

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Public Schools maintains a strong position of prevention through no first use of alcohol and other drugs, and includes alcohol and other drug use prevention and education as a component of the grades K-12 comprehensive health education program; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement agencies have recently adopted an approach that emphasizes prevention and education in addition to their long standing role of intervention through enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Department of Police and the Montgomery County Public Schools jointly adopted and piloted implementation during the 1988-1989 school year of Drug Abuse Resistance Education in three mid-level and three elementary schools to determine the most appropriate grade level for the nationally recognized program entitled Project DARE; and

WHEREAS, The leadership role for the expansion of Project DARE in Montgomery County resulted from efforts of MCPS staff and former chief of the county police, Donald Brooks; and

WHEREAS, The current Project DARE program is now supported by the following law enforcement agencies - Montgomery County Department of Police; City of Gaithersburg Police; City of Rockville Police; City of Takoma Park Police; Montgomery County Sheriff's Department; and the United States Park Police; and instruction is being provided to approximately 4,000 students annually in 84 public, private and parochial schools with grade 5; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education publicly recognize the law enforcement agencies and officers participating in Project DARE and honor their outstanding leadership efforts to combat alcohol and other drug use by the young people in Montgomery County.

RESOLUTION NO. 874-91 Re: AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Pishevar seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, On September 26, 1991, the United States Congress by joint resolution authorized the President to proclaim the month of November 1991 and the month of November 1992 as "American Indian Heritage Month"; and

WHEREAS, American Indians are the original inhabitants of the lands that now constitute the United States; and

WHEREAS, The 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Western Hemisphere is an especially appropriate

Re: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Charles McCarthy
2. William McVicker
3. John Wrightson
4. Bill Keene
5. Joan Karasik, Association for Retarded Citizens
6. Karen Collins
7. Linda Rigsby, Gaithersburg Cluster
8. Eileen Shea (for Wendy Smith), Gaithersburg HS PTSA
9. David Schindel, MCCPTA
10. Daryl Witt
11. Mark Wilkerson

RESOLUTION NO. 876-91 Re: UTILIZATION OF FY 1992 FUTURE
SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS FOR
SATURDAY OPPORTUNITIES ENRICHMENT
AT MARYVALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mrs. Brenneman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend within the FY 1992 Provision for Future Supported Projects a grant award of \$10,000 from the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C., to continue Saturday Opportunities Enrichment at Maryvale Elementary School, in the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2 Instructional Salaries	\$ 4,742
3 Other Instructional Costs	4,879
10 Fixed Charges	<u>379</u>
Total	<u>\$10,000</u>

and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 877-91 Re: UTILIZATION OF FY 1992 FUTURE
SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS FOR A
LITERATURE REVIEW FOR THE NATIONAL
INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) SCIENCE
ALLIANCE

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mrs. Brenneman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend within the FY 1992 Provision for Future Supported Projects a grant award of \$17,191 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct a literature review to assist in the implementation of the Science Alliance Program, in the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 Administration	\$16,027
10 Fixed Charges	<u>1,164</u>
Total	<u>\$17,191</u>

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 878-91 Re: FY 1992 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
FOR A PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH
SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE (SED)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mrs. Brenneman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend an FY 1992 supplemental appropriation for \$165,984 from the United States Department of Education (USDE), under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, for an 18-month special education program to design and assess a comprehensive system for educating and supporting children with serious emotional disturbance (SED), and to host a conference for the ten grant recipients, in the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Position*</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 Administration		\$ 810
4 Special Education	1.5	125,303
10 Fixed Charges	_____	<u>39,871</u>
Total	<u>1.5</u>	<u>\$165,984</u>

* 1.0 SED Specialist, E (12 month)
.5 Evaluation Specialist, Grade 23 (12 month)

and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 879-91 Re: SUBMISSION OF AN FY 1992 GRANT
PROPOSAL FOR THE HOME-SCHOOL STUDY

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1992 grant proposal for approximately \$375,000 for a three-year program to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), Field-Initiated Research Program, for a home-school study to examine sociocultural variations in home-school communication and educational outcomes for children with language impairments; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 880-91 Re: PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS MORE THAN
\$25,000

