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September 26, 1983

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, September 26, 1983, at 7:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mr. Blair G. Ewing, President in the
Chair

Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Mr. Peter Robertson
Mrs. Odessa M. Shannon
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: Dr. James E. Cronin
Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt

Others Present: Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of
Schools

Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive
Assistant
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Announcements

Mr. Ewing announced that the Board had been meeting in executive session on personnel matters. He explained that two Board members were absent. Dr. Cronin had another obligation, and Dr. Greenblatt was ill.

Resolution No. 791-83 Re: Agenda - September 26, 1983

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for September 26, 1983, with the item on preliminary plans for Oak View moved to after the Board/Press/Visitor Conference.

Resolution No. 792-83 Re: Bid 180-83, Elementary Mathematics
Supplies

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of elementary mathematics supplies; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised July 7, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of elementary mathematics supplies for

the period of September 27, 1983, through August 13, 1984, under Invitation to Bid 180-83 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Crown Educational and Teaching Aids Washington, D.C.	\$ 2,035	6
Cuisenaire Company of America, Inc. New Rochelle, New York	357	1
Educational Teaching Aids Chicago, Illinois	7,478	16
J. L. Hammett Lynchburg, Virginia	660	2
Spectrum Educational Supplies, Inc. Bridgewater, New Jersey	890	3
Nelson C. White Company Baltimore, Maryland	170	1
Total	\$11,590	29

Resolution No. 793-83 Re: Bid 1-84, Bond and Mercantile Robbery Insurance

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of bond and mercantile robbery insurance; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised July 19, 1983, the contracts for furnishing bond and mercantile robbery insurance for the period of October 1, 1983, through September 30, 1986, under Invitation to bid 1-84 be awarded to the low bidder as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
The Granite State Insurance Co. Manchester, New Hampshire	\$31,688	1

Resolution No. 794-83 Re: Bid 6-84, Meyer Snow Plow Components and Parts

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of Meyer snow plow components and parts; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised August 5, 1983, the contract for the furnishing of Meyer snow plow components and parts,

for the period of September 27, 1983, through March 13, 1984, under Invitation to Bid 6-84 be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
S. J. Meek's Son, Inc. Rockville, Maryland	\$18,276	47
Resolution No. 795-83	Re: Bid 16-84, Secondary School Science Equipment	

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

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

Resolved, That having been duly advertised August 23, 1983, the contract for the furnishing of secondary school science equipment for the period of September 27, 1983, through December 26, 1983, under Invitation to Bid 16-84 be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Parco Scientific Company Vienna, Ohio	\$16,175	2
Resolution No. 796-83	Re: Bid 15-84, Industrial Education Automotive Equipment	

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

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

Resolved, That having been duly advertised August 23, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of industrial education automotive equipment under Invitation to bid 15-84 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
B & R Associates Gaithersburg, Maryland	\$1,137	3
Brodhead-Garrett Co. Cleveland, Ohio	1,751	3
Diggs Auto Parts, Inc. Mt. Rainier, Maryland	724	5
Graves Humphreys Co.		

Roanoke, Virginia	306	2
Harrington's Automotive Emporium Ltd. College Park, Md.	260	1
Thompson & Cooke, Inc. Bladensburg, Maryland	1,451	6
United Tool, Inc. Methuen, Massachusetts	1,508	2
Total	\$7,137	22

Resolution No. 797-83 Re: Land Lease Agreements for Future
School Sites

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

WHEREAS, It has long been the policy of the Board of Education to actively pursue land lease agreements for interim use of future school sites to reduce maintenance costs and increase revenues; and

WHEREAS, Only those sites which readily adapt to interim uses without affecting their future development potential as school facilities are proposed, with strict limitations on land use activities which are permitted within the existing zoning classification; and

WHEREAS, Further restrictions upon land use proposals call for permitted uses which best serve the interests of the general public, with specific reference to the health, safety, and welfare of the immediate community; and

WHEREAS, The approved land users assume all liability for damages, injury, or death resulting from the use of our property during their tenancy; and

WHEREAS, All construction, full restoration, and any future repair activities will be performed at no cost to the Board of Education and will, in fact, result in payment of cash or services performed for the school system; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary be authorized to execute such lease agreements and right-of-ways required to permit the interim use of the following future school sites by the specified tenants:

School Site Leases (Tenant) -

1. Germantown Future Junior High School Site (Porten Sullivan Builders):

To be used as temporary storage for topsoil; to be regraded and grassed. Payment \$1,200/yr.

