no; the Board could take action at any public meeting.

Re: **CALL THE QUESTION**

Ms. Signer called the question and it was adopted by the Board with Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 653-00

Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR  
SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

On motion of Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following amendment was adopted with Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams voting in the negative:

Resolved, That concerns about the alignment of grants with Board goals and priorities may be raised by Board members and brought before the full Board for discussions and actions.

RESOLUTION NO. 654-00

Re: **AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR  
SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously, as amended:

WHEREAS, Non-local grant funds play an increasingly important role in funding improved educational programs to meet academic priorities as established by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Streamlining the process for submission and approval to receive and expend grant funds can encourage increased grant seeking, especially by individual schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education must retain the authority to receive and expend grant funds as required by state law and Board of Education policy; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to approve the submission of grants applications for one year with notification to the Board of Education; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit a monthly report and resolution to the Board of Education to receive and expend grant funds through the Provision for Future Supported Projects as authorized by the County Council; and be it further

Resolved, That concerns about the alignment of grants with Board goals and priorities may be raised by Board members and brought before the full Board for discussions and actions; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this action be transmitted to the County Executive and County Council.

Re: **USE OF VANS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Bowers reported that legislation will be introduced during this year's session of the Maryland General Assembly to amend current state regulations to prohibit any use of passenger vans by school systems for transportation of students. The current Code of Maryland Administrative Regulations (COMAR 13A.06.07.09) specifies that Type I vehicles (school buses) shall be used to transport students to and from school. MCPS fully complies with this regulation. MCPS allows the use of vans, sometimes referred to as "non-conforming vehicles," to transport students to and from school-related activities. Currently, 31 vans are in use. While MCPS has not experienced any safety issues to date, staff

believed that the school system must consider the national safety data and support this legislation. This will require budgeting approximately \$700,000 in additional costs to maintain transportation services for the programs currently using vans.

Based on the safety issues, staff saw no option but to recommend that MCPS support legislation that prohibits the use of vans (or other nonconforming vehicles) in the transportation of students. However, given the fiscal, contractual, and logistical issues, the Superintendent recommend implementation of the legislation over a three-year period.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Felton asked if specifications to manufacturers could be changed so that vans could be used by the school system. Mr. Bowers replied that the use of vans for student transportation was a national issue. Mrs. Gordon noted it was a federal prohibition; MCPS was the only county in the state that used vans when this issue came up two years ago in the legislature.

Mr. Abrams wanted the Board to pursue discussions with federal legislators because this issue made no sense at a time when school districts were trying to stretch the dollar. He thought a van with seat belts would be safer than a school bus without seat belts. It is the same regulatory authority at the federal level that does the studies to support the non-enforcement of seat belts in school buses that now forbids the use of vans. Under the proposed legislation, MCPS would be required to use a 19-passenger bus to transport five students; this is absurd. Mrs. Gordon reminded the Board that MCPS is the only jurisdiction using vans. There is no support within the state for MCPS to get a waiver or continue its use of vans.

RESOLUTION NO. 655-00

Re: **USE OF VANS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. Gordon (with a "friendly" amendment offered by Mr. Felton and accepted by the maker of the motion), the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the Board of Education prohibit the use of vans for student transportation with a three-year phase-in period; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education support any legislation that prohibits the use of vans for student transportation phased-in over a three-year period.



RESOLUTION NO. 656-00      Re:    **CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the *Education Article* and *State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed sessions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct a portion of its meeting on Monday, September 25, 2000, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*, consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, as permitted by Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*; and review and adjudicate appeals in its quasi-judicial capacity and to discuss matters of an executive function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*); and be it further

Resolved, That such meetings shall continue in closed session until the completion of business.

Re:    **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

On August 29, 2000, by unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session as permitted under the *Education Article* § 4-107 and *State Government Article* § 10-501, *et seq.*, of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed session on August 29, 2000, from 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Room 120, Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, and

1. Reviewed and/or adjudicated the following appeals: 2000-24, 2000-28, 2000-29, 2000-33, 2000-35, 2000-36, 2000-37, 2000-38, 2000-40, 2000-41, 2000-45, T-2000-29, T-2000-30, T-2000-31, T-2000-34, T-2000-36, T-2000-37, T-2000-38, T-2000-40, T-2000-41, T-2000-42, T-2000-43, T-2000-44, T-2000-45, T-2000-46, NEC-2000-47, T-2000-49, NEC-2000-51, T-2000-52, T-2000-55, T-2000-56, and T-2000-57.
2. Reviewed the Superintendent's recommendation for the nine appointments, subsequent to which the votes to approve the appointments were taken in open session.
3. Reviewed the Human Resources Monthly Report, subsequent to which the vote to approve the appointment was taken in open session.