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mrs. Brenneman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised, the following contracts be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as shown for the bids as follows:

October 21, 1991

92-04	Consulting Services to Evaluate, Rank, and Select Tax Deferred Annuity Carriers	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Williams, Thatcher and Rand	\$ 26,400
114-91	Athletic, Cheerleader, and Pom Pon Uniforms - Extension	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Champion Products, Inc.	\$ 13,334
	Longstreth Sporting Goods	5,000*
	Marlow Sports, Inc.	13,333
	Team Distributors	<u>13,333</u>
	Total	\$ 45,000
6-92	Custodial Equipment	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	J. D. Brown, Inc.	\$ 3,980*
	Commercial Wiping Cloth, Inc.	1,229
	Crown Supply	16,620
	Daycon Products Company, Inc.	<u>14,251*</u>
	Total	\$ 36,080
	MORE THAN \$25,000	\$107,480

*Denotes MFD vendors

RESOLUTION NO. 881-91 Re: REDUCTION OF RETAINAGE - VIERS MILL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Brenneman seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

WHEREAS, Columbia Construction Company, Inc., general contractor for Viers Mill Elementary School, has completed 99 percent of all specified requirements, and has requested that the 10 percent retainage, which is based on the completed work to date, be reduced to 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, The project bonding company, Hartford Fire Insurance Company, has consented to this reduction; and

WHEREAS, The project architect, Celentano, Esposito & Associates, Architects, recommended this request for reduction be approved; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the 10 percent retainage withheld from periodic payments to Columbia Construction Company, Inc., general contractor for Viers Mill Elementary School, be reduced to 5

percent, with the remaining 5 percent to become due and payable after completion of all remaining requirements and formal acceptance of the completed project.

RESOLUTION NO. 882-91 Re: ACCEPTANCE OF QUINCE ORCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

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

Resolved, That having been duly inspected on October 21, 1991, Quince Orchard High School's addition now be formally accepted, and that the official date of completion be established as that date upon which formal notice is received from the architect that the building has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 883-91 Re: ACCEPTANCE OF BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Resolved, That having been duly inspected on October 15, 1991, Beall Elementary School's addition and modernization now be formally accepted, and that the official date of completion be established as that date upon which formal notice is received from the architect that the building has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 884a-91 Re: RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 850-91, CENTRAL FOOD PRODUCTION FACILITY

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, Mrs. Hobbs, and Mr. Pishevar voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Brenneman voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the Board of Education reconsider Resolution No. 850-91, Central Food Production Facility, adopted on October 8, 1991.

RESOLUTION NO. 884b-91 Re: CENTRAL FOOD PRODUCTION FACILITY

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Brenneman and Mr. Pishevar voting in the negative:

Resolved, That in awarding the contract for the cost benefit study, the staff would assure that the contractor performing the cost benefit analysis for the Central Food Production Facility would be different from the contractor doing the architectural planning.

*Mrs. DiFonzo joined the meeting at this point.

Re: SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

The following school inspection dates were set:

1. Tilden Middle School at Woodward, November 11, 1991, 1 p.m., Dr. Cheung and Mr. Ewing will attend.
2. Argyle Middle School, November 6, 1991, 11 a.m. Mrs. Brenneman will attend.
3. Viers Mill Elementary School, November 7, 1991, 9 a.m. Mrs. Fanconi will attend.
4. Burning Tree Elementary School, November 7, 1991, 1 p.m. Mrs. DiFonzo and Ms. Gutierrez will attend.
5. Richard Montgomery High School, November 11, 1991, 9 a.m. Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Fanconi will attend.

RESOLUTION NO. 885-91 Re: AVAILABLE CAPITAL FUNDS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Brenneman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

Resolved, That the Board of Education endorse the following statement in Dr. Vance's memorandum of October 21, 1991:

"In the context of broad fiscal uncertainties, I recommend that we return to the county as much of the available funds as is educationally and financially responsible, and that the Board determine that amount in the context of its deliberations on the FY93 capital budget in November. I am developing recommendations for the budget based on this approach with a goal to recommend disappropriation of about \$2 million from identified available funds in the capital budget."

and be it further

Resolved, That this decision on available capital funds be communicated to affected schools and communities.