2. Greencastle Future High School Site (Robey Road Property Partnership):

Neighborhood commuter parking lot and pedestrian path easement. Payment in the form of two new athletic fields and small interim bus parking area.

3. Hadley Dairy Complex (Maryland Development Corporation): Former dairy processing building to be used for construction storage by neighboring builder. Payment of \$1,200/yr., and two new soccer fields on our site.

4. South Gunners Branch Future Elementary School Site (M-NCCPPC): To provide access across our site to park land in the rear. Payment of \$1.00/yr., plus possible playfields developed on our site.

Resolution No. 798-83 Re: Storm Water Management and
Temporary Grading Easements at the
Former Pleasant View Elementary
School Site

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

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Government requires the grant of a storm water management easement and the neighboring developer has requested a temporary grading easement for the construction of new townhouses adjacent to the Pleasant View Elementary School site; and

WHEREAS, The subject storm water management proposal and alignment has been reviewed by county staff in light of the fact that Pleasant View will be surplusd to the county government in the immediate future; and

WHEREAS, This project will not inhibit the potential reuse of our facility by county agencies or any other future users and in fact greatly benefits the downstream neighboring community with further storm controls; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Martin Communities, its successors, assigns, and contractors shall assume all liability for any damages or injury resulting from the construction and/or future maintenance of the subject facility; and

WHEREAS, All construction, full restoration, and future maintenance activities will be performed at no cost to the Board of Education and under the supervision of School Facilities' staff; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary be authorized to execute a "Grant of Stormwater Management Easement and Right-of-Way" to Montgomery County, Maryland, totaling .081 acres of land across the former Pleasant View Elementary School site; and be it further

Resolved, That an additional "Temporary Grading Easement Agreement" be executed for Stanley Martin Communities, Inc., permitting access

onto school property perimeter as described for the ease of construction equipment mobility and transition grading and grassing applications.

Resolution No. 799-83 Re: FY 1984 Supplemental Appropriation
for All Handicapped Children
Program

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend \$87,910 of additional federal revenue from the Maryland State Department of Education for the FY 1984 P.L. 94-142, Education for All Handicapped Children, in the following categories:

Category	Supplemental
04 Special Education	\$76,304
10 Fixed Charges	11,606
Total	\$87,910

and be it further

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

Resolution No. 800-83 Re: Utilization of a Portion of the FY
1984 Appropriation for Projected
Supported Programs for the Special
Education/Trinity College
Professional Materials and Study
Center

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, within the FY 1984 Appropriation of \$250,000 for Projected Supported Projects, an additional \$8,037 from Trinity College to operate a special education professional materials and study center in the following categories:

Category	Amount
04 Special Education	\$7,747
10 Fixed Charges	290
Total	\$8,037

Dr. Kenneth K. Muir, director of the Department of Information, reported that they had completed their third survey of the community and their first survey of employees. Mrs. Sally Keeler, community relations coordinator, reported that the community survey was similar to one done two years ago. She said that 61 percent of the community gave MCPS an A or B, which was 31 percent higher than the 1983 Gallup Poll. However, 78 percent of the parents of MCPS students gave them an A or B. Mrs. Keeler said that when asked about problems four years ago, only 3 percent thought that funding was a problem; however, this year 23 percent were concerned about funding. When asked whether schools had enough funds, 50 percent of the MCPS parents said no. Forty-nine percent of those with no students in MCPS also felt this way.

Mrs. Keeler explained that discipline headed the list of problems faced by schools although this was 15 percent down from the Gallup Poll. When asked about good things in MCPS, teachers headed the list followed by curriculum and high standards. Parents wanted more emphasis on just about every aspect of the curriculum, and in addition they wanted more information about the curriculum and about how students were doing.

Dr. Muir explained that the surveys were done on a shoestring which was the reason for the delay of six months in reporting the results. Mr. Ewing asked whether they planned to send copies to the County Council, county executive, and Delegation. Dr. Muir indicated that they would.