4. Considered the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.
5. Consulted with counsel to receive legal advice as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*.
6. Discussed matters of an executive function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*).

In attendance at the closed session were: Steven Abrams, Aggie Alvez, Elizabeth Arons, Larry Bowers, Ray Bryant, Kermit Burnett, Fran Brenneman, Bea Gordon, Dick Hawes, Roland Ikheloa, Nancy King, Frieda Lacey, Christopher Lloyd, George Margolies, Louis Martinez, Patricia O'Neill, Brian Porter, Glenda Rose, Mona Signer, Frank Stetson, Roger Titus, Jerry Weast, Bill Wilhoyte, and James Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. 657-00            Re:    **MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2000**

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its minutes for July 27, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 658-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – 2000-36**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in Appeal 2000-36, a residency issue, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm; Mr. Felton was absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 659-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – 2000-37**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in Appeal 2000-37, a use of school property issue, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm; Mr. Felton was absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 660-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – 2000-38**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in Appeal 2000-38, a student grade issue, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm; Mr. Felton was absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 661-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – T-2000-62**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Opinion in Appeal T-2000-62, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm; Mr. Burnett and Mr. Lloyd voting to reverse.

RESOLUTION NO. 662-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – T-2000-63**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Opinion in Appeal T-2000-63, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mrs. Gordon voting to affirm; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to reverse.

RESOLUTION NO. 663-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – T-2000-64**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Opinion in Appeal T-2000-64, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to reverse.

RESOLUTION NO. 664-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – T-2000-66**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was

adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Opinion in Appeal T-2000-66, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm; Mr. Burnett and Mrs. O'Neill voting to reverse.

RESOLUTION NO. 665-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – T-2000-67**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Opinion in Appeal T-2000-67, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm.

RESOLUTION NO. 666-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – T-2000-68**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Opinion in Appeal T-2000-68, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm.

RESOLUTION NO. 667-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – NEC-2000-70**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Opinion in Appeal NEC-2000-70, a student assignment matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to reverse.

RESOLUTION NO. 668-00            Re:    **BOARD APPEAL – T-2000-71**

On motion of Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Opinion in Appeal T-2000-71, a student transfer matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton; Mrs. Gordon,

Mrs. King, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting to affirm; Mr. Burnett voting to reverse.

RESOLUTION NO. 669-00            Re:    **HOUSING OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is committed to high quality public education and academic success for all students; and

WHEREAS, Research indicates that successful academic achievement in K-12 education programs is dependent upon access to high quality early childhood education programs; and

WHEREAS, Early childhood education programs are located throughout Montgomery County, including several facilities owned and/or operated by MCPS; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education request the Superintendent to review the criteria for public, private, for-profit, and non-profit organizations to house their early childhood education programs in facilities owned and/or operated by MCPS; and be it further

Resolved, That the Superintendent make recommendations to the Board of Education concerning any policy changes needed to ensure equity to all families, particularly as it relates to schedules of operation and qualifications for instructional staff.

Re:    **NEW BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION NO. 670-00            Re:    **WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY**

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously after the Board agreed by consensus that this resolution could be voted on without a layover:

WHEREAS, Delegate William A. Bronrott from District 16, Chair of the recently appointed Montgomery County Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian and Traffic, has asked Montgomery County Public Schools to be a full participant in Walk Your Child to School Day; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of children could be saved from injury and death each year if every community took steps to make pedestrian safety a priority; and

WHEREAS, Parents and caregivers should teach children about pedestrian safety and become aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day; and

WHEREAS, Community leaders and parents should determine the "walkability" of their community; and

WHEREAS, Everyone should make a plan to increase the safety of children who are walking in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Children, parents, and community leaders are joining together nationwide to walk to school and evaluate pedestrian safety in their community; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education proclaim October 4, 2000, "Walk Our Children to School Day" in Montgomery County, Maryland; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools notify the community and school population of "Walk Our Children to School Day," publicize this proclamation and the school system's participation through a press release and an article in the *Bulletin*, and encourage everyone to consider the safety of pedestrians every day.

Re: **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

The following items were available for information:

1. Items in Process
2. Legal Fees Report
3. Construction Progress Report

RESOLUTION NO. 671-00

Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Mrs. Gordon the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of, September 12, 2000, at 2:15 p.m. and reconvene in closed session.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

JDW:gr

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