Re: PRESENTATION ON FACILITIES ISSUES

Ms. Ann Briggs, director of the Department of Educational Facilities Planning and Capital Programming, introduced Mr. Bruce Crispell, demographic planner, and Ms. Deanna Newman, facilities planner. Ms. Briggs said on November 1 they hoped to have copies of the recommended capital budget. On November 4, they would have a worksession with an opportunity for Board members to ask for alternatives. There would be public hearings on November 18 and 19, and decisions would be made on November 25.

Mr. Crispell explained that despite the recession MCPS was still growing by 4,000 to 5,000 students per year. School population was going up because of the tremendous growth in the 1980's and the very high birth rate during that period. The birth rate resulted from the baby boomers delaying having their children and the large numbers of parents in their 20's who were having children. He also reported that Montgomery County had a high number of immigrants as well. For example, the Hispanic and Asian population in the county had grown by 143 percent in the last ten years.

Mr. Crispell reported that in 1968 MCPS was a white school system, and as enrollment declined from the early 1970's into the 1980's, the minority population grew. In the past two years they had begun to see an increase in the white population. Today, the school system was 61 percent white, 18 percent black, 12 percent Asian, and 9 percent Hispanic. He indicated that some demographers were predicting that Hispanics would be the largest minority group in the United States and in the next half century whites would be the minority.

This fall the enrollment forecasts were 419 below forecast in kindergarten, and grades 9-12 came in 172 over predictions. They were now seeing less attrition in the eleventh and twelfth grades. Dr. Rohr indicated that their forecasts were off by three-tenths of one percent. Mr. Crispell explained that in November they would have the official enrollment. He also stated that by 1997 they expected to have over 10,000 students in kindergarten, but they believed that the plateau in elementary enrollment would be reached in 2005. As this population moved through the grades they would see more requests for mid level and high school space. Last year they had bottomed out on high school enrollment and would see increases in these grades.

Dr. Cheung requested a graph showing the life cycle of schools -- when they were built and what the plans were to replace these facilities. Mrs. DiFonzo requested hard copies of all the charts and graphs Mr. Crispell had used in his presentation.

Ms. Newman stated that the cluster comments this year revolved around the issues of addition, middle school organization and space, modernizations, and maintenance/PLAR projects for aging schools. She reported that between 1985 and 1991 they had opened up 20 elementary schools and put additions on schools to accommodate 14,000 more students. From 1991 to 1997 they had only three elementary schools in their plans. Space for additional elementary students was being provided through mid level reorganization. In the 1985-91 period, the mid level population had increased by 3,500 students, and they had built one new school and reopened two schools to handle this population. However, between 1991-97 they were showing an increase of 7,000 mid level students and had seven new or reopened schools in the budget. The grades 9-12 population would grow by about 8,000 students between 1991 to 1997. While they had some space in the high schools now, they could only absorb about half of that growth. Therefore, they would need a high school in the Seneca Valley/Quince Orchard area and possibly another one in the Route 29 corridor. It was also possible that the Clarksburg area would be developing along with an area near Shady Grove.

Ms. Newman reported that from reading the cluster comments, it was of importance to schools to look for ways to improve their physical environment and get some equity in terms of facilities. Keeping the modernization schedule on target was important. She indicated that one of the most requested items was fans because schools saw this as a way of improving their environment.

Board members viewed a short video tape on the installation and use of portable classrooms.

Mrs. Hobbs asked whether they would have recommendations for the Wheaton cluster because no comments had been received from that group. Ms. Briggs replied the area associates had reviewed all the clusters. Mrs. Hobbs also asked about facilities issues for special schools, and Ms. Briggs assured there they would be talking about these schools and related issues.

Mr. Ewing thanked staff for an interesting and informative presentation.