Mrs. Keeler stated that 3,197 surveys were mailed to staff which yielded a little better than 50 percent return. She said that 97 percent were proud to work for the school system, and 98 percent felt their work was important. However, morale dropped to 72 percent and 44 percent felt they did not get enough recognition for the work they did. She indicated that they had a stack of comments, but they had not had the time to analyze these. Thirty-seven percent of the teachers, 70 percent of the administrators, and 60 percent of the supporting staff thought their salaries were fair. She said that 44 percent felt they were fighting the system, and 60 percent thought their job did not provide opportunities for promotion. She hoped they would be able to look at ways of recognizing employees. Mrs. Shannon asked whether they had looked at the comments of those responding about fighting the system. Mrs. Keeler explained they had not, but she thought this might be an individual problem.

Mrs. Shannon felt that the 50 percent return was a good one. She asked whether there were any 50/50 responses that sent up red flags. Dr. Cody replied that they intended to review the survey with staff and identify any red flag areas such as morale problems.

Dr. Muir added that they had the response by job classification, and there were some sharp differences in the responses. His department had taken on the goal of recognizing the good work of employees and students. Dr. Cody asked that they proceed to analyze the written

comments and communicate with employee groups because the survey provided them with a list of concerns.

Mrs. Peyser thought there was a strong correlation between morale and lack of recognition. She said that the returns of teachers represented thousands of teachers who did not feel their work was recognized. She asked why principals did not praise teachers and show their appreciation for the work teachers did, and she asked whether this could be communicated to principals. She pointed out that in the survey parents wanted more emphasis on computers, writing/ grammar, and reading. She thought they could put more time on writing, grammar, and reading if they eliminated interruptions to English classes and required more homework.

Mrs. Praisner asked whether they were planning another staff survey next year and if they envisioned changes in the document. Mrs. Keeler replied that the instrument had been developed in Michigan, and they felt there were too many positive statements in the questions. Therefore, they had made more state- ments negative in addition to including questions that were the reverse of each other. Dr. Muir hoped they could do this on a biennial basis and that organizations would not see the survey as a threat. Mrs. Jane Stern, presi- dent of MCEA, commented that her organization had opposed the survey because it impinged on their right to represent the attitudes of teachers. Their opposition was voted on by their Delegate Assembly, and the vote was overwhelming. She said that the 37 percent of the teachers responding that their salaries were fair would have been much lower if the teachers close to her association had responded.

Re: Status Report on Blair/B-CC Area
Schools

Dr. Paul Vance, area associate superintendent, reported that they had had an excellent opening of school with television and newspaper coverage of the Blair cluster. Board members viewed a slide/tape on programs in the Blair area. Dr. Cheryl Wilhoyte provided Board members with working papers on the Blair Cluster magnet programs. Mrs. Shannon said that after looking at the slide program she had a question about the purpose for which they had created these magnets. Dr. Wilhoyte replied that the original purpose of the magnets was to increase the quality of education and racial balance in the cluster. However, the most popular programs instituted in 1976 were not the most popular in 1983, but there continued to be a high degree of interest and transfer activity.

Dr. Shoenberg commented that it would be difficult for parents to make a comparison between magnets when they had such a mixed bag of magnets. For example, he cited the continuous progress magnet versus the computer magnet. Dr. Wilhoyte agreed that parents did have difficulty with the magnets. For example, in 1977 the continuous progress magnet generated the most interest while in 1983 it was not the highest because the transfer requests were now for transfer out of East Silver Spring. Dr. Shoenberg said that if they

wanted a set of distinct schools they could have them on programmatic distinctions such as a science or art school or on a set involving a form distinction such as a continuous progress or traditional classroom school. He had trouble with the mixture of form and program, and he wondered whether it would make sense for them to redefine the differences among schools. Dr. Wilhoite said they would have to identify the purpose of the magnet because the current magnets were in response to the situation at a particular time. If their goal was to have magnets for racial balance, they would have to work with the community.

Mr. Ewing recalled that the initial magnet programs were set-up on the basis of what people wanted which came out of a community survey. The expectation was that it was likely preferences would change over time and that the school system would respond to the change. The grade-level split came about because of the community preference for the grade levels at Piney Branch which was built with that in mind, but this was used subsequently for racial balance. The magnets could be designed to attract or in response to community preferences, or both. Dr. Shoenberg thought they needed to decide what it was they wanted the clustering to do. Dr. Peg Egan explained that all of the PTAs had designated representatives to the cluster magnet committee. Dr. Pitt added that the newer magnets were programmatic in nature. Mr. Ewing said that maybe what was needed now was to restate the purposes of the magnets and involve the community in a systematic way.

