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Rockville, Maryland
April 29, 1981

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, April 29, 1981, at 9:00 p. m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Carol F. Wallace, President in
the Chair

Mr. Joseph R. Barse
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Spencer
Miss Traci Williams
Mrs. Eleanor D. Zappone

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews, Superintendent of
Schools
Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive
Assistant

Re: Executive Session

The Board had met in executive session from 7:30 p. m. to 9 p. m. on personnel matters.

Resolution No. 330-81 Re: Approval of Agenda for April 29,
1981

On motion of Dr. Greenblatt seconded by Mrs. Zappone the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board approve its agenda for April 29, 1981, but take up a new business item of additional hearings for school closure after the Board-Press-Visitor conference and continue with the agenda as planned.

Resolution No. 331-81 Re: Rejection of Bid 95-81, Athletic
Field White

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That having been duly advertised March 18, 1981, the bids received for the furnishing of athletic field white under Invitation to Bid 95-81 be rejected.

Resolution No. 332-81

Re: Award of Contracts Under Bid
101-81, Art Equipment

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of art equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised April 1, 1981, the contracts for the furnishing of art equipment under Invitation to Bid 101-81 be awarded to:

Broadhead-Garrett Co., Cleveland, Ohio
Chaselle Arts & Crafts, Columbia, Maryland
M S. Ginn, Bladensburg, Maryland,

low bidders meeting specifications.

Resolution No. 333-81

Re: Award of Contracts Under Bid
91-81, Industrial Arts General
Shop Equipment

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of industrial arts general shop equipment for the scene design and set construction area in the new Walt Whitman auditorium project; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised March 12, 1981, the contracts for the furnishing of industrial arts general shop equipment under Invitation to Bid 91-81 be awarded to:

Broadhead-Garrett Company, Cleveland, Ohio
Graves Humphreys, Inc., Roanoke, Virginia
Thompson and Cooke, Inc., Bladensburg, Maryland,

low bidders meeting specifications.

Resolution No. 334-81

Re: Amendment to the FY 1982 Capital
Improvements Program - Portable
Classrooms

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Zappone seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, An ad hoc committee was established to consider options for housing the Wheaton High School student body in 1981-83 during the school's proposed capital improvements project; and

WHEREAS, The committee and the superintendent concur that the best interim housing plan includes the use of the closed Randolph Junior High School facility and 20 portable classrooms; and

WHEREAS, The State Interagency Committee has approved the superintendent's request to fund a portion of the cost of the relocation; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to amend the FY 1982 CIP to include the state and local share of the cost of the portables project; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education amends its FY 1982 capital improvements program to include \$150,000 in state funds and \$60,000 in local funds to place 20 state-owned portable classroom units on the Randolph Junior High School site to accommodate the Wheaton High School student body during the school's renovation/addition project; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive is requested to recommend approval of this amendment to the County Council.

Resolution No. 335-81

Re: FY 1981 Appropriation for
Projected Supported Programs for
a Supplemental Grant for the SLD
Pilot Project

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Zappone seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend under the FY 1981 Appropriation for Supported Projects of \$500,00 a grant of \$5,000 to provide Maryland State Department of Education funds under Training Personnel for Education of the Handicapped, P.L. 91-230 Education of the Handicapped Act to supplement the SLD Pilot Project in the following categories:

Category	Amount
03 Instructional Other	\$ 139
05 Special Education	4,419
09 Fixed Charges	442
Total	\$5,000

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and County Council.

Resolution No. 336-81

Re: FY 1982 Grant Proposal to Develop Learning Packets for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students in U. S. History Classes

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Zappone seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1982 ESEA, Title II - Part B Basic Skills Improvement Program grant proposal to the Maryland State Department of Education to develop learning packets for Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in U. S. History Classes; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

Resolution No. 337-81

Re: Personnel Monthly Report

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing in the negative, and Mr. Barse abstaining, (Miss Williams affirmative):

Resolved, That the following appointments, resignations, and leaves of absence for professional and supporting services personnel be approved: (TO BE APPENDED TO THESE MINUTES).

Resolution No. 338-81

Re: Personnel Appointments

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

Resolved, That the following personnel appointments be approved:

Name	From	To
Edmund S. Hoffmaster	Acting Area Director for Educational	Area Supervisor of
Instruction- Secondary	Services, Grade K	Grade I Effective July 1, 1981 Will maintain current salary status

	Present Position	As
F. Thornton Lauriat	Acting Supervisor of Instruction Office of the Area Associate Superintendent	Area Supervisor of Instruction-Secondary Grade I Effective July 1, 1981
Audrey M Leslie	Assistant Principal Robert E. Peary High	Area Supervisor of Instruction-Secondary Effective July 1, 1981
Gabriel A. Massaro	Director Department of	Area Supervisor of Instruction-Secondary Instructional Planning and Development Grade I Effective July 1, 1981

Re: Board/Press/Visitor Conference

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Mrs. G. Singer
2. Judge Stephen Grossman, President, Lee PTSA
3. Mrs. Diana Reed
4. Mr. Tom Horzel

Resolution No. 339-81 Re: Nomination of Colonel E. Brooke
Lee Junior High School for
Hearing

On motion of Mr. Barse seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Barse, Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Peyser and Mrs. Spencer voting in the negative, (Miss Williams abstained):

Resolved, That the Board of Education conduct a hearing on May 20, 1981, for the Colonel E. Brooke Lee Junior High School to consider its closure.

