APPROVED Rockville, Maryland 11-1990 January 31, 1990

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 31, 1990, at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg, President

in the Chair

Dr. James E. Cronin
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn
Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner

Ms. Alison Serino

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

#indicates student vote does not count and four votes are needed for adoption.

Re: WORK SESSION ON FY 1991 OPERATING BUDGET

Board members requested the following information:

- 1. Dr. Shoenberg requested a report on policy and regulations regarding home instruction as detailed in Ms. Borten's testimony.
- 2. Mrs. Hobbs asked for information about the time required to do the specific elements of the job of assistant director of the secondary learning centers.
- 3. Mrs. Praisner requested the superintendent's reaction about the extent to which changes in procedures for IEP's, SARD's, etc. had affected the workload of the school counselor.
- 4. Ms. Serino asked for a chart of all schools showing their enrollment, the number of counselors, and the ratio of counselors to students.
- 5. Mr. Ewing requested information on the duties of an additional professional person in the SED office, if the Board were to add a position.
- 6. Dr. Cronin requested a paper describing services and resources for gifted and talented learning disabled students.
- 7. Mrs. Praisner asked staff to look at the wording on I-16 and IV-15 regarding evaluation and expansion of the effective schools

- project. She felt staff needed to be clearer about why they were both evaluating a project and expanding the project.
- 8. Mrs. Praisner asked staff to provide information about the county's contribution to Interages. Mr. Ewing inquired about other sources of income for that project.
- 9. In regard to legal services, Dr. Cronin requested a paper on whether funds were sufficient given last year's and this year's expenditures to date.
- 10. Mrs. Cameron agreed to provide Mrs. DiFonzo with a copy of Employee Assistance's most recent annual report.
- 11. Mr. Ewing inquired about the costs of doing an evaluation of the MCPS Assessment Center.
- 12. Mr. Ewing requested copies of any data or written reports on QIE schools.
- 13. Dr. Pitt indicated that staff would be providing an additional statement about improvements in productivity and efficiencies of operation as an addendum to the report done by Ms. Melissa Bahr, the Board staff assistant.
- 14. Mr. Ewing suggested that staff provide a chart showing how the cost of utilities and other fixed costs such as health benefits had outpaced inflation. Mrs. Praisner suggested that the response talk about additional square footage rather than additional buildings.
- 15. Dr. Cronin asked for information on how much it would cost to catch up on the maintenance painting schedule.
- 16. In regard to Procurement, Mr. Ewing requested information on interagency arrangements for purchasing items such as the COG fuel oil bid.
- 17. Mrs. DiFonzo asked staff to check into what Los Angeles was doing about emergency communications with school buses.
- 18. Dr. Cronin suggested that staff provide an explanation in the text about the change of bus route supervisors and staff from 10-month to 12-month positions.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-90 Re: OPERATING BUDGET ACTION PLAN

On recommendation of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That for the FY 1991 Operating Budget instead of voting on each motion as it was made and seconded, the Board would put each motion on a list which would show the mover and seconder, the budget page, the issue involved, and the amount of money; and be it further

RESOLVED,	That	on	February	13,	1990,	the	Board	would	take	action	on
this list											

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

HP:mlw