Mrs. Shannon stated that they had to decide where all of this was leading them. Were they after integrated schools, satisfying the desires of the community, or both? She was not sure, but that was not to say that what had been done was not good. Mr. Ewing said they were attempting to have integration, to make education attractive, and to be responsive to parental needs. Mrs. Shannon said that if it was integration they had to ask at the end of September whether this program was achieving it. Dr. Wilhoite explained that the evaluation two years ago stated they were not having a high level of achievement regarding racial balance. Dr. Shoenberg asked about the percentage of students attending a school other than their home school. Dr. Wilhoite indicated that this could be obtained from transfer reports in the QIE Office, and Dr. Cody requested that this information be pulled together.

Mr. Ewing commented that the evaluation was clear that the magnets had not affected the degree of integration at any one school. However, he thought they had to look at the change in the community as a whole and ask whether the magnets could have overcome the immense force of that demographic change.

Mrs. Shannon asked whether the slide/tape could be used outside of the magnet cluster. Dr. Vance replied that they had discussed this, and their plans were to refine the presentation and use it in the spring. Mr. Ewing pointed out that there was no way of transporting students from outside the cluster into the cluster. Dr. Cody recalled that in the long-run for them to maintain integrated

clusters in the cluster, students from the outside would need to be brought in. Dr. Pitt added that the other problem was where the majority youngsters were presently attending and the distances involved to the Blair cluster.

Dr. Robert Shekletski, area associate superintendent, explained that their presentation would concentrate on Rosemary Hills, Chevy Chase, and North Chevy Chase in the B-CC cluster. Dr. Patricia Sweeney stated that as of September 12, the enrollment was 2,353, and of that 827 or 35 percent were minority. For the kindergarten at Rosemary Hills, 140 were projected and 102 were enrolled. However, the prediction was that at best they would have 70 students in kindergarten. The kindergarten ratio was 51 percent majority. The overall ratio in Rosemary Hills was 45 percent majority, 55 percent minority. At Chevy Chase they were 19 above projection and 67 percent majority. At North Chevy Chase they were down by three students and the minority percentage was 49. Transferring in were 42 students, 14 minority and 28 majority. Transferring out were 24 students, 4 minority and 20 majority. Of the transfers in, 27 came from outside the cluster. Of the transfers out, 16 remained in the cluster.

Mr. Pat Abrunzo showed slides of the programs in the three schools. Dr. Cody inquired about general conclusions about numbers and desegregation efforts in the cluster. Dr. Sweeney replied that it was too early to draw conclusions, but she agreed to have the data in writing. Dr. Pitt felt that the kindergarten enrollment was an indication of the way the school was moving. Mrs. Shannon asked whether they were providing transportation. Mr. Abrunzo replied that transportation was provided within the cluster and from the Ayrilawn Day Care Center. Dr. Pitt added that some transportation was on a space available basis; however, they did not provide transportation from in and within these clusters.

Mr. Ewing inquired about kindergarten projections. Mr. Abrunzo explained that the 140 was based on all children in the area attending the school. A lot of people indicated they would not attend; therefore, the projection was for 70. As of today, the enrollment was 104. Dr. Cody requested information on the percentage of kindergarten-aged children attending MCPS. Dr. Pitt felt they had done a good job of convincing parents about the fine program in Rosemary Hills. Mr. Ewing recalled that he had been told last April by an "inside source" they would be lucky to have 65 children in kindergarten. Mrs. Praisner complimented the principals and area office staff for doing such a fine job in the area. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board be kept informed of activities in both areas.

Resolution No. 803-83

Re: County Council Bill 50-83,
Operating Budget Targets

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

resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Peyser voting in the negative (Mr. Robertson voting in the affirmative):

Resolved, That Board of Education recommend that MC 421-84 include the language on replacement of the student Board member in lines 87-96 excluding lines 92 and 93.

Resolution No. 807-83 Re: PG/MC 12-84, Montgomery/Prince
George's County Boundary in Takoma
Park

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education take no position on PG/MC 12-84.