Resolution 340-81 Re: Nomination of Western Junior High
School for Hearing

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse, Mrs. Peyser, and Mrs. Spencer voting in the negative; (Miss

Williams abstaining):

Resolved, That the Board of Education conduct a hearing on May 20, 1981, for Western Junior High School to consider its closure.

A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt
Regarding Assignment of Students
(FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Greenblatt that the Board act on May 12 to schedule the assignment of students from Western to Pyle with articulation on to Whitman failed with Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Wallace voting in the negative; (Miss Williams abstaining).

For the record, Mrs. Spencer stated that there were now four schools named, but in reality there were two pairs of schools, Lee and Argyle, and Leland and Western.

Resolution No. 341-81 Re: A Motion To Table Resolution for
Approval of Revised Curriculum in
Reading and English Language Arts
K-8

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Barse, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing voting in the negative; (Miss Williams affirmative):

Resolved, That the Resolution for Approval of Revised Curriculum - Reading and English Language Arts K-8 be tabled until the all-day meeting on May 12.

Re: Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent said they were about one-half million less in the red this year and would recommend adjustments in Category 2. Mr. Ewing indicated the projected deficit was down because of an unexpected mild winter. Mr. Fazakerly, associate superintendent, Office of Supportive Services, said they would take reading in May 10 and another look at the April data before they met with the County Council. He did not want the superintendent to go before the Council with a financial report that did not substantiate his actions. Mr. Barse thought they were always concerned about telephone message units, among other things, being up but that nothing was done about it. He could not see any cut back. Mr. Leon Stafford, Director of the Department of School Services, explained that the kilowatt hour usage was based on a 30-day cycle and the charge was based on the highest peak. Mrs. Wallace believed the Board would have to grapple with these issues and that it was an area that needed to be addressed.

Resolution No. 342-81

Re: Revised FY81 Operating Budget
Supplemental Appropriation
Request

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

WHEREAS, The December 22, 1980, and the February 10, 1981, resolutions indicated that we would closely monitor all categories in an effort to reduce the projected deficit; and

WHEREAS, The data developed in the preparation of the March, 1981, Monthly Financial Report reflect the successful reduction of the projected deficit; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Board Resolution No. 720-80 dated December 22, 1980, and Board Resolution No. 125-81 be rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent be authorized, subject to the approval of the County Council, to receive and expend \$2,498,098 before June 30, 1981, in the following categories:

To	Category	Description	
	01	Administration	\$ 82,000
	06	Pupil Transportation	679,785
	07	Operation of Plant/Equipment	983,800
	09	Fixed Charges	472,041
	15	Outgoing Transfers	280,472
			\$2,498,098

and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and the County Council be given a copy of this revision to the December 22, 1980, and February 10, 1981, supplemental appropriations and that the executive be requested to recommend approval of this revised supplemental appropriation to the County Council.

Resolution No. 343-81

Re: FY 81 Operating Budget
Appropriation Recommended
Categorical Transfer

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

WHEREAS, Category 1, Administration, is now projected to reflect a deficit condition at June 30, 1981, primarily due to underbudgeting of expenditures for legal services; and

WHEREAS, Category 9, Fixed Charges, is projected to reflect a

deficit condition at June 30, 1981, primarily due to increased costs for social security and unemployment compensation; and

WHEREAS, A portion of the required funds is available for transfer from Category 2, Instructional Salaries; Category 4, Pupil Personnel Services; and Category 5, Special Education Salaries, in the FY 1981 appropriation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent be authorized, subject to the approval of the County Council, to effect the following transfer:

To	Category	Description	From	
46,800	1	Administration	\$	\$
	2	Instructional Salaries	225,000	
	4	Pupil Personnel Services	41,000	
	5	Special Education Salaries	219,974	
271,215	6	Pupil Transportation		
167,959	9	Fixed Charges		
			\$485,974	\$485,974

and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and the County Council be given a copy of this resolution and that the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this action to the County Council.