Re: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mrs. Lois Stoner, legislative aide, stated that the joint study group on education had met this afternoon and made no decisions on local aid. There was a presentation on the decrease in education aid statewide, which had not included any of the decrease they would have as a result of the local government decreases. The joint revenue committee had concluded. There was a clarification given before the appropriation's committee of the attorney general's opinion on S.B. 34 which stated that it did

not give local governments additional authority to impair collective bargaining agreements. However, there were some delegates who disagreed with this opinion.

Mr. Ewing asked whether the delegates were discussing tax increases, and Mrs. Stoner thought that the tax increase would be considered in January.

Re: PROPOSED TESTIMONY BEFORE THE STATE
BOARD OF EDUCATION ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Gutierrez moved and Dr. Cheung seconded a resolution to adopt the draft testimony prepared by staff.

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. FANCONI TO AMEND
THE PROPOSED TESTIMONY

Mrs. Fanconi moved and Mrs. Hobbs seconded that the Board oppose the concept of having the 75 hour requirement for graduation in student service.

RESOLUTION NO. 886-91 Re: A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO AMEND THE
PROPOSED TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That while the Board of Education supports the notion of student service and encourages students to participate in that, we oppose the ideas that it would be mandated, and we would request that the state Board of Education allow student service to be a local school option as to whether it is required or not and whether credit would be given or not.

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. FANCONI TO AMEND
THE PROPOSED TESTIMONY (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Fanconi to amend the proposed testimony to state that they adopted the concept but they could not support the proposed increase in specific credit requirements needed to graduate from high school unless they had credits based on locally determined learning outcomes failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 887-91 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Mr. Pishavar seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board's testimony on graduation requirements be amended to endorse the proposed requirement defining a unit of credit because this was key to support for any other proposed changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 888-91 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education take a position supporting credit by examination for high school students (9-12) and take a position supporting getting credit for courses taken and successfully completed in the middle school.

RESOLUTION NO. 889-91 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Mr. Pischevar seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, Mrs. Hobbs, and Mr. Pischevar voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo abstaining:

Resolved, That the Board of Education support proficiency exams for middle school students to receive high school credit.

RESOLUTION NO. 890-91 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education support specific competency requirements (Functional Tests) in the seventh grade.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. PISCHEVAR ON THE
PROPOSED TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Pischevar moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Education support 21 credits, including four in English, four in math, four in social studies with one year unspecified, three in science, one in fine arts, and the physical education as stated in the state requirements; but the Board of Education did not support the technology education credit.

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. FANCONI TO AMEND
MR. PISHEVAR'S MOTION ON THE
PROPOSED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
(FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Fanconi to amend Mr. Pischevar's motion by retaining the MCPS physical education graduation requirement failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Mrs. Fanconi voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Brenneman, Ms. Gutierrez, Mrs. Hobbs, and Mr. Pischevar voting in the negative; Mrs. DiFonzo abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 891-91 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Mr. Pischevar seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mr. Pischevar voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Fanconi and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the negative; Mrs. DiFonzo abstaining:

Resolved, That the Board of Education support 21 credits, including four in English, four in math, four in social studies with one year unspecified, three in science, one in fine arts, and the physical education as stated in the state requirements; but the Board of Education did not support the technology education credit.

RESOLUTION NO. 892-91 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, Mrs. Hobbs, and Mr. Pischevar voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Brenneman being temporarily absent:

Resolved, That the Board of Education take a position telling the state Board of Education that they had a real problem with mandating that a 13 year-old choose a career path.

RESOLUTION NO. 893-91 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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

Resolved, That the September 24 analysis prepared by staff be appended to the proposed testimony with any differences in Board/staff positions pointed out.

RESOLUTION NO. 894-91 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Mr. Pischevar seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, Mrs. Hobbs, and Mr. Pischevar voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo being temporarily absent:

Resolved, That the proposed testimony be amended to state that issues raised as being in need of being addressed in technology education could be dealt with in science courses.

RESOLUTION NO. 895-91 Re: PROPOSED TESTIMONY ON GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Gutierrez seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mr. Pischevar voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Hobbs voting in the negative; and Mrs. DiFonzo being temporarily absent:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its proposed testimony to the state Board of Education on graduation requirements, as amended.