Resolution No. 808-83 Re: MC 416-84 - Montgomery County
Student Safety

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education oppose MC 416-83 because the bill is ambiguous and the original concern was corrected voluntarily and promptly.

Resolution No. 809-83 Re: MC 428-84 - Strikes by Public
School Employees

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Peyser seconded by Mrs. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing voting in the negative (Mr. Robertson voting in the affirmative):

Resolved, That the Board of Education oppose MC 428-84.

Resolution No. 810-83 Re: MC 433-84 - Discretionary Strike
Penalties

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education oppose MC 433-84.

Re: Report on Activities of Civiletti
Commission

Mrs. Lois Stoner, legislative aide, reported on recent activities of the Civiletti Commission. She said that the commission which was

really a task force would have another meeting in October, a hearing on October 26, and an interim report on December 1. Anything she could say about the proposals being considered by the task force was speculation. Mr. Ewing stated that he did not think there was anything more important this year than how Montgomery County came out on these recommendations. He emphasized that the Board needed to be kept constantly informed so that it could take intelligent positions.

Resolution No. 811-83 Re: Montgomery County Task Force on
Leasing of Closed Public School
Facilities

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education endorses and supports the comments the superintendent has made with regard to Recommendation 1; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education endorses the nomination of Mr. Richard G. Fazakerley as designee to the Interagency Committee on Closed Schools.

Resolution No. 812-83 Re: Montgomery County Task Force on
Leasing of Closed Public School
Facilities

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education expresses its sense that its present policy on joint occupancy is appropriate.

Resolution No. 813-83 Re: Montgomery County Task Force on
Leasing of Closed Public School
Facilities

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

Resolved, That a letter be sent to the county executive expressing the Board's views on the recommendations of the Montgomery County Task Force on the Leasing of Closed Public School Facilities. Mrs. Praisner assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 814-83 Re: Appointment of Area 3 Task Force

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

Resolved, That the following individuals be appointed to the Area 3 Task Force:

Citizens

Damascus Cluster

Nick Ferrara
Dept. of Housing and
Community Development
Rockville, Md. 20850

Margaret Kolb
Longmeadow Drive
Damascus, Md. 20872

Nancy Aldous
Hawkins Creamery Road
Damascus, Md. 20872

Magruder Cluster

Holly Geddes
17225 La Rosa Drive
Rockville, Md. 20855

William Pailen
Willow Hill Lane
Derwood, Md. 20855

Paul O'Connor
Baederwood Lane
Derwood, Md. 20855

Seneca Valley Cluster

Marion Feldman
Christopher Avenue
Gaithersburg, Md. 20879

Anthony Hill
Sioux Lane
Gaithersburg, Md. 20878

Robert F. Prien
Stalybridge Road
Germantown, Md. 20874

Area - At-large

Elizabeth W. Spencer
Box 3206
Gaithersburg 20878

Michael Subin
61 Midline Court
Gaithersburg 20878

Gaithersburg Cluster

Patricia Stabler
5210 Damascus Road
Gaithersburg, Md. 20879

Dianna Wynn Long
9440 Bethany Place
Gaithersburg, Md. 20879

Timothy O'Shea
Whetstone Drive
Gaithersburg, Md. 20879

Poolesville Cluster

Janet Garrison
19605 Mosby Way
Poolesville, Md. 20837

Gloria Gore
17015 W. Willard Road
Poolesville, Md. 20837

Henry Hopkins
19704 Westerly Avenue
Poolesville, Md. 20837

Wootton Cluster

Linda Burgin
9217 Paddock Lane
Potomac, Md. 20854

Joanne Hamburg
8908 Copenhaver Drive
Potomac, Md. 20854

Pearl Flowers
15701 Ancient Oak Drive
Gaithersburg, Md. 20878

Ronald Wohl
11629 Happy Choice Lane
Gaithersburg 20878

Resolved, That the Board of Education appoint the following persons to a three-year term beginning immediately and terminating in June, 1986:

New Appointment

Mr. James Auerbach AFL-CIP Department of Education
2401 Sun Valley Circle
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Reappointments (Have completed one term)

Mr. David P. DeVries Vice President, Tune-up Shop, Inc.
12263 Nebel Street
Rockville, MD 20852