Re: Continuum Education Including Organization

There was discussion about changing the name of Continuum Education to Special Education. The superintendent said all programs in Continuum Education were not viewed as special education. Mrs. Spencer thought the name proposed was awkward. Mrs. Wallace believed an inordinate amount of time was spent describing Continuum Education and thought it was better to be in the mainstream. Dr. Hiawatha Fountain, associate superintendent for Office of Continuum Education, said it was difficult to find the appropriate name, but they would continue to explore other titles.

Mr. Ewing noted that the resolution suggested the reorganization would take effect on July 1 and he wondered when the Board would get additional data on the recommendations. He thought they did not come to any conclusion and each time they had the item before them they needed additional information. He believed they needed reactions from affected groups in the community as to whether the recommendations made sense to them. Dr. Fountain said they would inform the community and seek their input. Mr. Barse wondered whether the proposal responded to concerns expressed about the diminution of supervisors in auditory services. The superintendent

said there would be no diminution but a combination of services. He was concerned about eliminating any positions.

Mrs. Zappone inquired about IEP's and their intent to include all the services a student needs whether they can be provided or not. Dr. Fountain indicated that the law said to the extent possible, and it was an attempt to reach the optimum level of services.

Re: Board Member Comments

1. Mr. Ewing observed that at some point the Board needs to concern itself with what the superintendent had committed himself to with respect to the Department of Education matter and funds under the ESAA legislation. He said there were a number of commitments made but it was not clear to him that the Board was equally committed.

Resolution No. 344-81

Re: Executive Session - May 12, 1981

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse abstaining; (Miss Williams affirmative):

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Article 76A, Section 11(a) 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 May 12, 1981, at 9 a.m. to discuss, consider, deliberate, and/or otherwise decide the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline, or removal, or resignation of employees, appointees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals, to consult with legal counsel, and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement protecting particular proceedings or matters from public disclosure as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) 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.

Re: New Business

1. Mrs. Zappone introduced the following proposed resolution which was seconded by Mrs. Spencer:

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meetings in executive closed session beginning on April 30, 1981, 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, to consult with legal counsel, and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement protecting particular proceedings or matters from public disclosure as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11 (a) and that such meetings shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business. *

Resolution No. 337-81 Re: Appeal No. 1981-2

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the Board deny Appeal No. 1981-2.

Resolution No. 338-81 Re: Appeal No. 1981-4

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Dr. Greenblatt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That Appeal No. 1981-4 be referred to a hearing examiner.

* Miss Williams left the meeting at this point.

Resolution No. 339-81 Re: National Volunteer Week, April 27
to May 3, 1981

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The week of April 27 to May 3 has been designated as National Volunteer Week and has been proclaimed Volunteer Recognition Week by the Montgomery County Council; and

WHEREAS, Nearly every school in Montgomery County relies on volunteers to supplement and enrich programs for students; and

WHEREAS, During the 1979-80 school year, 4,000 volunteers worked 10,400 hours each week in the instructional program providing tutoring to 9,500 students; and 4,200 volunteers worked 9,200 hours each week in school support roles such as chaperons and room parents; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Public Schools Volunteer Fair will be held May 1, 1981, in the Educational Services Center auditorium; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the week of April 27 to May 3 be proclaimed Volunteer Week in Montgomery County Public Schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education expresses its appreciation to all volunteers for their assistance and support and encourages all school personnel, parents, and students to recognize the contributions of these volunteers.

Re: New Business Continued

4. Dr. Greenblatt moved and Mr. Barse seconded that a review and modification of the grading policy be placed on an agenda with a view: a) To differentiate for honors and more difficult levels of courses so as to reflect these in-class standing and grade point averages so as to encourage rather than penalize students for taking more challenging courses.
- b) To establish a single percentage standard for semester final exams, e.g., 25 percent of final grade, not 25 percent of final marking period.
- c) To establish uniform number of marking periods in secondary schools

She requested that this be scheduled so that any changes would be effective for the 1981-82 school year.

Resolution No. 341-81 Re: Minutes of March 10, March 19,
and March 23, 1981

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Wallace, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board approve the minutes of March 10, and 19, 1981, and March 23, 1981, as amended.

Re: Items of Information

Board members received the following items of information:

1. Implementation of Policy on Child Abuse and Neglect
2. Report Entitled The Minority/Majority Experiences Study, 1978-79: Programs for Low-Achieving Students
3. Quarterly Report on Joint Occupancy
4. Joint Occupancy Fees for 1981-82
5. Annual Report on the Grading and Reporting Student Progress Policy
6. Recommendation for Approval of Revised Curriculum - Social Studies, K-8
7. Recommendation for Approval of Revised Curriculum - Science, K-8
8. Summary of Major Education Legislation Considered by the 1981

Maryland General Assembly
9. **Results from the Fall 1980 Administration of the California Achievement Tests**

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p. m.

President

Secretary

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