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING ON MCPS
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Ewing moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded the following:

Resolved, That the following new Resolved clauses be added to the original motion of Science and Mathematics:

Resolved, That the Board of Education endorses the superintendent's proposed plan to develop plans for the implementation of these actions, as set forth in his memorandum of October 21, 1991; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent shall also develop recommendations which take account of the need to make selective exceptions to these requirements, as appropriate, for students and staff; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent and the Board commit themselves to efforts to persuade the State Board of Education to permit students to earn high school graduation credits in middle school for selected courses that meet high school requirements; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent will explore ways to change the times of offering courses and the organization of the student day in order to make possible continued support for and student selection of electives that go beyond the graduation requirements; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent shall develop estimates of costs associated with implementation of these actions, as he develops his plans for implementation; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent is requested to bring to the Board such changes in other policies, regulations and procedures as may be necessary as a result of these actions; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent shall bring his recommendations for implementation and his cost estimates to the Board for its review and approval, prior to final implementation actions.

Mr. Ewing assumed the chair.

Re: PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON MATHEMATICS
AND SCIENCE

Mr. Ewing announced that this item would be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Re: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mrs. Hobbs remarked that some Board members were wearing red ribbons because October 19-27 was "Red Ribbon Week," which was a commitment to a drug-free community. Gaithersburg ES and Rosemary Hills ES were two of the schools participating in this effort.

2. Mrs. Hobbs reported that a week ago some Board members had attended the NFUSSD meeting in Greenville, SC. She had a packet of information from that conference which she would put in the Board Office for Board members to examine.

3. Ms. Gutierrez said there was a financial aid workshop sponsored by MCPS together with the Hispanic Alliance. Yesterday two sessions were held, and both were standing room only. Translators had been provided because of the enormous interest of parents. There would be more sessions next Sunday at Blair HS, and they had invited Hispanic parents in the downcounty area. She thought this was a very necessary service and hoped they could continue doing this. Herm Davis had offered to do free consulting and was already booked for several days.

4. Mr. Ewing reported that he had sent the Board a memo on East Silver Spring Elementary School which was a math/science magnet for every child in the school. The principal, Mr. Rotter, had provided Mr. Ewing with a copy of a report which showed growth in math, science, and reading scores. The increases in the school over the past two years had been phenomenal. Mr. Ewing felt that this was the kind of program they needed to emphasize and focus on. This was remarkably successful and had every promise of helping every child to be successful. He thought that Mr. Rotter deserved a lot of credit for directing, encouraging, and supporting that effort.

RESOLUTION NO. 896-91 Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION - NOVEMBER 12, 1991

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Gutierrez seconded by Mr. Pishevar, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Section 10-508, State Government Article 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 November 12, 1991, 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 that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter as permitted under the State Government Article, Section 10-508; 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. 897-91 Re: MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 1991

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Gutierrez seconded by Mr. Pishevar, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the minutes of August 28, 1991, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 898-91 Re: OPEN MEETINGS LAW

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education schedule a time to review the superintendent's recommendations to correct gaps in Board compliance with the new Open Meetings Law.

RESOLUTION NO. 899-91 Re: SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICIES

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education request the superintendent to review the procedures, policies, and resources that MCPS has with regard to the security and safety of schools in the county and that the superintendent make such recommendations as seem to him appropriate and necessary to ensure improved levels of safety and security at the earliest possible date.

RESOLUTION NO. 900-91 Re: BOE APPEALS NO. 1991-62, -76, -91, and -93

On motion of Mrs. Hobbs seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Orders in BOE Appeals No. 1991-62, -76, -91, and -93, all transfer appeals being dismissed.

Re: NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Pishavar moved and Mrs. Brenneman seconded that the Board of Education schedule a discussion on school-based health clinics.

2. Ms. Gutierrez moved and Mr. Ewing seconded that the Board request the superintendent to inform the Board what the proposed curriculum approach would be for next year's celebration of Columbus.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 1 a.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