Ms. Barbara J. Reitz Writer and Consultant
11 Arlive Court
Rockville, MD 20854

Re: Board Member Comments

1. Mrs. Praisner requested that the advisory committee on counseling and guidance be kept fully informed about and a part of the counseling study.
2. Dr. Shoenberg reported that the Board had received a letter from a member of the mental health subcommittee who offered assistance in the counseling study. He hoped that staff would accept this help. Mr. Robertson asked for information about the status of the study, and Dr. Pitt assured him that the study would be on a future Board agenda.
3. Mrs. Peyser said the Board had received an information memo on the Maryland Functional Math Test. While a lot of the plans looked good to her, she was concerned that there was no mention of homework. She did not know how they were going to do all of these things without extending the student day. She inquired about other areas of the curriculum that would be neglected or ignored because of the time spent on the functional math test. She also asked why homework was not specifically mentioned. She requested information on whether the course for tenth graders who had failed the test would be a credit or noncredit course.
4. Mr. Ewing noted that Mr. Robertson was among the semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Dr. Shoenberg pointed out that Mr. Ewing's son was also in that group.
5. Mr. Ewing stated that Board members had received a memo from him, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Cody on the subject of a framework for future Board meetings. He explained that this would be on a future agenda for discussion and action.

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

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 October 11, 1983, at 9 a.m. to discuss, consider, deliberate, and/or otherwise decide the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline, removal, or resignation of employees, appointees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement 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.

Resolution No. 817-83 Re: Special Education Hearings and Placements

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cronin (at a previous meeting), the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board discuss how it wishes to be involved and what information it ought to have on special education hearings and placement matters.

Resolution No. 818-83 Re: Hiring Levels

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mr. Robertson (at a previous meeting), the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board discuss the hiring level of teachers during budget sessions if not before.

Resolution No. 819-83 Re: Discussion of State Funding and Pension Issues

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board discuss the work of the Commission on State Funding at an October Board of Education meeting for the purpose of taking positions and offering testimony at the October 26 hearing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board discuss pension issues at a meeting in November.

Re: Supplemental Appropriation for
Transportation to Programs for
Gifted

Mrs. Peyser restated her September 13 resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Education provide transportation for students to magnet programs for the gifted and talented and if necessary request a supplemental appropriation from the County Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the staff develop a plan for transportation including information about costs of a program using cluster pickup points.

Resolution No. 830-83 Re: Postponement of Resolution on
Transportation Programs for
Gifted

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

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on transportation to programs for the gifted be postponed to October 11.

Mrs. Praisner assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 831-83 Re: Minutes of July 25, 1983

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the minutes of July 25, 1983, be approved.
Mr. Ewing assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 832-83 Re: Minutes of August 4, 1983

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

Resolved, That the minutes of August 4, 1983, be approved.

Resolution No. 823-83 Re: Minutes of August 22, 1983

On motion of Mrs. Peyser seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Shannon abstaining

(Mr. Robertson abstaining):

Resolved, That the minutes of August 22, 1983, be approved.

Re: New Business

1. Dr. Shoenberg moved and Mrs. Peyser seconded that the policy on riders on special education buses be amended in such a way as to permit the superintendent to make exceptions under circumstances which he deemed appropriate.
2. Mrs. Shannon requested information on any study of students who went through gifted and talented programs versus those who did not in relation to the National Merit Scholars program.
3. Mrs. Praisner reported that she had sent a memo to the Board on the policies review procedure. She had suggested a subcommittee of the Board review these policies. Mr. Robertson agreed to serve on the committee.
4. Dr. Shoenberg asked about the suggestion for an advisory board for the Edison Career Center. Mr. Ewing asked the superintendent to review the responsibilities of the various groups that had worked on this and come forward to the Board with a recommendation that might address the issues raised by Mrs. Norma Smith.

Re: Items of Information

Board members received the following items of information:

1. Review of Special Education FY 84 Budget Reductions
2. Status Report on Maryland Functional Math Test Follow-up Activities
3. Heating in the Schools
4. Class Size Report
5. Tenth Day of School Enrollment and Class Size Report
6. Policy on Child Abuse and Neglect
7. FY 1984 Counselor-Parent Collaboration in the Delivery of Guidance Services

Resolution No. 824-83

Re: Adjournment

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 12:30 a.m.

President

Secretary

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