



Dr. Pitt provided an overview of K-12 instruction. Dr. Cronin asked that the Board be provided with copies of the latest information on class sizes. He also requested an estimate of the ratio of academic to nonacademic courses.

Dr. Hiawatha Fountain, associate superintendent, reviewed the budget for special and alternative programs. Mrs. Praisner inquired about the average enrollment at Phoenix I over the past years, and Dr. Cronin asked about the effect of cutting out the extended year program for the Phoenix School. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board be provided with as much information as possible on the program evaluation study of special education. He also inquired about any comparisons they might have with respect to other programs in the Washington Metropolitan area. The superintendent indicated that they could provide quantitative information, but it would be very difficult to get at the comparative quality of the programs. Dr. Cronin remarked that part of their obligation to the handicapped was to not only educate students but to prepare them for independent living. He asked about whether MCPS had programs to prepare handicapped students for independent living, and the superintendent indicated that the staff would provide a paper on that topic. Dr. Shoenberg thought it might be helpful if staff could provide information on the benefits received by educating handicapped children. The superintendent said they could tell the Board what it cost to institutionalize a young adult and some figures about youngsters who were partially or fully self-sufficient. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board receive information on the rise of incidence of cases involving students with severe emotional problems and how MCPS was handling these cases.

Dr. Lois Martin, associate superintendent, reviewed the program development section of the budget. Mrs. Shannon suggested that at some time they talk about staff development training programs for employees. Mr. Ewing asked that they discuss the facilities planning process and future directions for this department. He also suggested that Mr. Christeller would be willing to brief the Board on services the M-NCPPC might be able to provide the school system.

Mr. Richard Fazakerley, associate superintendent, described the budget highlights of supporting services. The superintendent asked that Board members receive copies of the county executive's proposed capital budget. Dr. Robert Shaffner, executive assistant, presented information on the general administrative offices reporting to the superintendent. Mr. Hill explained the sources of revenue for the budget and projections for federal funds.

Mr. Ewing thanked the staff for a useful and productive summary.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

President

Secretary

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