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. A group was concerned
ut the proposal to move the up-county gifted and talented Area 3
net cluster program from Lakewood to another school after two
rs. He hoped that the Board would discuss this when they talked
ut underlying principles of the facilities and capital budget
cess.
Mr. Ewing said that the second group was concerned with their
ldren who were both gifted and talented and learning disabled.
understood that staff was working on the development of some
delines for dealing with children with those kinds of multiple
blems, but this had not yet been worked out. He thought this was
roblem the Board needed to address. Parents had mentioned the
blem of finding teachers who were trained to deal with this and
e finding some difficulty in getting their children tested. They
also difficulty in getting people to admit that sometimes there
e backlogs.
Mr. Ewing remarked that Mrs. Praisner had given the Board a memo
ch pointed out some of the things she thought were missing in the
get. He had a list as well and thought it was important that
se be shared with other Board members and the superintendent.
example, to reduce class size they needed a strategy to deal
h this. He thought it would be helpful to get some staff
ction and discuss this in terms of a mix of approaches they could
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Mr. Ewing reported that he had sent the county executive a
ter about the capital budget. He had been careful to state that
se were his comments and did not represent comments of anyone
e on the Board. He provided Board members with copies and
lained that it was important to recognize that the Board had a
acy from the period 1978 to 1982 which involved a time when the
rd followed a strategy of crowding the largest number of children
o the smallest possible number of schools, build as little as
sible up-county, and close as much as possible down-county. He
not like that strategy at the time and did not think it served
county very well. He commented that the county executive loved
s, and now the Board had to live with the consequences. They did
have enough schools down-county and did not have enough schools
county, and they did not have enough operating budget either. He
ught it was important for the executive recognize that there had
n a long series of errors and it was time for the Board to
rect these. He hoped that his letter would help Mr. Gilchrist to
erstand this.
Mrs. Praisner explained that her memo was not intended to be a
h list or a totally inclusive list of all of the things she was
cerned about in regard to the operating budget. It did highlight
priorities for which she needed more information before she
ld work up some operating budget proposals. One dealt with class
e, and she was interested in some kind of comprehensive, major,
multiyear plan to make a significant reduction in class size.
other item dealt with teachers. She reported that they would be
ing a substantial number of teachers in the coming year, and she
ted to know how many staff was projecting. Her questions dealt
h the recruitment process, and she had requested information on
possibility of using teachers in the recruitment process as

l.
Dr. Shoenberg said he would like to thank those responsible for planning of the Carver dedication on Saturday. He expressed reciation to Mr. Fess, Mrs. Wood, Dr. Cody, Mrs. Praisner, Mr. akerley, Dr. Diggs, Mrs. Brasile, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Wilder.

olution No. 22-85 Re: Postponement of the Proposed Resolution on Child Care Issues

motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following olution was adopted unanimously:

olved, That the proposed resolution on child care issues be tponed until after the resolution of capital budget issues.

Re: New Business

Mr. Ewing assumed they would schedule the issue of seat belts e they had heard from the PTA. Dr. Shoenberg agreed that it uld be scheduled perhaps in the context of the budget.
Mr. Ewing noted that they had talked about the special education ommendations, and he assumed he did not need to make a motion to this scheduled. Dr. Shoenberg agreed that they would set aside evening for this discussion.
Mr. Ewing pointed out that they had not discussed the monthly ancial reports. It seemed to him that given the continuing jection of a potential shortfall and the use by the Council of $440,000 in the surplus, they should have some time on a Board nda to discuss this after the December 31 data were available.
Pitt recalled that typically they had put this item on for cussion after the midyear. Dr. Shoenberg said they seemed to be cerned about fringe benefits and wondered whether a discussion of s would be worthwhile. Mr. Ewing reported that he had asked for Pitt to arrange for a briefing, and he thought it would be thwhile for the Board to talk about this.
In regard to the items of information, Mrs. DiFonzo said she had a number of questions on the construction progress report and item on change orders. Mr. Wilder had called her and discussed questions. If she continued to have a substantial number of stions, she would ask that these be put on the agenda for cussion.

Re: Items of Information

rd members received the following items of information:

1. Items in Process
2. Construction Progress Report
3. School Facilities Change Order/Bid Activity Report
4. Monthly Financial Report

olution No. 23-85 Re: Adjournment

recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin

onded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted
nimously:

olved, That the Board of Education adjourn its business meeting
5:30 p.m. and reconvene in a worksession to discuss principles
erlying facilities planning.

President

Secretary

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