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Mrs. Praisner asked for information on enrollment in the student aide program which required bus transportation at midday from secondary to elementary schools. Mrs. Slye requested information about bus routing software alternatives and what would happen if this project were delayed. She wanted to know whether there was a more economic way to automate the system. In regard to the Ride-on transportation, Mrs. Slye asked for some indication of where MCPS would not have afterschool activity bus transportation. Dr. Cody requested that staff keep records on student participation in afterschool activities and compare this year with next year when they would have reduced bus transportation. Board members asked for information on the county's plans to provide Ride-on bus service.

Dr. Cronin requested a paper describing what would happen if the walking distance were increased by a quarter of a mile and asked that the paper include information on safety factors. Mrs. Praisner asked staff to give the Board some idea of what had happened when the walking distance had been increased previously. Mr. Ewing asked for a paper on the impact of the reduction in field trips on an average elementary school, J/I/M school and high school.

Mrs. Praisner asked for a listing of funds associated with EYE days or substitute teachers which were used in conjunction with county government activities such as SAS day. Dr. Cronin requested staff to look into contractual requirements for the intergenerational project with the county government.

Mrs. Praisner announced that the Board would take final action on the operating budget at the May 26 meeting.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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